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Overview: PY2007 Core Products and Services Grant

The Core Products and Services Grant (CPSG) team for the State of Nebraska resides in the state administrative office building of Nebraska Workforce Development-Department of Labor. Several professional staff positions are dedicated partially or fully to the grant deliverables: Research Supervisor (1), Research Analysts (2.5), Statistical Analysts (2), as well as partially funded coordinating Administrative staff.

During the first two quarters of PY07 there were four vacancies for grant staffed positions. In October, 2007 a Research Supervisor position was filled to help lead and manage grant efforts. Two new Research Analysts were hired in December to fill the vacancies left as a result of a promotion to the Supervisor position as well as an additional position that was vacated in October. Additionally, the Economist position was vacated in September and subsequently left unfilled due to agency budget restrictions. This position had previously been jointly funded 50/50 by the core products and services grant and another funding source.

The benefit of new staff in these positions is the new perspective that they bring to the grant. However, there is a challenge with “the learning curve” in having several staff new to the deliverables. As in PY2006, the experienced staff who had served with the CPSG for several years proved to be an anchor for the grant as newer staff grew more competent in their jobs. As part of the effort to build skills for new staff and enhance knowledge of experienced staff, the following training sessions were attended by CPSG staff: Basic Analyst Training, State Data Center Conference, LMI Forum, MicroMatrix Training, Long-Term and Short-Term Industry Projections Training, Analyst Resource Center Consortium, Local Employment Dynamics Training and Conference, and Supervision Training.

One of the challenges faced by our grant staff is that three key contacts for two local WIB's have resigned, with their positions remaining vacant over several months. A top priority for the CPSG team will be to build a strong relationship with the newly hired Local WIB administrative contacts.

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The following pages report a brief review, by deliverable, of work completed during PY2007. Readers who are interested in learning more about reported activities are encouraged to contact the Research Supervisor at (402) 471-9713.

1. Continue to populate the Workforce Information Database with state and local data.

The Workforce Information Database provides states with a common structure for storing information in a single database for each state. The database is intended to serve as the cornerstone for information delivery, workforce research, and product development for information that is standard and comparable across all states.

Nebraska will continue involvement with the Analyst Resource Center (ARC) by aiding in the long term development of the Workforce Information Database program. Nebraska will continue to maintain database version 1.1 until an updated web interface is implemented. Nebraska plans to continue populating version 1.1 until a web product that is compatible with version 2.4 can be acquired. Version 2.4 of the database was released in July, 2007. Nebraska has worked diligently to install the new version and populate core tables with current data. Additionally, we have provided feedback to the National Crosswalk Service Center to correct errors in the structure of the database they distributed. A more extensive review of Nebraska geographical areas will take place in 2008. Nebraska will also participate as a member of the Workforce Information Database Structure Subcommittee, a work group of the Analyst Resource Center.

Nebraska maintains and updates the core database tables as designated by The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) under the State Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant:

Table Name	Table Type	Core Table	Data Populated	Update Frequency	Last Updated	Next Update
addressy	Lookup	Y	Address Types 1: Physical, 2: Mailing, 3: UI, and 4: OES	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
annslflg	Lookup	Y	Annual Sales Codes, 1: Collected and 2: Estimated	As Needed	Verified	As Needed

