

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 six federal/state statistical programs in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. 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
- ◆ Mass Layoff Statistics
- ◆ Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
- ◆ Occupational Safety and Health

In addition, LMI conducts two supplemental surveys: the Job Vacancy Survey and the Employer Benefits Survey. LMI also extracts statistical information from Unemployment Insurance and

Temporary Disability Insurance administrative records to compile reports on the diverse activities of the department.



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 the live data, so the user can access it right from their inbox.

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



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Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey is a monthly survey of business establishments. Approximately 1,500 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 every city/town 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.

Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Survey is a standardized automated approach to identifying, describing and tracking the impact of major permanent job cutbacks. MLS identifies major layoffs and closures through Unemployment Insurance claims data. Initial claims filing by industry is a by-product of the MLS program.



Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Program provides industrial staffing patterns, occupational employment estimates and wage rates for Rhode Island. Approximately 2,000 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.

Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Survey provides information on non-fatal work-related injuries and illnesses. LMI selects approximately 2,500 employers to participate in the OSH survey. Selected employers are required by law to maintain a log of non-fatal work-related injuries and illnesses for a full year. The program provides demographic data, such as age, sex, occupation, industry attachment, type of injury or illness and time away from work, on individuals sustaining work-related injuries and illnesses.

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.

The Rhode Island Job Vacancy (JVS) Survey serves as a measure of employer demand and analyzes job vacancy characteristics, including full or part-time status, wages and benefits offered, and education and experience requirements for job openings. LMI selects approximately 2,000 employers to participate in this survey each spring.

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 2,000 employers to participate in this survey.

LMI has a vast array of products that are developed from the survey program data described here. These products are available from the Internet or in hard copy format. 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 hard copies.



EmployRI is a free, interactive on-line tool available to anyone with access to the Internet. The Dept. 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.

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