

Maine Department of Labor
Center for Workforce Research and Information

Program Year 2009 State Workforce Information Grant
Employment and Training Administration (One-Stop)
Work Plan Deliverables and Outcomes

(1) Populate the Workforce Information Database (WID) with state and local data.

The Workforce Information Database in Maine will be populated to the fullest extent possible beyond the core requirements in order to maximize usefulness for state/local information delivery. The database will be updated continually in order to be as current as the state's most recent publications and data releases.

Staff will take full advantage of the available resources and training opportunities in order to ensure full utilization of this resource in meeting national, state, and local customer needs.

Result: Maine's Workforce Information Database continues to be populated with the latest available information. Maine continues its work with the Information Technology Office and the vendor that developed the database to install the latest version of the system. The newer version of the Virtual Labor Market Information database will bring increased functionality to the users of our data.

(2) Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections.

Industry and occupational employment projections will be produced and disseminated with adherence to the methodological guidelines and software tools developed by the Projections Consortium and the Projections Managing Partnership. Statewide and sub-state long-term industry and occupational projections for the 2008 to 2018 period will be developed. Statewide short-term industry and occupational projections will be developed for the 2009 to 2011 period.

The Workforce Information Database will be populated with the projections data and will be submitted for public dissemination following procedures established by the Projections Consortium and the Projections Managing Partnership.

Result: Statewide long term industry and occupational projections were completed and published to our website at this URL: [Projections 2018](#)

Sub-state long term industry and occupations are in the review process and will be published soon.

Short term industry and occupational projections were also completed and shipped to Jacqueline Keener in North Carolina

(3) Publish an annual economic analysis report for the governor and the SWIB.

The Maine Labor Market – Trends and Issues report for PY 2009 will include an analysis of general economic conditions, demographic and labor force trends, industry employment trends and outlook, and occupational employment trends and outlook. New, credible sources of economic, workforce, and labor market information supplementing the standard data sets will be incorporated. The new data sources include EMSI Strategic Advantage, Transferable Occupational Requirements Quotient, Conference Board/Help Wanted Online Analytics and economy.com Data Buffet.

Result: The report "Maine Labor Market – Trends and Issues" was published on our website and can be found at this URL: [Maine Labor Market 2010 Trends and Issues](#)

(4) Post products, information, and reports on the Internet.

Maine provides electronic public access to the information in the ALMIS Database through the internet version of the Maine Employment Information Guide (MEIG), which will be updated and maintained continuously. The MEIG includes services specifically designed to meet the needs of Job Seekers, Employers, Analysts and Researchers.

We will complete the design and development of our new and improved website and publish it to the State's web server. The new site features much improved navigation and layout. We have enhanced and expanded the data, publications and features published on the site based on the interests and needs of our customers. Additional features and content will be added on an on-going basis.

Result: Maine has converted its current website to the latest State mandated templates. It continues its improvement efforts and has recently been working on developing dynamic content to enhance the user's experience. We are continuing our efforts to bring the Virtual Labor Market Information system up to its latest version. [CWRI Website](#)

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(5) **Partner and consult on a continuing basis with workforce investment boards and key economic development partners and stakeholders.**

We will continue to work collaboratively with the State Workforce Investment Board and the four Local Workforce Investment Boards to supply their needs for workforce information and labor market research. Senior Economic Research Analysts have been assigned to each local workforce board so as to provide direct access to expertise with the most depth of understanding of regional and local labor market conditions. This year, we will work cooperatively with the Maine Jobs Council to host series of Listening Sessions with industry and trade associations to review our industry and occupational projections for purposes of obtain more current and qualitative input. One Senior Economic Research Analyst serves as a voting member of two workforce boards and the Director of the Center for Workforce Research and Information serves as staff to the Executive Committee of the Maine Jobs Council to ensure continuity between strategy development and workforce and labor market related research.

Result: CWRI continues to present updates on current labor market conditions to the Workforce Information Boards at their quarterly meetings. CWRI also supports the WIBs by providing presentations to staff on workforce conditions and the job outlook.

(6) **Conduct special studies and economic analyses.**

CWRI will continue to plan and carry out a series of special studies such as those focused on how Maine workers transition from one job to the next; employment and earnings outcomes of educational and training program completers; reemployment and earnings of workers displaced by large layoffs or business closures; produce and continuously update county demographic and workforce profiles; consult with and provide labor supply analysis to economic development agencies; provide skills transferability analysis for career counselors to help displaced workers transition to new occupations; and analyze expected workforce supply by educational attainment in light of projected demand for jobs by educational requirement. The nature of this work will rely on matching administrative and wage records and a wide range of other employment, unemployment, and wage data. We have contracted with Brandt Information Services to conduct a job vacancy studies for purpose of analyzing persistent skills needs of the Maine economy.

Result: Several studies, presentation and reports were completed or are in the process including:

[Workforce Analysis Maine Health Services Sector](#)

[Maine Labor Market Activities of Veterans](#)

[Brunswick LMA Comparative Analysis Presentation](#)

[Green Economy Report](#)

[Workforce Flows in the Marine Trades Cluster](#)

[Counting Green Jobs in Maine](#)

[Economic Benefits or Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Maine Labor Market Activities of Older Workers](#)

[Personal Income in the Recession](#)

[Livable Wage Report 2008](#)

[Monthly Labor Market Digest Articles](#)

Trends in the Maine Labor Market to 2018

Workforce Conditions in Maine