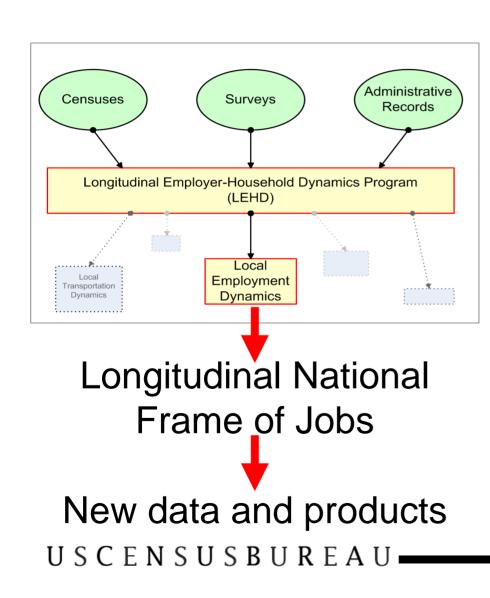
## **Hot Topics in Workforce Information**

Local Employment Dynamics (LED): An Emerging 21<sup>st</sup> Century Statistical System

#### Analyst Resource Center Annual Seminar Transforming Information for the Future

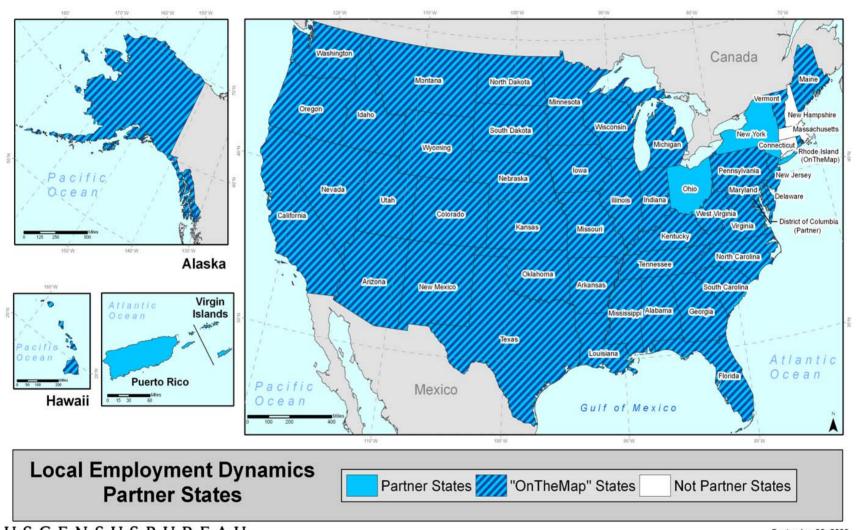
St. Louis, Missouri October 29, 2008

## **Overview of LED**



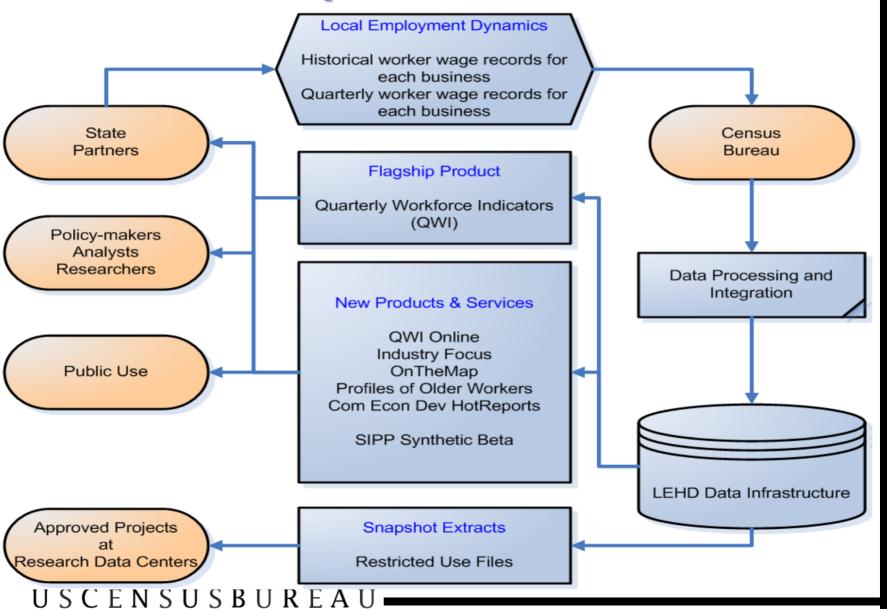
- Leverage existing data
- Create new data and products
- Make valid detailed data available while protect confidentiality
- Cost-effective
- No respondent burden
- Enhance Census
   Bureau operations