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areatype	Lookup	Y	Areatypes defined for each state and national. NE has 26 area types defined (State, MSA, SDA, County, City, Town, Etc.)	As directed	Verified	As Directed
benchmark	Lookup	Y	2000-2004 Benchmarks from CES and 2005-2006 from LAUS	As Needed	Nov 30 2007	As Needed
ces	Data	Y	National: 1939-present month. NE:Statewide, OmahaMSA, LincolnMSA 2004-present month.	Monthly	Sept 2007	Oct 2007
cescode	Lookup	Y	3890 series codes with long and short descriptions for National and NE Statewide series.	As Needed	June 06	As Needed
creditcd	Lookup	Y	6 Credit Ratings used in Employer Database. Over 80,000 Nebraska Employers including physical location, mailing address, geocode, employee count, credit rating	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
empdb	Data	Y	Two records for source of employment size within empdb. 1 is collected from source, 2 is estimated by empdb data supplier	Twice Yearly	April 2008	Sept 2008
empszflg	Lookup	Y	Employment size ranges for employers within the empdb table. Size ranges are A-K	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
empszrng	Lookup	Y	Levels of precision for geocodes: Address, Zip+4, Zip+2, Zip Code	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
geocode	Lookup	Y	Geography definitions for us, each state, Ne has state, MSA, LMA, and counties defined	As Needed	Jan 2006	As Needed
geog	Lookup	Y	Growth codes used in industry or occupation data. Declining, Growing, or Stable.	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
growcode	Lookup	Y				

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Variable	Type	Frequency	Description	Frequency	Verification	Availability
income	Data	Y	Census (Median Household-Type 03 Source 1): National 1984-2005. NE 1984-2005. County 1984-2004. BEA (Total Income-Type 01 Source 3): National 1929-2005. NE 1929-2005. County 1969-2004. BEA (Per Capita Income-Type 02 Source 3): Nat 1929-2006. NE 1929-2006. MSAs 1969-2005. Counties 1969-2005. MCs 1969-2005. HUD (Median Family Income-Type 04 Source 2): Nat 1989-2006. NE 1989-2006.	Annual: January (Census), March (HUD) Semi-Annual: May and September (BEA)		Sept 2007 Jan 2008
incomtyp	Lookup	Y	Income Types National and NE: Total Income, Median Household, Per Capita, Median Family Income Sources National and NE: HUD, BEA, Census	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
incsource	Lookup	Y	NE industry codes and titles, 3 digit to 6 digit, 3397 records total.	As Needed	Verified	As Needed
indcodes	Administrative	Y	Micromatrix level industry codes used in projections Industry Level projections statewide ** Nebraska populates IOMATRIX instead of indprj and occprj	As Needed	Reviewed	As Needed
inddir	Lookup	Y	Industry sectors and subsectors	Annually	2008	2009
indprj	Data	Y	SIC or NAICS designation	Annually	2005	N/A
indsub	Lookup	Y	Nebraska Industries	As Needed	Reviewed	As
indtypes	Lookup	Y	Nebraska Projections	As Needed	2007	As Needed
industry	Data	Y		As Needed	Reviewed	As Needed
iomatrix	Data	Y		Annually	2007	Fall 2007
labforce	Data	Y		Monthly	2007	2008
leveltyp	Lookup	Y	1948-present Occupational Levels (apprenticeship, experienced, journeyman, etc.)	As Needed	Verified	As Needed

