# Vigorous Job Market Expected for Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, MSA

Q2 2018

Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI MSA employers expect to hire at a booming pace during Quarter 2 2018, according to the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

Among employers surveyed, 30 percent plan to hire more employees from April through June. This number is offset by the 4 percent that plan to reduce payrolls, while 64 percent of employers expect to maintain current staff levels and 2 percent indicate they are not sure of their hiring plans. This yields a Net Employment Outlook\* of 26%.

“Employers in the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI MSA anticipate a stronger hiring pace compared to Q1 2018 when the Net Employment Outlook was 15%,” said ManpowerGroup spokesperson, Anne Edmunds. “At this time last year, employers expected less hiring activity when the Outlook was 20%.”

Summary of Results for Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI MSA

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|  | Increase Staff Levels | Decrease Staff Levels | Maintain Staff Levels | Don’t Know | Net Employment Outlook |
| **Q2 2018** (current) | 30% | 4% | 64% | 2% | 26% |
| **Q1 2018** (previous quarter) | 22% | 7% | 67% | 4% | 15% |
| **Q2 2017** (one year ago) | 25% | 5% | 68% | 2% | 20% |

*\*The****Net Employment Outlook****is derived by taking the percentage of employers anticipating an increase in hiring activity and subtracting from this the percentage of employers expecting a decrease in hiring activity.*

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in Construction, Durable Goods Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Information, Professional & Business Services, Education & Health Services, Leisure & Hospitality, Other Services and Government. Hiring in Transportation & Utilities and Financial Activities is expected to remain unchanged.