# **LED Partnership**

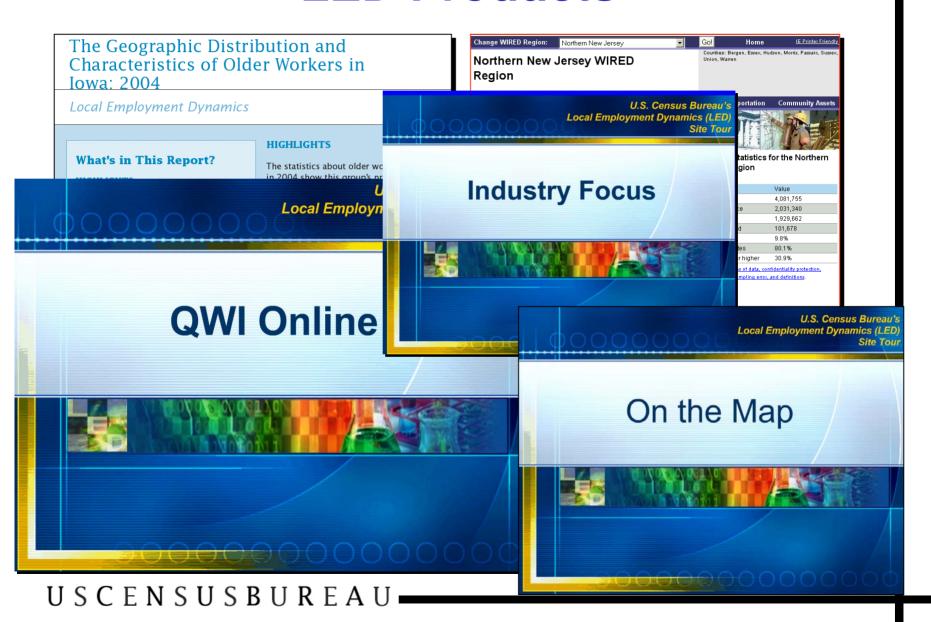


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# **The Operational Model**



### **LED Products**



# **Underlying LED Data**

#### QWI

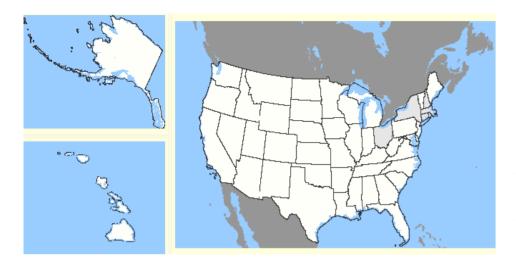
- QWI Online
- Industry Focus
- Older Worker Profiles
- QWI public use files
  - 30 indicators on employment, jobs, earnings, turnovers; 8 in QWI Online
  - Age, gender, NAICS, year/ quarter, job type, geography
  - 22 files compressed quarterly; downloadable;
  - State of Missouri
    - Largest 539MB
    - Smallest 8MB

#### OnTheMap

- OnTheMap version 3
- OTM public use files; 4 types of files for each state
  - Origin-Destination (OD)
     files; job and worker count
     for each of 8Mx8M=64
     trillion block-to-block
     combinations mostly 0s
  - Work Area Characteristics (WAC) files
  - Residence Area
     Characteristics (RAC) files
  - QWI (experimental) files
  - 1.2MB to 126 MB

"Once in a while, an informational product comes along that makes the hearts of all good data geeks beat just a little faster..... This Census Bureau product is named OnTheMap."

