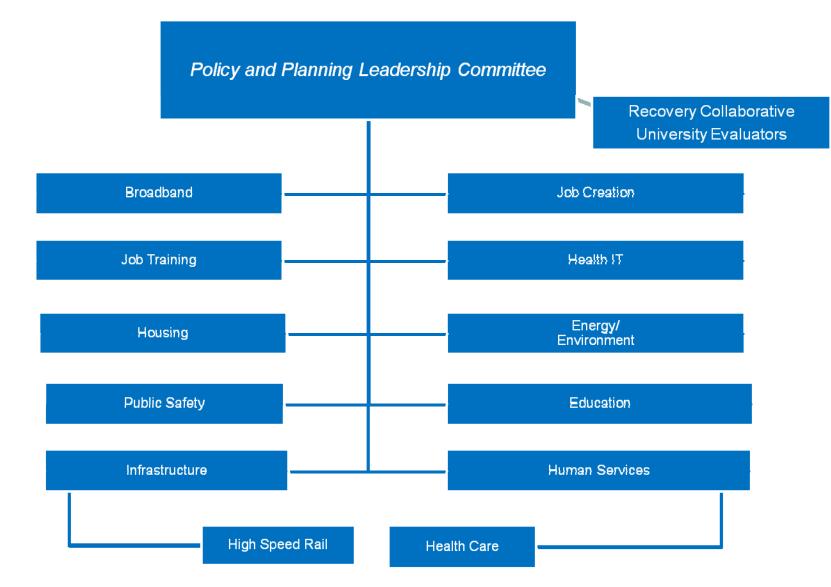
Economic Sustainability: Uses of LED in Illinois

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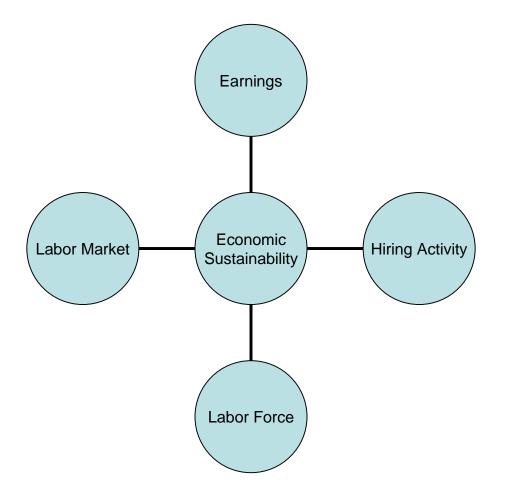
Illinois ARRA Organizational Chart



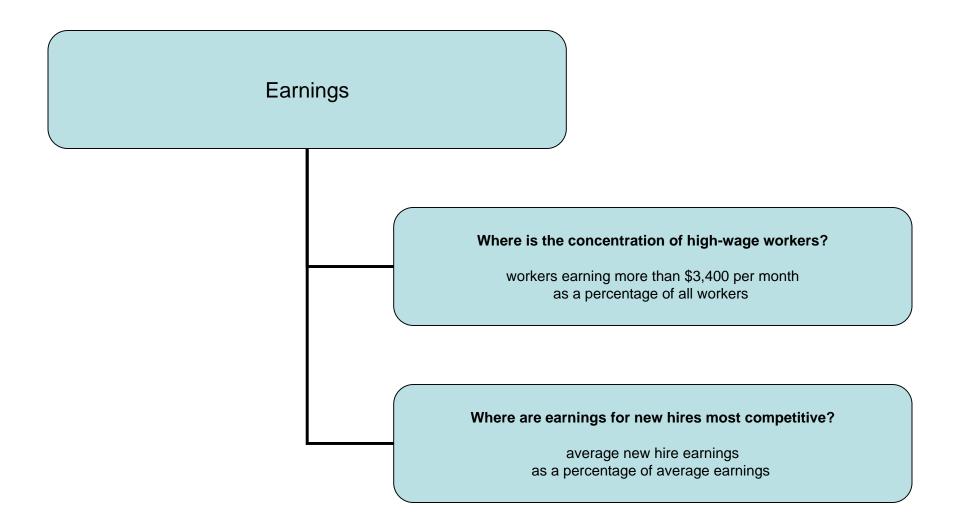
Economic Sustainability: Data Considerations

- Comprehensive measures
- Comparison across geography
- Comparison across time
- Currency of information

