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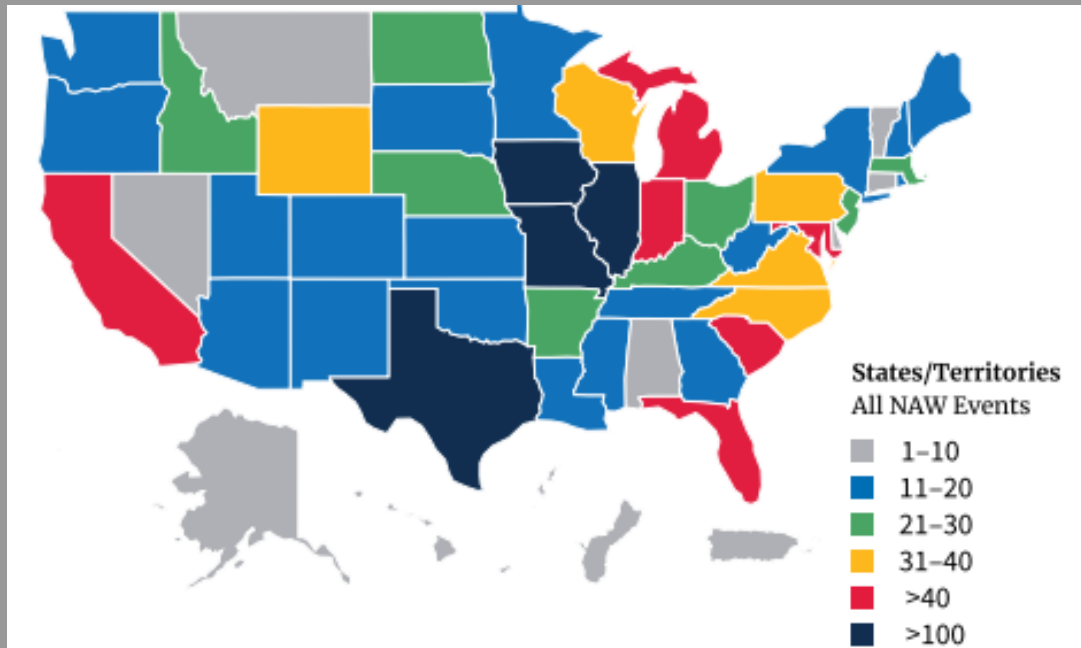
APPRENTICESHIP ILLINOIS COMMITTEE February 2023 UPDATES

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Highlights from the National Apprenticeship Week DOL Report

The Department of Labor releases a report on National Apprenticeship Week after each year's celebration. Illinois was mentioned in this report roughly 10 times! Check out some of the highlights below.



Check out this map! It shows how many events each state held during National Apprenticeship Week. Illinois was one of four states to reach over 100 events!

• **First Lady Dr. Jill Biden** and **Secretaries Walsh, Cardona and Raimondo** then toured the U.S. headquarters of Aon with hundreds of members of the Business Roundtable and Chicago Apprenticeship Network. They met with Terriana, an apprentice who shared how Aon's apprenticeship program transformed her life and the life of her entire family. Following recorded opening remarks, Secretary Walsh held a private roundtable discussion with employers about the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs in providing skills-based training for participants to advance toward in-demand careers.

• **Illinois workNet** and the **Illinois Department of Employment Security** held three days of statewide employment workshops for veterans and beneficiaries. At the first event, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services shared how the State of Illinois supports veterans and offers the opportunity to increase their scores on the state employment test.



Read this excerpt on Zurich Insurance- an Illinois-based company that celebrated National Apprenticeship Week.

"Zurich Insurance hosted its fourth virtual National Apprenticeship Week Summit where alumni and leaders of the Zurich Associate and Bachelor's Degree Apprenticeship programs provided information and key dates with high school counselors and apprenticeship candidates. During the event, current apprentices, alumni, and program leaders shared how the program can help fast-track interested participants in a career with the largest commercial insurance company. Zurich also hosted and participated in events in Chicago, DC, and New York."

All information in this section came directly from the DOL's NAW report. For more information or to read the full report, click [here](#).

Apprenticeship News in Illinois



[Illinois Ranked Number One for Workforce Development](#)



[Collinsville Employee Honored After Completing Program for Students with Disabilities](#)



[Interest in Solar Apprenticeship Expands in Response to IRA](#)



[Gov. Pritzker Announces \\$13 Million for Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program Expansion](#)



[Budzinski Announces Decatur Resident as First State of the Union Guest](#)



Danville Area Community College

[DACC Awarded \\$302,000 Grant for Pre-Apprenticeship Training in the Trades](#)



[Gov. Pritzker Announces \\$2.6 Million Investment to Further Strengthen Aviation Mechanic Pipeline in Rockford](#)



[Hersey Student Hits Fastlane to Success with Apprenticeship](#)



[Heartland College Graduates First Cohort of Rivian Apprentices](#)

[From Parents to Paras: Illinois Program Brings Professional Training to Families](#)



[IBEW Local 134 Apprentice Alyssa Cruz is Breaking Barriers for Women in the Electrical Trade](#)



[Big Employers Turn to Apprenticeships for Tech Talent](#)

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Apprenticeship Podcasts

- The Partnership on Inclusive Apprenticeship's [Apprenticeship for All](#) podcast series explores how inclusive apprenticeship programs are increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- [Professional Apprenticeship's Podcast](#) provides the latest news on apprenticeship, conversations with current apprentices and employers,

and more.