Workforce News
Utah Department of Workforce Services



- ✓ Where do workers live?
- Where do residents work?
- Reports on age, earnings, and industries
- Cross-state flows
- 45 states online
- 2002-2006 annual data

# **OnTheMap**

LED's online dynamic mapping and reporting tool

- User-selected areas
- Base unit is Census Block
- Innovative disclosure protection
- Free and available24/7

Version 4 Coming 12/2009

- 46+ states online
- 2002-2008 annual data

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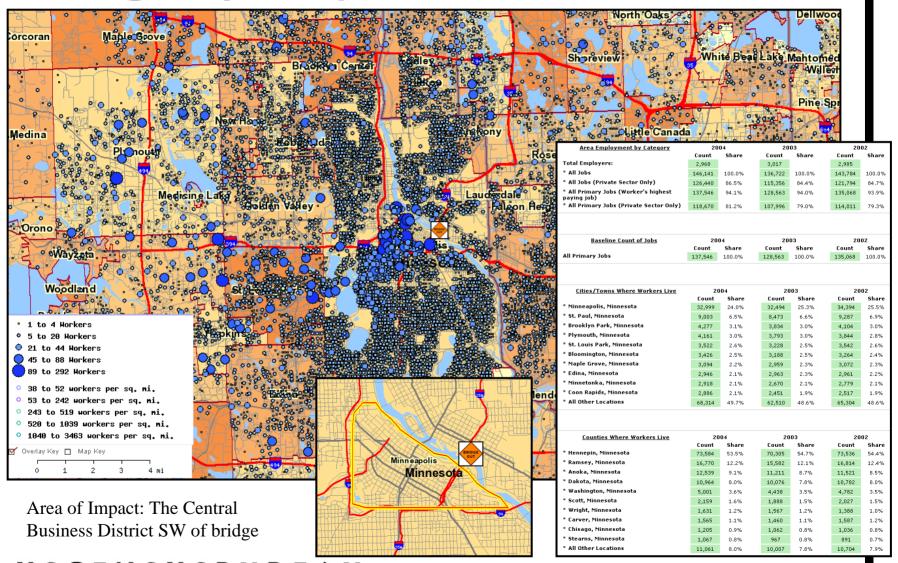
## When there was

...a bridge collapse in Minneapolis,...a tornado touchdown in Missouri,...a hurricane landed in Texas,...wild fire in Southern California,...a flood in Iowa,

How can LED help to assess impact on workers and jobs?