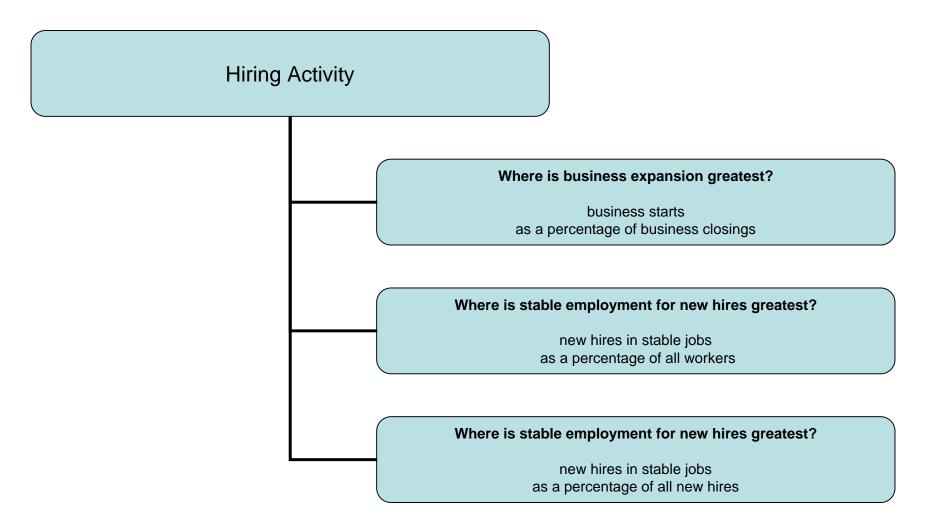
Economic Sustainability among Illinois Counties: earnings, hiring activity, labor force characteristics, labor market conditions



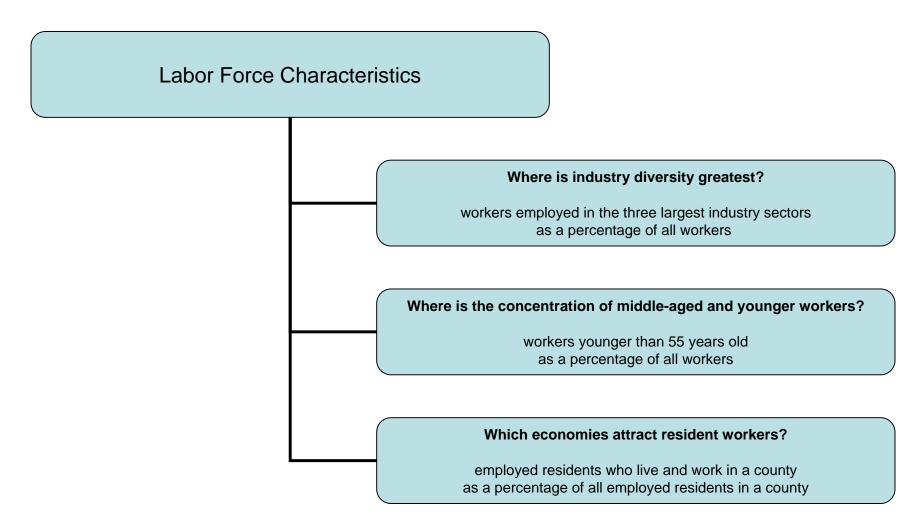
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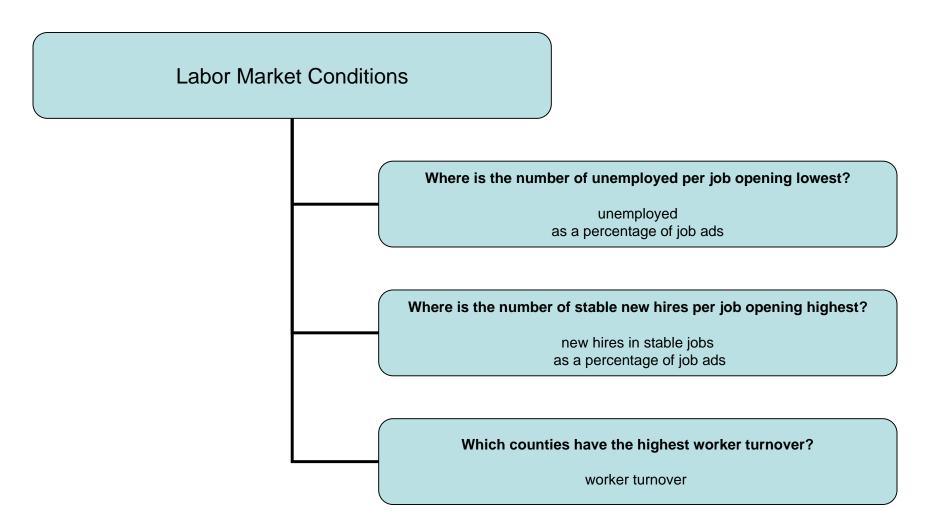
Which counties foster business growth and stable employment for new hires?



