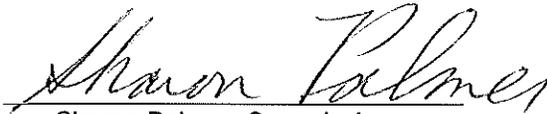


State of Connecticut

WORKFORCE INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT – PY2012



Sharon Palmer, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Labor

10/21/13

Date



Donald Shubert, Chair
Connecticut Employment & Training Commission

3/14/14

Date

State of Connecticut
WORKFORCE INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT – PY2012

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.

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

- Maintained and populated 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 structure committee, the web development committee and the policy 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 2014 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 sub-state level and submitted following procedures established by the Projections Workgroup and the Projections Managing Partnership. We will be disseminating the current projections in a wide variety of print, electronic and presentation formats. Ct is currently participating on a workgroup with ETA focusing on developing a common method across states to identify supply and demand for occupational employment and possible skill shortages.
 - o CT conducts its projections program on the following schedule:
 - o Long – term Statewide: Biannually
 - o Long – Term Sub Sate areas: Biannually in the off year from Statewide.
 - o Short-Term Statewide: Annually

3. Economic Analysis: *Produce and 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: 2012-2014*– Reviews the 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 2014 and beyond.

- Report was summarized as the lead article in June, 2013 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.

- As part of the Outlook cycle CT conducts an annual seminar with state and regional economists to “vet” and discuss our employment forecasts and the assumptions that underlie them.

Additional Articles & Publications:

- [State Housing Market Languished in 2011](#) - July 2012 Economic Digest article #1 (PDF)
- [Even in Tough Times, Education Improves Chances in Labor Market](#) - July 2012 Economic Digest article #2 (PDF)
- [Unemployment Insurance Covered Employment and Wages: 2011 Annual Review](#) - August 2012 Economic Digest article #1
- [Connecticut Occupational Employment and Wages in 2012](#) - August 2012 Economic Digest article #2 (PDF)
- [Business Employment Dynamics](#)
- [Youth Employment Patterns Revisited](#) - September 2012 Economic Digest article (PDF)
- [Connecticut and the Housing Bust: A Tale of Two Bubbles](#) - October 2012 Economic Digest article (PDF)
- [Local Area Unemployment Statistics: A Primer](#) - November 2012 Economic Digest article (PDF)
- [Current/Future Charts and Trends:2001-2012 Connecticut Economic Scorecard Update](#)
- [State of Connecticut Industry Projections: 2010-2020](#)
- [State of Connecticut Occupational Projections by Major Occupational Groups: 2010-2020](#)
- [State of Connecticut "Green Job" Projections: 2010-2020](#)

- [A Look at the Help Wanted OnLine Data Series.](#) - December 2012 Economic Digest article #2 (PDF)
- [Job Polarization in Connecticut.](#) - December 2012 Economic Digest article #1 (PDF)
- [What's Hot! What's Not! - State of Connecticut Occupations in Demand](#)
- [A Look at the Help Wanted OnLine Data Series.](#) - December 2012 Economic Digest article #2 (PDF)
- [Job Polarization in Connecticut.](#) - December 2012 Economic Digest article #1 (PDF)
- [The 2013 Economic Outlook.](#) - January 2013 Economic Digest article #1
- [Current Conditions and Outlook for the U.S. and Connecticut Economies: 2011-2013](#)
- [Connecticut's Private Sector Hours and Earnings: Working to Get Back to Normal.](#) - February 2013 Economic Digest article #1
- [2012 Information Workforce Investment Planning](#)
- [3Q2012 - Employment & Wages by Industry Covered by Unemployment Insurance - Quarterly \(Statewide / LMA / WIA\)](#)
- [Connecticut's Modest Economic Recovery Continues in 2012.](#) - March 2013 Economic Digest article #1
- [A Look at Phil Fed's Coincident and Leading Indexes](#) - April 2013 Economic Digest article #2
- [A Profile of Mansfield, Connecticut](#) - May 2013 Economic Digest article #2
- [Does Education Matter?](#) - May 2013 Economic Digest article #1
- [4Q2012 - Employment & Wages by Industry Covered by Unemployment Insurance - Quarterly \(Statewide / LMA / WIA\)](#)
- [Turning Point, Inflection Point, or More of the Same? The Outlook to 2014Q4](#) June 2013 Economic Digest article #1
- [Connecticut Career Paths: 2013](#)

4. Internet Information Delivery: Traffic has declined some over PY 2011, Most of the decline occurred in our "Reemployment Portal" a menu Job search and career planning tools we always provided, but which were mandatory LMI for those involved in the REA interviews. Some of the decline in traffic we assign to improved labor market conditions. We continue to undergo a review of navigation and content in the site to keep the site fresh and current.

Electronic Products: CT LMI Web Site Traffic Summary & Trends: PY2012

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

	PY 2011*	PY 2011	PY 2010*
CT LMI Site	772,865	775,457	342,294
Education & Training Connection	554,373	655,886	82,631
Reemployment Portal	81,922	247,688	
Jobs & Career Connection	393,292	449,552	159,513
TOTAL	1,802,452	2,128,583	

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

Top 10 LMI Site Traffic Areas (Page Views)	2012	2011
Employer Search	178,881	121,786
OES Emp & Wages	65,351	42,706
LAUS	43,379	32,545
Job Search Guide	17,636	19,427
Occupation Projections	17,461	17,747
Misc Pubs*	7,099	14,083
Economic Digest**	11,546	11,505
Labor Situation (monthly press release)	9,653	10,687
CES	10,228	7,064
Business Employment Changes	5,381	6,900

* 80,000 print copies distributed annually

** 4,800 print copies distributed annually

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

In PY2012, 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. A revised release of FERPA regulations by the U.S. Department of Education, along with successful negotiations of new MOU's with

the States public education entities has addressed this Issue and we have restarted the Report Card.

- 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 *2013 Information for Workforce Investment Planning (IWIP)* publication. (scheduled for publication in Oct, 2013) This effort has gone completely electronic. A pdf publication was delivered a detailed labor market and economic profile of each WIB region and serves as the foundation for their planning. We also make available the data sets used in the publication so that local WIB analysts have access to the data. The reports are distributed to the WIBS on SVD and are available in the Regions section of our web site. We are developing Occupational wage and employment estimates customized to each WIB's geography using the capabilities built into the Estimates Delivery System tool, (EDS). These should be delivered by December 2013. And annually thereafter.
- Assistance to local workforce investment boards, community colleges and others with LMI Trainings and information for grant applications.
- Labor Market Information Workshops:
 - In PY2012, the Office of Research conducted 40 LMI workshops, presentations, conferences to approximately 1,000 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, legislators, students and job seekers.

6. Licensed Occupations in Connecticut

Our Biannual update of licensed occupations was updated and posted to the WID. We are working on a web search tool that is complimentary of other Statewide efforts and integrated into our existing Job and Career Connection tools.