



# Projections Managing Partnership


## 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Overview

Funded by the U.S. Employment and Training Administration (ETA), the Projections Managing Partnership (PMP) is a national consortium of state and territorial labor market information (LMI) offices that serves as a central knowledge hub and primary technical assistance resource for state analysts as they develop and deliver high-quality state and local employment projections. The PMP is guided by a nine-member Board of Directors, which is made up of state LMI Directors representing each ETA Region, and its activities are managed by a group of state and non-profit partners.

Below are brief descriptions of PMP’s partners and their responsibilities. The accomplishments highlighted on the next page are the product of close collaboration and diligent effort across this group of partners, as well as among technical experts at the national (i.e., U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and ETA) and state levels.

### Partners

	<h3>LABOR MARKET INFORMATION INSTITUTE</h3> <p>Provides administrative staffing, training and education (including the annual PMP Summit), as well as strategic planning and implementation support.</p>	
	<h3>COLORADO</h3> <p><i>CO Department of Labor and Employment</i></p> <p>Provides fiscal management and support for PMP and its partners.</p>	 <h3>ILLINOIS</h3> <p><i>IL Department of Employment Security</i></p> <p>Serves as a technical advisor informing development of the Projections Suite software utilized by projections analysts and provides subject matter expertise regarding short-term industry projections.</p>
	<h3>UTAH</h3> <p><i>UT Department of Government Operations</i></p> <p>Develops and maintains the Projections Suite software utilized by projections analysts, as well as <a href="http://projectionscentral.org">projectionscentral.org</a> and the ULMITA web portal/forum for projections staff and partners.</p>	 <h3>NORTH CAROLINA</h3> <p><i>NC Department of Commerce</i></p> <p>Serves as a technical lead for maintaining occupational projections data available on <a href="http://projectionscentral.org">projectionscentral.org</a>, and provides subject matter expertise regarding long-term industry projections.</p>

### Accomplishments

#### Administration and Deliverables

- The PMP Board installed Meihui Bodane (North Carolina) as its 2024 Board Chair and elected Mark McInerney (Maine) as Board Vice Chair. LMI Institute staff traveled to Raleigh, NC in January to meet and strategize with the incoming PMP Board Chair and members of her team (NC LEAD).
- The PMP solicited feedback from state projections staff and partners regarding the viability of maintaining short-term industry and occupational projections as a required deliverable. This feedback was delivered to ETA, which made short-term projections an optional deliverable in program year (PY) 2025. This will allow states greater flexibility in allocating staff resources to those projections deliverables and products that are most important to their customers.

## Strategic Innovation

- In partnership with the LMI Institute, PMP completed the release of five working papers concerning trends in the future of work and their implications for labor market information and employment projections. These papers were released through the monthly LMI Insider newsletter and are available on the LMI Institute website, where each paper is accompanied by a short video from the author providing an overview of the paper's content/perspectives.
- The PMP and LMI Institute also partnered on a new Data User Insights project aimed at improving data users' access to, and understanding of, state LMI data. Funder by ETA, PMP/LMII staff solicited, evaluated, and selected six state team proposals (FL, IA, NC, OH, PA, TX) for the inaugural Data User Insights Academy, a nine-month process (July 2024 – March 2025) aimed at convening LMI agency staff and data users to collaboratively solve challenges regarding data access and use in their state. A second cohort of five states (HI, LA, NJ, SC, WA) was also selected and will participate in the Academy process from April through December of 2025.
- As part of the Data User Insights project, PMP/LMII also delivered four Data User Insights Roundtable webinars, with registrations ranging from 110 - 130 people. These webinars provide members of the LMI and projections community with exposure to strategies and tools for improving data user experiences, as well as examples of organizations with a strong user focus.

## Training and Education

- PMP successfully hosted the 2024 PMP Summit from September 24 – 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Denver, CO. All sessions were also live streamed for virtual attendees and session recordings posted to the PMP Training site. Total attendance was just under 100, with attendees split almost evenly between in-person and remote attendees (98 total: 48 in-person, 50 remote). Session topics included an update from BLS on their newly released skills projections: a discussion on AI, the future of work, and potential implications for employment projections; an expert panel of senior projectionists discussing model selection; and a showcase of state projections data products.
- The "New Projectionists" group was started as a way for newer projectionists (those with less than five years of experience) to convene and share challenges and knowledge. Led by projections staff in partner state, North Carolina, this group met quarterly in 2024 and organized a presentation at the PMP Summit.
- PMP state partners provided training and technical assistance to three states with new projections staff and answered questions from the nationwide projectionists' community, as needed, on the Projections Forum platform.

## IT Modernization

- In April, Utah's Division of Technology Services developed and released a new forum web site that improves functionality and user experience significantly – all previous forum discussions have been successfully migrated to the new site, which is integrated into the ULMITA web portal that hosts other information/documentation and resources for projections analysts.
- The team also released regular updates to the Projections Suite software, providing a combination of bug fixes, data updates, and feature improvements. They are currently planning development modifications to migrate the software to a serverless environment to help reduce costs.