Which counties have diverse employment opportunities and workers with current skill sets?



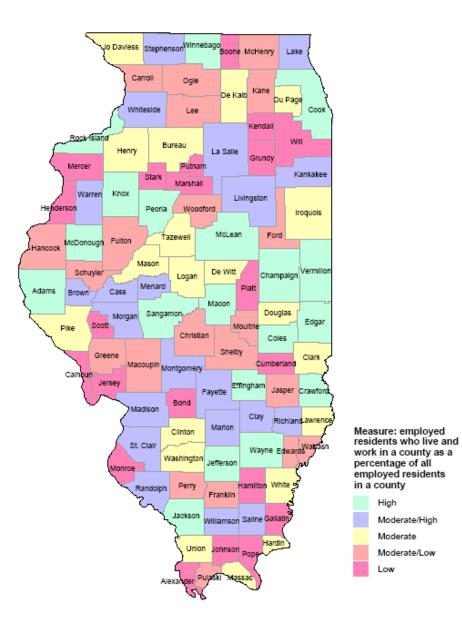
Which counties exhibit favorable employment opportunities?



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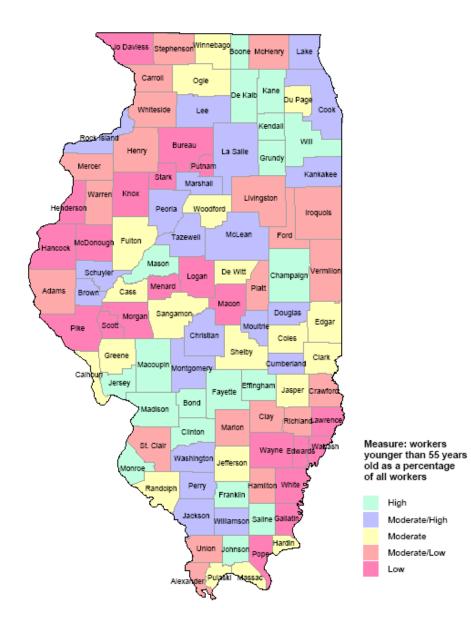
> Snapshot of labor force and earnings

Answer: counties clustered in the central and southern regions



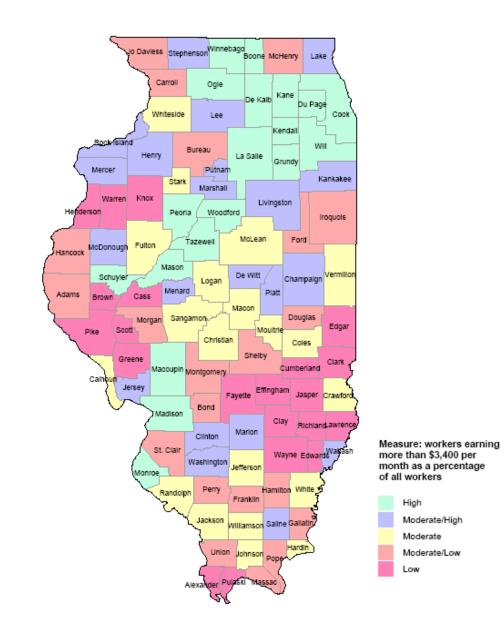
Which counties have workers with current skill sets?

Answer: counties clustered in the northeast, central and southwest regions



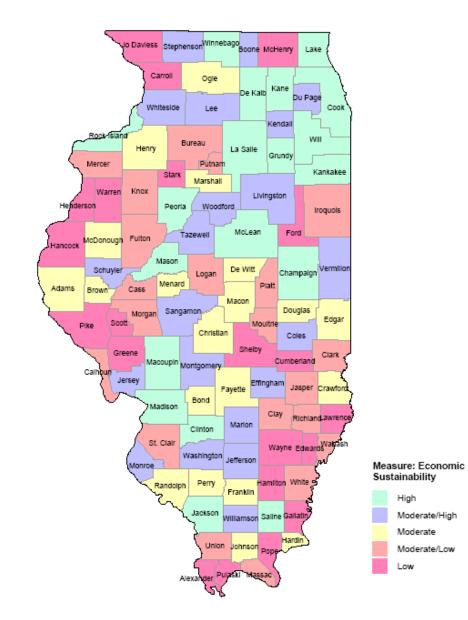
Which counties offer the most competitive wage?