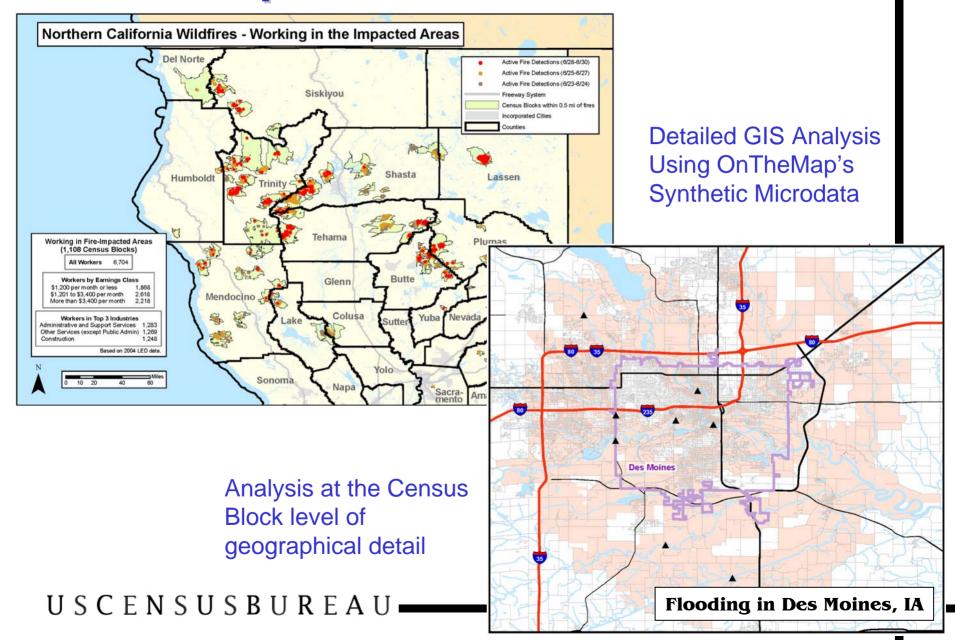
# OnTheMap: Emergency Response

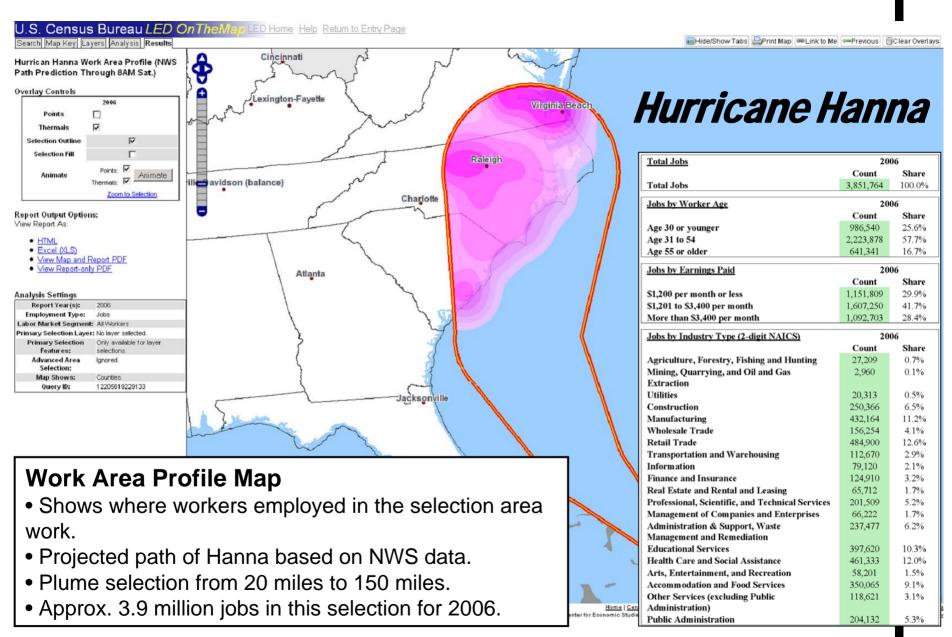
#### Minneapolis I-35W Bridge Collapse -Where Workers in the Central Business District Live

