

# CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS 2024 FAST 50

## Chicago's fastest-growing companies for 2024



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Organic growth, acquisitions and expansion: Those were some of the factors behind the tremendous growth of the companies on Crain's 2024 Fast 50.

This year's winners saw five-year median revenue growth of an impressive 505% and an average revenue increase of 2,375%, driven by the enormous growers topping our list. Logistics, construction and consumer service sectors lead the way, with six companies apiece.

For the past two years, the Fast 50 ranking has been dominated by startup logistics companies, and this year is no different, proving Chicago remains a significant industry hub. The logistics firms on the list generated \$3.3 billion in revenue last year and averaged a 645% increase in revenue over the past five years.

While Chicago's construction firms experienced disruptions during COVID-19, this year's winners prove they're busy putting the pandemic behind them. The construction companies on our list made \$3.5 billion in combined 2023 revenue and averaged a 618% increase in revenue since 2018.

Half of the consumer service businesses that made the Fast 50 are leading cannabis companies: Verano, Cresco Labs and Green Thumb Industries — the trio's third consecutive year on the list.

This year's Fast 50 includes 18 companies not featured in last year's ranking, with five newcomers making the top 10: 1440 Media, Kin Insurance, Ashling Partners, Rush Street Interactive and E78 Partners.

Together, these 50 winners generated nearly \$20 billion in 2023 revenue and employed more than 11,000 local workers, showcasing their impact on Chicago's economy.