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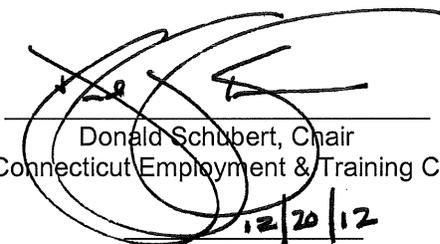
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This report identifies the information products and services that the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Research developed and provided during program year 2011 to support the State's workforce investment system.

A. Accomplishments:

1. Workforce Information Database (WIDb): *Continue to populate the Workforce Information Database with state and local data.*

- Upgraded to version 2.5 of the database
- Updated and populated the core data tables and licensing files in accordance with guidelines issued by the Analyst Resource Center (ARC)
- Contributed to the development, enhancement, and maintenance of the Workforce Information Database through the Analyst Resource Center

Connecticut is actively involved in the work of the ARC with three active members. We are participating in the Database committee, the web development committee and the steering committee.

2. Employment Projections: *Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections.*

- Produced and disseminated:
 - o State-Wide, short-term industry and occupational employment projections to 2013 through the *Labor Market Information* Web site and the Workforce Information Database.
 - o Short-term data was submitted for public dissemination following procedures established by the Projections Workgroup and the Projections Managing Partnership. The results were summarized and made available on our website in a variety of client driven forms.
 - o Long—Term 2020 industry and occupational projections were completed at the state-wide level and submitted following procedures established by the Projections Workgroup and the Projections Managing Partnership. First use of these projections included incorporation into our five – year WIA Plan. We also used the new feature of skill projections in the plan. We will be disseminating g the current projections in a wide variety of print, electronic and presentation formats.

3. Economic Analysis: *Publish an annual economic analysis report.*

The following economic analysis reports, publications and special analyses were produced:

- *Current Conditions and Outlook for the U.S. and Connecticut Economies: 2011-2013* – Reviews the US Connecticut's economy over the previous year including: economic expansion, employment and employment changes by major

industry and labor market area.

- Includes employment forecasts and expected performance for 2013 and beyond.

- Report was lead article in June, 2012 issue of the *Connecticut Economic Digest*

- We also completed an analysis of historical, current, and forecasted behavior of critical economic indicators to determine the Connecticut economy's overall performance, and the stage of the economic cycle that most likely characterized the expected conditions affecting Connecticut's job growth over the forecast horizon.

The analyses were produced in consultation with economists from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), the University of Connecticut, Fairfield University, Perna Associates, Office of Research staff, and other secondary resources.

• *Following Connecticut's Unemployment Insurance Claimants Through the Recession*

The recession of the late 2000's is the worst to hit the United States since the depression of the 1930's. Nineteen months after the official completion of Connecticut's recession, the unemployment rate is still stubbornly stuck around 9%. Based on data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), it is estimated about 119,000 jobs were lost in Connecticut through December 2009. Connecticut gained 24,300 jobs from January 2010, the end of Connecticut's recession, to January 2011. However, from January 2011 to July 2011, only about 8,500 have been created. At the current level of job growth, it will take many years to employ those laid off by the recession.

Articles:

- *State's Housing Market: a Long Road to Recovery* – July 2011 Economic Digest
- *Youth Employment in Connecticut* – July 2011 Economic Digest
- *Covered Employment and Wages: 2010 Annual Review*– August 2011 Economic Digest
- *Connecticut's Defense-Related Industry: Spending, Employment and Dependency* – September 2011 Economic Digest
- *Young People Aren't Fleeing and the Cities Aren't Dying* – October 2011 Economic Digest
- *Connecticut's UI Exhaustees: Where Are They Now?* – November 2011 Economic Digest
- *Connecticut Personal Income Forecast* – December 2011 Economic Digest
- *2012 Economic Outlook* – January 2012 Economic Digest
- *Connecticut's Bioscience Industry: An Update* – February 2012 Economic Digest
- *Connecticut's Continues on a Path to Recovery*– March 2012 Economic Digest
- *Connecticut's Exports: 2011 in Review* – April 2012 Economic Digest
- *Employment Patterns and Structural Unemployment* – April 2012 Economic Digest
- *Is Connecticut a Small Business State?* – May 2012 Economic Digest
- *Drag Forces From Balance Sheet Recession Still Constrain Growth: The Employment Outlook to 2013* –June 2012 Economic Digest

4. Internet Information Delivery: While Traffic has increased over PY 2010, some of this increase may be due to a new traffic monitoring system we adopted this year. We continue to undergo a review of navigation and content in the site.

Electronic Products: CT LMI Web Site Traffic Summary & Trends: PY2010

**Web Traffic Ct Office of Research: LMI Web Site
(Page Views)**

	PY 2011*	PY 2010	PY 2009
CT LMI Site	775,457	342,294	601,808
Education & Training Connection	655,886	82,631	105,625
Reemployment Portal	247,688		
Jobs & Career Connection	449,552	159,513	185,426

*New Web monitoring software deployed for PY 2011. Traffic may not be comparable with earlier years.

Top 10 LMI Site Traffic Areas (Page Views) 2011	Page Views
Employer Search	121,786
OES Emp & Wages	42,706
LAUS	32,545
Job Search Guide	19,427
Occupation Projections	17,747
Misc Pubs*	14,083
Economic Digest**	11,505
Labor Situation (monthly press release)	10,687
CES	7,064
Business Employment Changes	6,900

* 80,000 print copies distributed annually

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5. Workforce Investment Support: Partner and *consult on a continuing basis with workforce investment boards and key talent development partners and stakeholders.*

In PY2011, the Office of Research continued to produce workforce information reports, studies, and electronic and print products to support the state's workforce system. All of these efforts helped to increase the scope and utility of workforce information to inform talent and economic development strategies and enhance career guidance by collaborating with economic development, education and workforce development partners to gather and analyze a wide variety of workforce and economic data to drive strategic planning, track economic conditions, benchmark competitiveness, and measure outcomes.

These collaborations included:

- Participation on the CETC Planning and Performance Committee, including the preparation of employment outcomes for public employment Higher education and training program participants for the annual CETC employment and training report aka Legislative Report Card. However, due to a reinterpretation of the FERPA statute participation by some public higher education institutions, the LRC was put on hold. A revised release of FERPA regulations by the U.S. Department of Education has addressed this Issue and we have restarted the Report Card as of Fall 2012.

- Continued discussions/meetings with the state's Workforce Investment Board planning staff to help identify their information needs. The feedback was used and incorporated into the *2012 Information for Workforce Investment Planning (IWIP)* publication. (scheduled for publication in Oct, 2012) This publication is a detailed labor market and economic profile of each WIB region and serves as the foundation for their planning. We have substantially upgraded the publications this year to include a workforce profile based on Census LED data.
- Assistance to local workforce investment boards, community colleges and others with LMI Trainings and information for grant applications.
- Labor Market Information Workshops:
 - In PY2011, the Office of Research conducted 40 LMI workshops, presentations, conferences to more than 1,900 people throughout the state. The audiences included, but were not limited to, employees of the One-Stop system, Workforce Investment Boards, business, postsecondary and secondary educators, networking groups, and faith-based service providers, business and economic development analysts, political leaders and job seekers.

6. Licensed Occupations In Connecticut

Our Biannual update of licensed occupations in Connecticut has been delayed. Publications is anticipated in December 2012.