

Illinois Map Activity

Now is your chance to do some research! Below is a map of Illinois with some cities. You can use the two data charts (Jobs in Illinois and Jobs in Illinois cities) to help guide your research. Answer the following questions either in small groups or as a class.



Questions

1. Research what type of industry the top employers in each city represent. What do they have in common? What are the differences?
2. Look at the chart for the top growing jobs in Illinois. Research any of the jobs you need more information about. Then look at the chart for each of the largest employers in Illinois' cities. Make a prediction or guess as to which city or cities you think those jobs might be located at. Write your answers on the map.
3. Why do you think the U.S. government is the largest employer in Chicago?
4. Why do you think the State of Illinois is the largest employer in Springfield?