

# Programs—Labor Market Information

*Labor Market Information (LMI) in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment collects and analyzes information about employment across the State of Colorado. Data*

*about industry employment and wages, occupational employment and wages, and both current and future demand for workers, are composed and studied.*

## ● QCEW

The **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)** program publishes a quarterly census of employment and wages reported by Colorado employers covering 98% of non-farm wage and salary workers. This information is available at the county, MSA, and state levels by industry.

## ● CES

Each month **Current Employment Statistics (CES)** surveys businesses and government agencies representing approximately 6,000 individual worksites. This survey provides detailed industry data on employment, hours, and earnings of workers on non-farm payrolls.

## ● LAUS

The **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)** program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, states, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence.

## ● OES

The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program produces employment and wage estimates for over 800 occupations. Estimates include the number of people employed in specific occupations and estimates of the wages paid for work performed in each occupation. Self-employed persons are not included in the estimates. These estimates are available for the nation as a whole, for individual states, and for metropolitan areas; state and national occupational estimates for specific industries are also available.

## ● MLS

The **Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS)** program reports on mass layoff actions. Monthly numbers come from establishments with at least 50 initial claims for unemployment insurance filed against them during a 5-week period. Summary reports on mass layoffs are available quarterly.

## ● PROJECTIONS

The **Projections** staff is responsible for 16 sets of industry employment forecasts per year, half of which are long term projections covering ten years, with the remainder focusing on short term forecasts covering 2 years. Long term projections are conducted annually; short term, semi-annually, for the State of Colorado and seven regions: Denver/Aurora, Boulder/Longmont, Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins/Loveland, Greeley, Pueblo, and Grand Junction. Collected data are converted to occupational projections for the same regions and time periods. The Projections staff also conducts a variety of ad-hoc research projects and assists workforce centers and others in regional information requests.

## ● LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

**Local Employment Dynamics (LED)** is a voluntary partnership between state labor market information agencies and the U.S. Census Bureau. Through LED, information about demographic and economic workforce indicators detailing employment by industry and geographic regions, job creation, wages, worker characteristics and turnover rates is provided.

## ● SURVEY UNIT

The **Survey Unit** collects data for several LMI programs and completes unem-

ployment customer satisfaction surveys. They are currently involved in the collection of information about customer satisfaction with workforce center services across the State of Colorado.

## ● WEB AND DATABASE SERVICES

**Web and Database Services** is the technical side of LMI. This unit works to maintain the LMI website and update it with current data. A new web site, [www.coworkforce.com/lmigateway](http://www.coworkforce.com/lmigateway), is currently being introduced. This site is designed to address the labor market information needs for a variety of LMI customers.

## ● TRAINING AND OUTREACH

**Training and Outreach** is a newly consolidated unit within LMI. It is responsible for the presentation of labor market information and product development for LMI customers. This unit represents an effort toward greater training and outreach services with an increased responsiveness to the customer needs of other units in CDLE, local workforce centers, local government, economic development groups, chambers and other business organizations, as well as educational institutions.

## ● UIRR

**Unemployment Insurance Research and Reporting (UIRR)** unit creates monthly, quarterly, and annual reports that are transmitted to the Federal Government. This unit completes fiscal and solvency analyses of unemployment funds.

