

Who we are and what we do...

The Labor Market Information (LMI) Unit is a central state resource for the collection, analysis and dissemination of information pertaining to the Rhode Island labor market.

LMI is responsible for a wide range of labor market analysis and research involving industry trends, occupational projections, wage rates, labor force movements, population shifts and demographics.

LMI operates four federal/state statistical programs in cooperation with the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). BLS is responsible for the funding and administration of these programs, providing conceptual, technical and procedural guidance. These programs are the foundation upon which much of the economic data disseminated by the LMI unit is based. These data collection programs include:



- ◆ Local Area Unemployment Statistics
- ◆ Occupational Employment Statistics
- ◆ Current Employment Statistics
- ◆ Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

In addition, LMI produces several publications pertaining to the Rhode Island labor market. Some of the more popular LMI publications include:

- ◆ RI Employment Trends and Workforce Issues
- ◆ Long-Term Occupational Projections
- ◆ State of the State: Profiles of Cities & Towns
- ◆ Occupational Wage Report
- ◆ Statistical & Fiscal Digest

Stat Track LMI's Electronic Newsletter

Every month, LMI sends e-mail notification to subscribers about new data available on our web site. The e-mail contains hypertext links to our most recent data.

Stat Track notification includes:

- ◆ Monthly employment/unemployment statistics
- ◆ Industry and occupational information
- ◆ Announcements of new publications

Our goal is to provide quick, easy access to the most updated labor market information available.

If you would like to subscribe to LMI's STAT TRACK, please send your request, including your name and e-mail address to lmi@dlt.ri.gov.



Staff is available to help you find the information you need.

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Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey is a monthly survey of business establishments. Approximately 1,200 Rhode Island businesses participate in the CES survey, providing the LMI unit with a monthly count of employees, hours worked and wages paid. CES provides current estimates of non-farm establishment employment as well as hours and earnings for production workers employed in the Manufacturing Sector.

Industry and Occupational Projections provide projections on future job growth expectations by industry and occupation. The ten-year projections are widely used in career guidance, planning education and training programs, and studying long-range employment trends. The projections are updated every two years.



Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) provides monthly estimates of the labor force, resident employment, number of unemployed and the unemployment rates for the state and our cities and towns in Rhode Island. The LAUS estimates are derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national household survey. The statistics are used as key indicators of local economic conditions.

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program provides industrial staffing patterns, occupational employment estimates and wage rates for Rhode Island. Approximately 1,500 Rhode Island employers are surveyed each year with a request to provide the number of workers by wage range for each occupation in their employ.

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program provides monthly employment and quarterly wages by industry, location and size of employer. The QCEW program derives its data from the quarterly tax reports submitted by employers subject to Rhode Island's Unemployment Insurance law. This information is supplemented with data collected from government agencies and businesses with multiple locations.

Employee Benefits Survey provides information on the type and frequency of benefits offered to workers in the Ocean State. The survey provides information on Health Insurance, Dental and Vision Benefits, Vacation/Consolidated Paid Leave, Retirement Plans, Education Reimbursement, and Child Care Benefits. It is a valuable tool for both employers and employees to use during contract negotiations and for evaluating job offers. LMI selects approximately 1,500 employers to participate in this survey.

An Appreciation to Our Survey Respondents

The Labor Market Information Unit would like to thank all of those Rhode Island establishments that participate in any of our program surveys. The success and accuracy of our data relies upon the voluntary return of federal/state program surveys from local businesses. The time and commitment utilized in responding to these surveys allows LMI to produce reliable information for all data users.

LMI has a vast array of products and reports that are developed from the survey program data described here. These products and reports are available on our web site or in hard copy format. Survey program data reports can be found on our web site under the [Data Center](#) link, while posters, brochures, pamphlets and booklets can be downloaded and printed from the LMI web site at

www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi.

Users can also email lmi@dlt.ri.gov to obtain printed copies.



EmployRI is a free, interactive on-line tool. The Department of Labor and Training offers this web product for job seekers, students, employers and analysts who are looking for information on current job openings, wage rates, skills analysis, industry and occupational projections, education resources and more. LMI updates the EmployRI web site as new information is released.

You can access EmployRI at:
www.employri.org

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