Answer: counties clustered in the northern and central regions



Which counties exhibit the highest likelihood of economic sustainability?

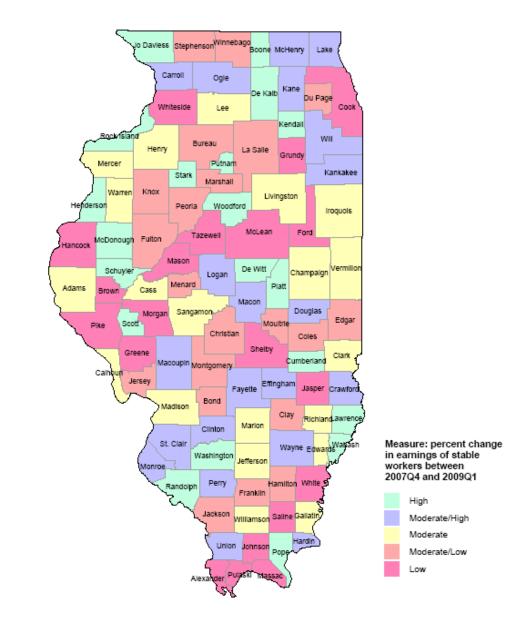
Answer: counties clustered in the northeast and southwest regions



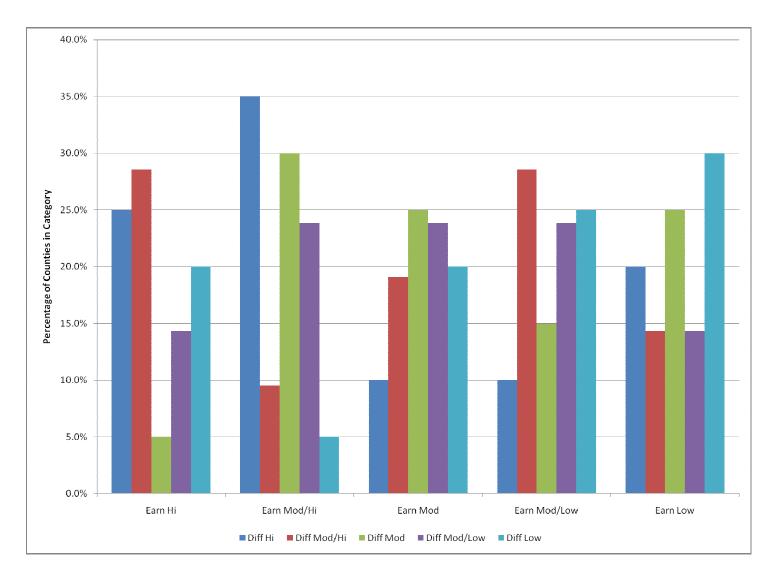
Economic Sustainability among Illinois Counties:

The geography of earnings declines since the downturn

Which counties had the sharpest earnings drop since the downturn? Answer: counties clustered in the north, west-central and southern regions

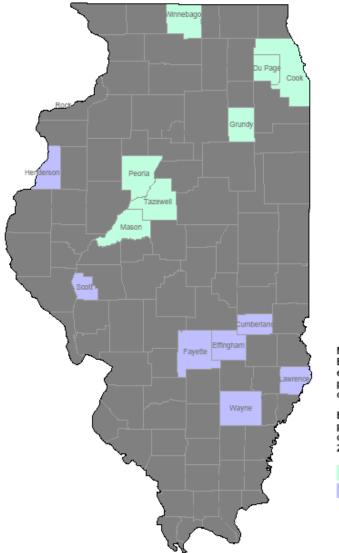


Average earnings declines were sharpest among the higher earning counties



High earnings counties and least earnings difference? central, northeast

Low earnings counties and greatest earnings difference? southeast



Measure: Earnings- workers earning more than \$3,400 per month as a percentage of all workers

Earnings differencepercent change in earnings of stable workers between 2007Q4 and 2009Q1

> Earn High, Diff Low Earn Low, Diff High

New hire earnings declines were sharpest among counties with the largest drop in average earnings

