LMI Institute
Navigating the World of Labor Market Information

P.O. Box 12546
Arlington, VA 22219

Basic Labor Market Information Analyst Training

November 16 & 17, 2026
Arlington, VA

AGENDA

Day 1

Time	Session
8:30	Welcome/Introductions
8:45	Introduction to Labor Market Information (LMI) A. What is Labor Market Information (LMI) and Why is it Important? B. Major Players in the LMI World C. Key Values in the LMI World D. Main Suppliers and Customers of LMI
9:00	Understanding the Core LMI Programs A. Core Programs and Function Funded by the U.S. DOL B. Workforce Information Grant Activities C. Federal / State Cooperative Programs D. BLS Confidentiality E. Overview of BLS Cooperative Programs F. Labor Force Questions and Concepts
9:45	**Exercise: Main Suppliers**
10:00	Break
10:30	Understanding the Core LMI Programs (continued) G. Current Population Survey H. Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) I. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) J. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) K. Current Employment Statistics (CES) L. Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) M. Industry and Occupational Projections
11:30	**Exercise: Accessing and Interpreting the Unemployment Rate**

LMI Institute
Navigating the World of Labor Market Information

P.O. Box 12546
Arlington, VA 22219

	Exercise: Accessing and Interpreting Employment and Occupational Data
12:00	Lunch (on your own)
1:15	Other Important Data Sources A. U.S. Census Bureau i. Decennial Census ii. Population Estimates & Projections iii. American Community Survey iv. Economic Census v. County Business Patterns
1:45	**Exercise: Analyzing Demographic Data**
2:15	Break
2:30	Other Important Data Sources (continued) A. Bureau of Economic Analysis B. Other Sources C. Real Time LMI
3:15	**Exercise: Accessing and Interpreting Employment Data from non-BLS Sources**
4:00	Data Visualization and Communication
4:30	Adjourn

Day 2

Time	Session
8:30	Welcome Back/ Review from Day 1
8:45	Basic Industry Analysis A. Understanding NAICS B. Basic vs Non-Basic Economic Theory and Multipliers C. Simple Trend Analysis D. Location Quotients
9:30	**Exercise: Location Quotients**
9:45	Basic Occupation Analysis A. Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) B. Linking Industries to Occupations

P.O. Box 12546
Arlington, VA 22219

	C. Occupational Projections D. O*NET
10:15	**Exercise: Staffing Patterns**
10:30	Break
11:00	Education and Training Data A. Education and Training Required for Occupations B. Career Clusters C. Education Data
11:45	**Exercise: Education Data**
12:00	Lunch (on your own)
1:15	Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) A. Local Employment Dynamics (LED) B. Quarterly Workforce Indicators
2:00	**Exercise: QWI Explorer**
2:15	Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) (continued) C. On the Map Tool
2:45	**Exercise: On The Map Tool**
3:00	Break
3:15	Review Topics and Open Questions
3:45	Pull regional story together
4:00	Adjourn