Projections Managing Partnership
2025 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 Employment and Training Administration) and state levels.

Partners

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION INSTITUTE

Provides administrative staffing, training and education (including the annual PMP Summit), as well as strategic planning and implementation support.

COLORADO

CO Department of Labor and Employment

Provides fiscal management and support for PMP and its partners.

ILLINOIS

IL Department of Employment Security

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.

UTAH

UT Department of Government Operations

Develops and maintains the Projections Suite software utilized by projections analysts, as well as projectionscentral.org and the ULMITA web portal/forum for projections staff and partners.

NORTH CAROLINA

NC Department of Commerce

Serves as a technical lead for maintaining occupational projections data available on projectionscentral.org, and provides subject matter expertise regarding long-term industry projections.

Accomplishments

Administration and Deliverables

- The PMP Board installed **Mark McInerney (Maine)** as the 2025 Board Chair and elected **Scott Hunzeker (Nebraska)** as Vice Chair. The Board also includes State LMI Directors from Alaska, Florida, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas and Vermont.
- PMP managed the rollout of the **new optional short-term projections deliverable** for PY 2024, including tracking and coordinating communications with state LMI agencies and tracking state decisions on continuing short-term projections.

- The PMP Board submitted a letter to ETA leadership urging **timely release of FY 2025 funding** following delays in federal budget approvals.
- PMP and state partners coordinated **technical support for projections analysts** to mitigate possible disruptions in access to the Projections Suite software.

Strategic Innovation

- PMP and the LMI Institute advanced ETA's **Data User Insights project**, focused on improving data users' access to and understanding of state LMI data.
- PMP/LMII completed the **first Data User Insights Academy cohort**, which convened teams of LMI staff and state/local workforce agencies and boards from Florida, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas to solve state-specific data access and usability challenges; a summary is available on the LMII website.
- PMP/LMII launched a **second Academy cohort** (ongoing) with teams from Hawaii, Louisiana, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Washington, primarily engaging data users from community/technical colleges and, for some teams, university and K–12 partners.
- PMP/LMII delivered **five Data User Insights Roundtable webinars** with an average of 170 registrants, highlighting strategies, tools (e.g., data dashboards, generative AI use in state LMI agencies), and organizational models for improving data user experiences.

Training and Education

- PMP successfully hosted the **2025 PMP Summit**, September 24–26 in Austin, TX, with 115 participants representing 45 states and territories; one-third attended in person and two-thirds virtually.
- All Summit sessions were **live streamed and recorded**, with content posted to the PMP Training site; topics included replicating national BLS methods, handling sub-state area changes, BLS research on AI's workforce impacts, and using R to streamline projections.
- The **New Projectionists group** met regularly throughout 2025 to support analysts with fewer than five years of experience.
- PMP state partners provided **training and technical assistance** to states with new projections staff and responded to nationwide technical questions via the Projections Forum.

IT Modernization

- The PMP team from Utah's Division of Technology Services released a new **"Expert Review" module** for the Projections Suite, enabling improved collaboration between state analysts and employer/industry experts during draft review.
- Utah's PMP team issued **regular software updates** to the Projections Suite, delivering bug fixes, data refreshes, and usability improvements, while continuing the **migration of the Projections Suite to a serverless cloud environment**.