

# **Labor Market Information (LMI) Resources**

Data-driven planning and decision making will be an essential component of successful job recovery and reengagement efforts. This page highlights popular LMI resources available on WorkforceGPS as well as new and unique real-time LMI resources that will be helpful in guiding workforce services and recovery planning efforts.

## **State LMI Contact**

Start first by connecting with <u>State Labor Market Information Contact List</u> to learn about the LMI data, resources, and analyses they provide for your state.

#### **Real-Time LMI Resources**

The economic environment has shifted dramatically and will continue to do so. Real-time LMI will be needed for both immediate response and on-going recovery efforts. This <u>Guide to Real-Time LMI Resources</u> links to real-time LMI tools and offers guidance on their use. The tools track real-time indicators such as employment rates, job postings across counties, industries, and income groups. Useful for the AJC Career Navigator, jobseeker, and business services team to aid in building strategic partnerships and planning for the future.

## **WorkforceGPS LMI Resources**

The Labor Market Information Community of Practice, <u>LMI Central</u>, provides a range of LMI resources to inform the work of workforce development professionals. Some of the most popular and useful resources during this time include:

- ETA's <u>Guide to State and Local Workforce Data</u> provides links to a wealth of state and local employment and economic data from government and private sector sources.
- <u>Labor Market Data Sources for Targeting Services to Special Populations</u> provides sources for understanding special population characteristics and demographics in the labor force, and for using LMI to help you target services and design service delivery to special populations.
- Workforce Data Sources for Program Planners and Career Counselors support program staff as they use data for planning in the integrated one-stop model. Customer characteristics and demographics vary and are important to know for addressing multiple barriers to employment and career development that customers face. The resources collected here assist you in understanding how to use labor market information in program planning and service delivery design.



### **Additional LMI Resources**

- Interactive tools and dashboards such as the <u>Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker</u>, <u>Unemployment Claims Monitor</u>, and the <u>COVID-19 Economic Vulnerability Index</u> allow for the tracking of a range of economic indicators including some based on online job postings as well as contextual indicators that may be helpful in informing recovery efforts. More information on these resources is provided in the Guide to Real-Time LMI Resources.
- The Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker aggregates commercial and public sector data from multiple sources to present a daily picture of economic activity at various geographic levels and by industry and income level. The interactive dashboard focuses on key economic indicators including small business activity, employment, and consumer spending alongside key contextual factors on education, public health, and policy milestones which can provide timely insights that can inform the public and guide policy.
- The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's <u>Unemployment Claims Monitor</u> provides data on initial and continued claims for unemployment insurance as well as claimants' demographic data. The resource also reports data on claimants in the Short-Time Compensation (Workshare), Extended Benefits, State Additional Benefits, Federal Employee, and Ex-Service Member programs as well as data on Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, a new program created by the CARES Act that expanded coverage to include other workers not previously eligible, including contract, 1099, or gig workers.
- Chmura's <u>COVID-19 Economic Vulnerability Index</u> is a measurement of the negative impact that the coronavirus crisis can have on employment based upon a region's mix of industries. This resource provides a map that displays the Vulnerability Index for all counties and metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the United States.
- EMSI's <u>Three Steps to Support Economic Recovery: A Guide for Economic and Workforce Development Organizations</u> is a look at three steps communities can take to move forward, support local businesses, and spur recovery.