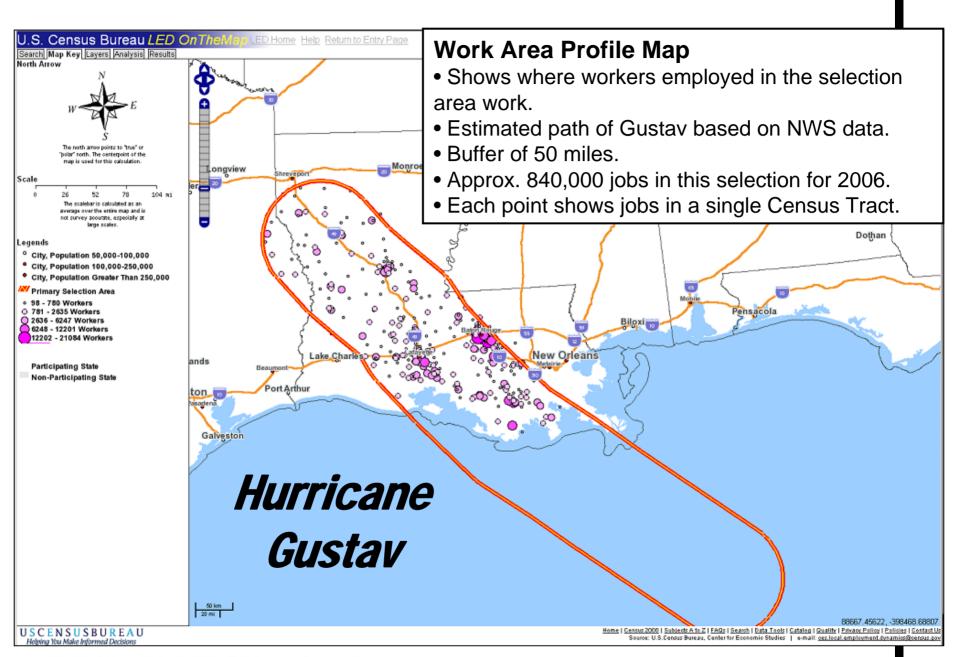


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# OnTheMap: Wildfires and Floods







"The Local Employment Dynamics (LED) partnership and its products, especially the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) and the On the Map online tool, have been critical to the business of analyzing the local labor market and the demographic makeup of King County's industry sectors."

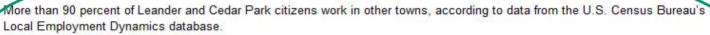
Kris Stadelan, CEO Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County



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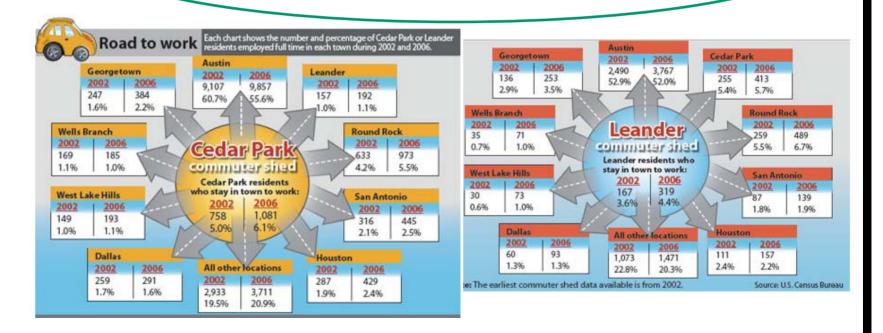
#### Fraction of Leander, Cedar Park residents stay in town to work

Written by Kara Vaught Friday, 17 October 2008



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The term "commuter shed" is used to describe the portion of a city's residents who leave town to work.



# ELGIN COURIER Online

#### Alcoa announces 660 layoffs, local region to feel effects

News that Alcoa will lay off 660 employees and limit the remaining production at the Rockdale aluminum smelter, Sandow, has caused grave concerns for employees and others who may be affected.

Alcoa has announced that it will curtail the remaining production at the Rockdale smelter beginning immediately. The reason Alcoa gives is uncompetitive power supply and overall market conditions.

The Rockdale smelter comprised 150,000 metric tons of productions a year (mtpy). In June, the company idled three of the plant's six operating potlines, which represents approximately 120,000 mtpy of production.

According to an analysis performed by the Capital Area Council of Governments (CACOG) aluminum manufacturing makes up 85 percent of the manufacturing jobs in the Rockdale zip code, 76567, which includes the area surrounding the Alcoa aluminum smelter.

U.S. Census Bureau Local Employment Dynamics data show that half of the manufacturing workers live in Milam County; 16 percent live in Williamson and five percent live in Lee counties.