- JFF offers a podcast looking at the [challenges and opportunities of youth apprenticeship](#).
- [Apprentice Talks](#) is "a podcast made to educate, inform and give insight into what it's really like to be an apprentice and juggle multiple worlds."
- [The Fresh Apprentice*](#)
- [The HVAC Apprentice*](#)
- [Future is Health*](#) is a Healthcare Youth Apprenticeship Intermediary. Their podcast can help someone understand apprenticeship programs and how students, employers, and stakeholders can benefit from developing careers through apprenticeship
- [Apprentice Worldwide Podcast](#) was created to empower young professionals to succeed in business and life. It will feature ideas, interviews, and career advice.

These podcasts require the creation of a free account

Looking for an Apprenticeship?



Searching for apprenticeships?



Check out the Becoming an Apprentice pages on the [Apprenticeship Illinois](#) website. Find information about the [industries and occupations sponsoring](#)

[apprenticeships](#). Use the [USDOL apprenticeship finder tool](#) or learn more about [specific Illinois apprenticeship initiatives](#) that are funded by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Email apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com for more information.

Have an apprenticeship opportunity to share? Email apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com

Apprenticeship Employer Information

Did you know that there is a tax credit for businesses with apprentices?

Effective January 1, 2020, employers are allowed a tax credit for qualified educational expenses associated with qualifying apprentices. Employers may receive a credit of up to **\$3,500** per apprentice against the taxes imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, and an additional credit of up to **\$1,500** for each apprentice if (1) the apprentice resides in an underserved area or (2) the employer's principal place of business is located in an underserved area.

Want to learn more about how apprenticeship works for businesses? For information and resources, visit Employer Information at www.apprenticeshipillinois.com!

Apprenticeship Employer Spotlight



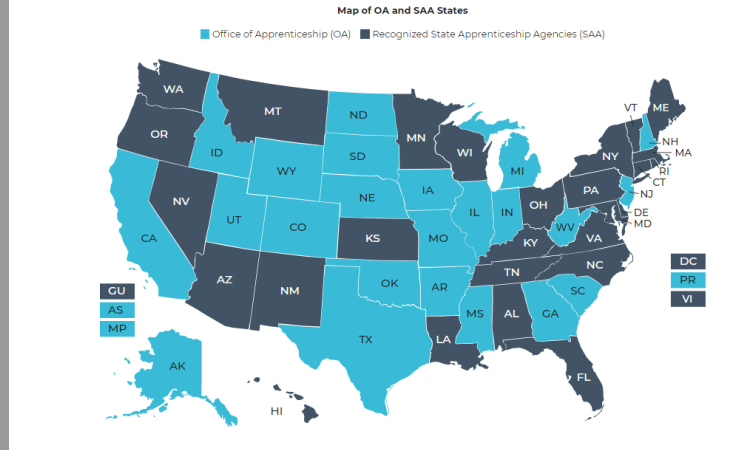
Know of a great apprenticeship program? Let us know about it. Apprenticeship Illinois celebrates a new apprenticeship employer every month.

Email your submissions to apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com

USDOL-Illinois Office of Apprenticeship

Did you know that apprenticeships in Illinois are registered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Illinois Office of Apprenticeship?

Illinois is one of twenty-five Office of Apprenticeship (OA) States in which all apprenticeship program registration and oversight is done by federal U.S. Department of Labor staff through state field offices. Find your regional OA Illinois Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR) [click here](#).



More information and sources for this information can be found by clicking the map. All information used was provided by apprenticeship.gov.

What is the IWIB Apprenticeship Illinois Committee?

The Apprenticeship Illinois Committee is one of 4 content-focused committees of the [Illinois Workforce Innovation Board or IWIB](#) and provides leadership on:

1. Expanding apprenticeships geographically and to new industries.
2. Increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in apprenticeships.
3. Formalizing apprenticeship coordination across partnering state agencies.
4. Growing statewide capacity to provide apprenticeship opportunities to job seekers and businesses.

The committee has 3 workgroups tasked with different aspects of expanding apprenticeship: the marketing workgroup, the pre-apprenticeship workgroup, and the youth apprenticeship workgroup. See below for a schedule of their upcoming meetings!

Apprenticeship Illinois Committee 2022 Schedule

Quarterly Committee Meetings

- March 14th, 2023

Marketing Work Group

- March 2nd, 2023 2:00-3:00pm
- April 6th, 2023 2:00-3:00pm
- May 4th, 2023 2:00-3:00pm
- June 1st, 2023 2:00-3:00pm

Pre-Apprenticeship Work Group

- TBD

Youth Apprenticeship Work Group

The Youth Apprenticeship Work Group is currently in recess. When they resume sessions, you can find the updated meeting dates and times here!

Details of the quarterly meetings and workgroup meetings, such as date, time, locations, agendas, and materials are posted in the [IWIB calendar](#).

5 Core Components of Apprenticeship



Five Core Components of Registered Apprenticeship

National Apprenticeship Resources

Resources for Apprenticeship from Maher/AIR:

- [State Apprenticeship Grantee Resource Guide](#) covers apprenticeship basics, state apprenticeship grant management, apprenticeship expansion strategy, and industry and occupation-specific information.
- [Apprenticeship Expansion Acceleration Strategies Resources](#)
- [Program Registration Acceleration Tool](#)
- [Apprenticeship Expansion Self-Assessment.](#)

Resources for Apprenticeship from Workforce GPS

- [Aligning the Registered Apprenticeship and Workforce Development Systems: A Resource](#)
- [Registered Apprenticeship 101 Bootcamp: RAP and the Public Workforce System](#)
- [Promising Practices in Apprenticeship Expansion](#)
- [Elements of Apprenticeship Expansion](#)

