

## Questions LMI Can Answer

**Organized by customer type, based on the types identified by the LMI Institute.<sup>1</sup>**

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the references, listed at the end, where the entry was found.)

### Labor Market Actors and Advisers

LMI customers who play a role in the interaction between workers and businesses. This includes an important set of intermediaries, teachers and counselors, who have a distinct role in shaping the career paths of the students who eventually become jobseekers.

#### Jobseekers and Students

- What are the hot jobs? (1)
- Which companies employ the hot jobs? (1)
- What kind of skills, knowledge, and experience do I need for hot jobs? (1)
- Who trains for hot jobs? (1)
- What do hot jobs pay? (1)
- What are the jobs that are growing in my area? (1)
- What are the jobs that are declining in my area? (1)
- What jobs are available now? (1)
- What kind of skills, knowledge, and experience do I need for jobs? (1)
- Where can I find labor market information for job seekers and students? (2)
- Where can I find information on occupations (2)
- Where can I find information on local employers (2)
- What are the major employers in each county (2)
- Where can I find information regarding nontraditional employment (2)
- Where can I find information about occupational licenses (2)
- What training and apprenticeships are available in my area? (2)
- What are the largest employers in my area? (3)
- Where can I locate an employer in a city and industry (3)
- Where can I find employment and wage data for an occupation (3)
- Which careers match my skills? (4)
- Where are the green jobs? (4)
- Which jobs pay well? (5)
- What are the low-paying jobs to avoid? (5)
- How do my current and upcoming classes impact my future? (6)
- How can I assess my soft skills? (7)
- What are the highest paying jobs in my area? (8)
- What areas have the highest average wage? (8)
- What career development resources are available? (9)

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<sup>1</sup> LMI Institute. *Labor Market Information Customers and Their Needs: Customer-Oriented LMI Product Innovation*, 2012. Retrieved from: [http://www.lmiontheweb.org/WhatWeDo/Publications/downloads/2012-05-08\\_-\\_LMI\\_Customers\\_and\\_Their\\_Needs.pdf](http://www.lmiontheweb.org/WhatWeDo/Publications/downloads/2012-05-08_-_LMI_Customers_and_Their_Needs.pdf)

## Businesses

- How many job seekers are available by occupation? (1)
- What are the hot jobs in my area? (1)
- What is the information needed for a job description? (1)
- What do jobs pay in the area? (1)
- What is the size of the labor force in my area? (1)
- What types of industries are in my area? (1)
- What types of companies are expected to grow in my area? (1)
- What kind of skills, knowledge, and experience do jobs require? (1)
- Where can I view my state's Affirmative Action/EEO plan? (2)
- What are the prevailing wages for government contracts? (2)
- What is the outlook for employment growth in my state and my industry? (10)
- What industries currently employ the most workers in an area? (8)
- Where can I find an Industry profile for my state?

## Education and Training Instructors and Counselors

- What information on training and apprenticeship is available? (2)
- How are training programs classified? (2)
- Where can I find guides and profiles on occupations? (2)
- What are the fastest growing occupations in my area? (2)
- What is the outlook for employment opportunities in my area? (2)
- What is the job outlook for graduates of the state's college programs? (2)
- Where can I view wages by occupation? (2)
- How can I compare earnings and unemployment by educational attainment? (2)
- How can I integrate career information into subject areas to help my students? (6)
- What are some career resources for students? (10)
- Where can I find information on licensed occupations? (10)
- Can high school students use labor market information to make informed career choices? (8)
- What programs do training providers and schools offer? (11)

## Policymakers and Planners

LMI customers who facilitate and influence the interaction between labor market actors and advisers, thereby influencing the efficiency of the labor market. They achieve their outcomes through direct partnerships with LMI agencies, by directly integrating LMI data into their own products, or by using LMI to inform program decisions.

## Workforce

- Where can I find information on occupations in the state? (2)
- Where can I find information on training and apprenticeship? (2)
- Where can I find licensing information? (2)
- Where can I find information on dislocated workers? (2)
- What are the emerging industries and occupations in my state? (2)
- What is the gender wage gap? (5)
- What is the current unemployment rate? (6)
- What is the current status of the labor force? (6)
- What are the statewide employment and unemployment trends? (6)

## Economic Development

- Where can I find data for other states? (2)
- What are the employment projections for my area? (2)
- Where can I find industry data? (2)
- Where can I find occupation profiles? (2)
- Where can I find staffing patterns by occupation and industry? (2)
- Where can I view wages by occupation? (2)
- What are the prevailing wages for foreign labor certification? (2)
- What are the emerging industries in my area? (2)
- Where can I find information on agricultural employment? (2)
- What are the business employment dynamics in my area? (2)
- What are my state's export trends? (2)
- What are the state's county to county commute patterns? (2)
- Where can I view goods producing industry employment for my congressional district? (2)
- Where can I view population data? (2)
- Where can I view data on industry employment and wages? (2)
- Where can I find information on STEM in my state? (2)
- What labor market data on veterans is available? (2)
- What are the wages paid by industries in my area? (12)
- What is the current unemployment rate? (13)
- What is the current rate of job growth? (13)
- What are the occupational employment projections for my state? (9)

## Education

- What biotechnology information is available in my state? (2)
- Where can I view occupational information for my state? (2)
- What occupation search tools are available in my area? (2)
- Where can I find training providers? (2)
- Are postsecondary completions on the rise? (5)
- What are the projections for STEM jobs in my area? (5)
- Is distance learning growing? (5)
- What are the earnings by educational attainment in my area? (12)

## Researchers

- Where can I view local area economic profiles? (2)
- Where can I view labor market indicators for my area? (2)
- Where can I view economic indicators for my area? (2)
- What are some economic trends in my area? (2)
- How is the unemployment rate measured? (14)
- What is residence-based information? (14)
- What is establishment-based (or place of work) information? (14)
- Why don't you publish occupational wage data by city or county? (14)
- Why do the employment numbers differ when comparing the official government figures to those from Infogroup? (14)
- Where can I view employment and wages by industry and area? (3)

- What are the job trends in my area? (5)
- What are the current industry projections? (12)
- Where are the employment levels and wages paid for occupations in the state? (12)
- How is the unemployment rate adjusted? (15)
- What are the hours and earnings for production employees in the state? (15)
- What are the average earnings by county, industry, age and gender? (10)
- What are the current economic indicators in my area? (10)
- What are the employment projections for my state? (11)
- What are the current occupational employment statistics in my state? (11)

### **Federal, State, and Local Governments**

- What is the unemployment rate? (12)
- Are jobs growing? What are they?
- Which industries are hiring?
- What education and training is available?

### **Internal Customers – LMI Professionals**

- How can we improve the development and functioning of the state and national LMI systems?

### **Value-Added Disseminators**

LMI customers who process or transform data to respond to different types of customer needs and disseminate the data, with value added, through a variety of communication channels.

#### **Media**

- What can we report about the state of the economy, the number of people out of work, the number of jobs added or lost?
- How are those numbers produced?

#### **Commercial Data Providers**

- What information or data can I get to provide to my clients?

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