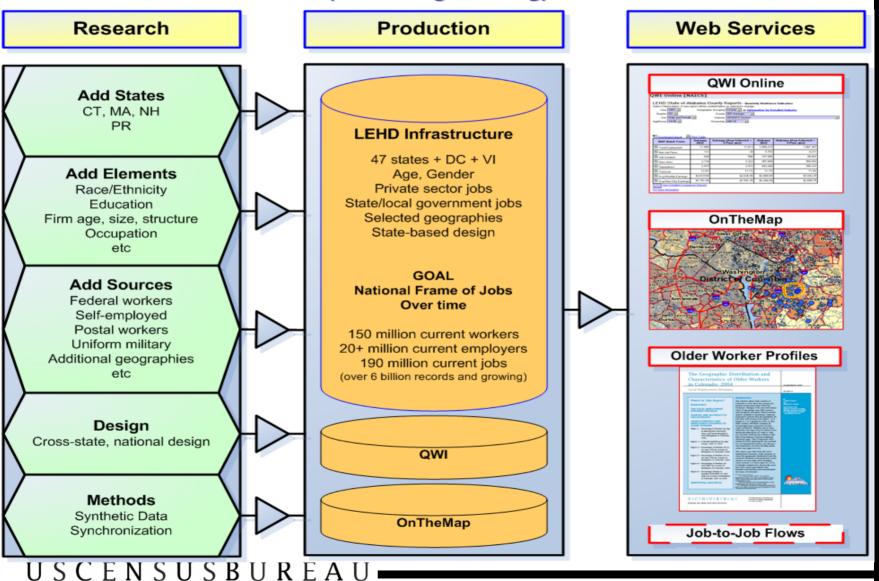
## **Know the Strengths and Limitations**

- Very large files
  - Excel will not be adequate
- Still growing
  - More states;
     elements; sources
- New terms/definitions
- New approach
  - Not a census
  - Not a survey
  - Integrated data

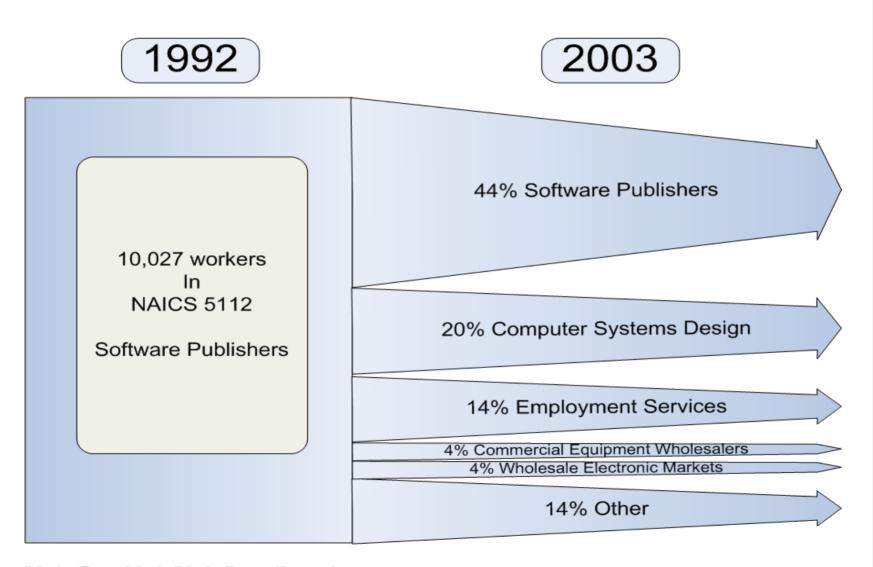
- New methods
  - Imputation
  - Noise infusion
  - Synthetic data modeling
- New look at data
  - Data visualization
  - Not point in time, but longitudinal/over time
- Downloadable

# **Development Plans**

(assuming funding)



#### A Peek into the Future: Flow Statistics



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