Region	Leading Sectors	Emerging Sectors	Maturing Sectors	Comments
Central	Health Care, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Educational Services, Personal & Other Services, Transportation & Warehousing, Agricultural Production, Utilities	Government, Leisure and Hospitality, Professional and Business Services, Financial Activities, Self-Employed Workers, Wholesale Trade, Construction	(None)	Agricultural Production and Educational Services are the most significantly concentrated industries in this region, although neither sector expects high job growth. Health Care & Social Assistance and Leisure and Hospitality are projected to be the greatest sources of job growth.
East Central	Educational Services, Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade, Agricultural Production, Transportation & Warehousing	Health Care, Retail Trade, Leisure and Hospitality, Professional and Business Services, Government, Self Employed Workers, Financial Activities, Personal & Other Services, Construction, Utilities	(None)	The concentration of Educational Services in this region is higher than any industry in any region of the state (largely due to the presence of the University of Illinois). Wholesale Trade and Health Care & Social Assistance are expected to create large numbers of jobs in the coming decade.
North Central	Health Care, Educational Services, Financial Activities, Manufacturing, Personal & Other Services, Transportation & Warehousing, Agricultural Production, Utilities	Professional and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, Retail Trade, Government, Self Employed Workers, Construction, Wholesale Trade	(None)	Educational Services is highly concentrated in this region, along with Financial Services and Agricultural Production. Manufacturing continues to be a significant employer, although employment growth may lag other sectors.

Table 8: Leading, Emerging and Maturing Sectors Identified by Economic Development Region

Northeast	Professional and Business Services, Educational Services, Manufacturing, Financial Activities, Wholesale Trade, Transportation & Warehousing, Personal & Other Services	Health Care, Leisure and Hospitality, Retail Trade, Government, Construction, Utilities, Agricultural Production	(None)	As is the case in many regions of the state, Educational Services is highly concentrated in this region. Financial Activities and Transportation & Warehousing are also highly concentrated here. Professional and Business Services are expected to be the greatest source of job growth (and overall employment) in this region, while also being a highly concentrated industry.
Northern Stateline	Manufacturing, Educational Services, Personal & Other Services, Transportation & Warehousing, Agricultural Production, Utilities	Retail Trade, Professional and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, Government, Self Employed Workers, Financial Activities, Construction, Wholesale Trade	(None)	Manufacturing and Utilities are both more highly concentrated in this region than in any other region of the state. However, Transportation & Warehousing is the sector with the highest job creation expectation through 2026.
Northwest	Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Educational Services, Transportation & Warehousing, Agricultural Production, Personal & Other Services, Wholesale Trade, Utilities	Health Care, Professional and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, Self Employed Workers, Construction	Natural Resources and Mining	As with the Northern Stateline region, this region features a high concentration of employment in Utilities. Agricultural Production and Educational Services are also highly concentrated. Manufacturing is projected to have the highest share of

				employment of any single sector through 2026.
Southeast	Manufacturing, Health Care, Educational Services, Agricultural Production, Transportation & Warehousing, Utilities	Retail Trade, Leisure and Hospitality, Professional and Business Services, Government, Wholesale Trade, Personal & Other Services, Construction	Natural Resources and Mining	Agricultural Production and Manufacturing are both highly concentrated sectors in this region, along with Educational Services. Biggest job- creating sectors in this region are expected to be Health Care & Social Assistance and Leisure and Hospitality.
Southern	Health Care, Educational Services, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Agricultural Production, Transportation & Warehousing, Utilities	Leisure and Hospitality, Government, Professional and Business Services, Self Employed Workers, Personal & Other Services, Financial Activities, Construction, Wholesale Trade	Natural Resources and Mining	Educational Services and Agricultural Production are both highly concentrated sectors in this region. Natural Resources and Mining is very highly concentrated in this region, but is not expected to see overall employment growth. Biggest job-creating sectors in this region are expected to be Health Care & Social Assistance and Leisure and Hospitality.

Southwest	Health Care, Retail Trade, Leisure and Hospitality, Educational Services, Transportation & Warehousing, Personal & Other Services, Construction, Agricultural Production, Utilities	Professional and Business Services, Government, Self Employed Workers, Financial Activities, Wholesale Trade	Manufacturing	Aside from Educational Services, Transportation & Warehousing and Utilities are the sectors with the most highly concentrated employment in this region. Transportation & Warehousing is expected to create significant employment growth over the projection period as well.
West Central	Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Agricultural Production, Personal & Other Services, Transportation & Warehousing, Utilities	Government, Leisure and Hospitality, Wholesale Trade, Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services, Construction	Retail Trade, Educational Services	Educational Services, Agricultural Production and Utilities are the sectors of greatest employment concentration in this region, although Educational Services is expected to contract over the course of the projection period. Health Care & Social Assistance is the sector with the highest expected growth rate.