



# Google is proud to call Illinois home

Creating economic opportunity across the Land of Lincoln



*“We’re using Google to improve our customer experience and expand our technology capabilities.”*

**Oswaldo Montelongo**  
Co-founder & CEO of ConnectCareHero  
Chicago, Illinois

## 2+ decades in Illinois

Google has proudly called Illinois home for more than two decades with an office in Chicago.

## \$28.3B of economic activity

In 2022, Google helped provide \$28.3 billion of economic activity for tens of thousands of Illinois businesses, publishers, nonprofits, creators and developers.

## 710,000+ Illinois businesses

More than 710,000 Illinois businesses used Google’s free tools to receive phone calls, bookings, reviews, requests for directions and other direct connections to their customers.

## 465,000+ Illinoisans trained

Grow with Google has partnered with 380 organizations in the state to train more than 465,000 Illinoisans on digital skills, including organizations such as public libraries, chambers of commerce, community colleges and more.

## Helping Illinois’s small businesses and startups thrive

Illinois business owners are leveraging digital tools to find new customers and grow amidst economic challenges, like inflation and talent shortages. To help Land of Lincoln businesses like ConnectCareHero, Google is increasing access to capital, trainings and free resources.

### \$191M

provided to support small business resilience

Google’s commitment of \$191 million in loans and grants to Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) supported community development financial institutions (CDFIs) including Allies for Community Business in Illinois, to deliver low-interest loans to over 130,000 underrepresented businesses and nonprofits, including Pilsen Housing Cooperative (PIHCO) in Chicago.

### 8,600+

small businesses trained by an Illinois Digital Coach

[Grow with Google Digital Coaches](#) are local experts who help diverse small businesses grow. Our Illinois Digital Coach offers live training and hands-on coaching – for free – to small businesses.

### \$1M+

awarded to Black and Latino startup founders

[Google for Startups](#) supports inspiring, diverse founders from Illinois, like ConnectCareHero, with capital, community, and products to help them grow.

"I stopped going to college because I couldn't afford tuition, but I was always interested in technology...The Google IT Professional Support program gave the proper foundation to not only find a career in IT, but cybersecurity. Anytime someone asks me for advice on breaking into IT, the first thing that comes to mind is this program."

**Alex Corral**

Google IT Support Certificate graduate

Information Security Analyst at Truckstop.com  
Chicago, Illinois



## Helping Illinoisans develop digital skills to grow their careers

50% of the workforce will need to reskill by 2025<sup>1</sup> and 1 in 3 American workers have very limited or no digital skills.<sup>2</sup> We're working to help people advance their careers and pursue new opportunities by making digital skills accessible to everyone. To date, we have helped over 300,000 Americans find employment and increase their income through digital skills training.

### 150,000+

Google Career Certificate graduates in the U.S.

[Google Career Certificates](#) help people develop skills for new jobs in fields like data analytics, UX design and more in just three to six months. After completing the program, graduates are able to connect with 150+ top employers. Within six months of completion, 75% of program graduates report a positive career outcome, such as a promotion, raise or new job.<sup>3</sup>

Google has also partnered with 59 Illinois educational institutions like City Colleges of Chicago and University of Illinois, Gies School of Business to make Google Career Certificates available to students and to increase employment opportunities.

### 783,000+

Illinois students trained in computer science to date

Google is helping address inequities in computer science education by offering no-cost products and programs, like [CS First](#) and [Code Next](#), to students across the U.S. To date, Google has invested over \$240 million toward computer science skilling including Google.org grants to organizations like National 4H Council and Hidden Genius Project.

## Investing in local communities

Local organizations and nonprofits across Illinois are doing great work to support their communities. Google is proud to partner with trusted community organizations to further that work, and bring digital skills training, grant funding and other resources to more Illinoisans.

### \$45M+

in grants

Since 2006, Google.org has awarded over \$45 million in grants to Illinois organizations and nonprofits.

### \$26M+

In charitable giving

Since 2004, our employees based in Illinois – including matching contributions and philanthropic giving from Google.org – have donated over \$26 million to nonprofits.

### 40,600+

volunteer and pro bono hours

Through Google.org, employees served over 40,600 hours of volunteer and pro bono work with nonprofits and schools in areas we're passionate about, including STEM education, economic opportunity and access to the internet.

### 9,600

nonprofits supported

Since 2011, Google for Nonprofits has supported 9,600 in Illinois. In 2022, Google.org provided \$28.86 million in free search advertising to Illinois nonprofits through the Google Ad Grants program.

Learn more about Google in Illinois at: [g.co/economicimpact/illinois](https://g.co/economicimpact/illinois)

<sup>1</sup> The Future of Jobs Report 2020, World Economic Forum, Oct. 2020

<sup>2</sup> Digitalization and the American Workforce, Brookings Institute, Nov. 2017

<sup>3</sup> Based on program graduate survey responses, United States 2022