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licauth	Data	Y	Occupational License ID Directory	Annually	2007	2008
license	Data	Y	Occupational Licenses in Nebraska	Annually	2007	2008
					Reviewed	As
licnumty	Lookup	Y	License Number Types	As Needed	2007	Needed
			License to Occupational Code Crosswalk-includes License to SOC		Reviewed	As
licxocc	Crosswalk	Y		As Needed	2006	Needed
					Reviewed	As
locstat	Lookup	Y	Firm Location Types	As Needed	2007	Needed
						As
matxnaic	Crosswalk	Y	Mat Industry Code to Naics code	As Needed	As Needed	Needed
						As
matxsoc	Crosswalk	Y	Mat Occupational code to Soc Code	As Needed	As Needed	Needed
						As
occcodes	Administrative	Y	All Occupational Codes (multiple types)	As Needed	As Needed	Needed
						As
occdir	Lookup	Y	Mat Odd Code matched with occupational titles Occupational Level projections statewide ** Nebraska populates IOMATRIX instead of indprj and occprj	As Needed	As Needed	Needed
occprj	Data	Y		N/A	N/A	N/A
						As
occssub	Lookup	Y	Occupational Data Summary levels	As Needed	As Needed	Needed
			Types of occupational codes (DOT, Census, OES, etc.)		Reviewed	As
occtypes	Lookup	Y		As Needed	2007	Needed
					Needs	
oeswage	Data	Y	Occupational wages by area	Twice yearly	Reviewed	Fall 2007
			Ownership codes and titles for employers and categories			As
ownership	Lookup	Y		As Needed	As Needed	Needed
period	Lookup	Y	Time periods	Monthly	June 2008	July 2008
						June
periodid	Lookup	Y	Projection Periods	Annually	June 2008	2009
			Time period types (Annual, Quarter, Monthly, etc.)		Reviewed	As
periodty	Lookup	Y		As Needed	2007	Needed
			Population Sources (Census, BEA, State Defined)		Reviewed	As
popsourc	Lookup	Y	Population (Census) National 1900-2006, NE statewide 1900-2006, counties 1970-2006	As Needed	2007	Needed
populatn	Data	Y		Annual	April 2007	April 2008
ratetype	Lookup	Y	Wage Rate Types (hourly,	As Needed	Reviewed	As

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			weekly, etc.)		2007	Needed
statype	Lookup	Y	Income stat types (Mode, Mean, Median, 10 th percentile, etc.)	As Needed	Reviewed	As
					2007	Needed
					Reviewed	As
stfipstb	Lookup	Y	State FIPS Codes	As Needed	2007	Needed
					Reviewed	As
urltopic	Lookup	Y	URL Description	As Needed	2007	Needed

Nebraska is required to submit occupational licensing tables to the National Crosswalk Service Center on a biannual basis. Nebraska has most recently submitted updated files in August 2006. Licensing Tables were reviewed and processed for ACINET in the fall 2007. The next update to the National Crosswalk Service Center will be in 2009 to coincide with the delivery of updates for ACINET.

Utilization of the Workforce Information Database can be measured in data requests to the applications that draw data from it. The requests focus around economic data pertinent to specific areas within Nebraska and with bordering states. Information regarding data requests can be found on pages 18-20.

2. Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections.

In PY07, both short-term (2007-2009) and long-term (2006-2016) industry and occupational projections were produced for the Nebraska Statewide region and seven sub-state areas.

Industry Projections: Both long-term (2006-2016) and short-term (2007-2009) industry projections were completed at the statewide level and transmitted to MicroMatrix in order to create occupation projections for the June 30, 2008 deliverable. At the regional level, short-term industry projections were completed mid-May and posted to the website. A shortfall in grant funds for PY2007 did not allow for them to be posted to the website prior to June 30, 2008.

Occupation Projections: Both long-term (2006-2016) and short-term (2007-2009) occupational projections were completed in May, 2008. They were transmitted to North

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Carolina for inclusion on the projections central website (<http://projectionscentral.com>).

Occupation projections were posted to the website.

Projections information is provided to State and Local Workforce Investment Boards, agency staff, and customers via the Nebraska Workforce Development website (www.NebraskaWorkforce.com). Data is available in secure Excel worksheets that may be downloaded by website customers. Staff will publish an in-depth analysis of the projected occupation and industry trends in the State as well as in each region of the state in September 2008. CPSG staff members are available for presentations to, and consultation with, state and local agency staff, local Economic Development groups, Chambers of Commerce, and businesses to assist in accurate interpretation of the data used in workforce planning and decision-making.

3. Publish an annual economic analysis report for the governor and the SWIB.

The statewide annual economic analysis report, hereinafter referred to as the Statewide Report, was adapted from the publication format originally used for the Regional Reviews prepared for metropolitan and non-metropolitan regions in Nebraska. The annual statewide analysis incorporates statewide data with an additional state government and economic development overview. The report was presented to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (NWIB) at their meeting in March, 2008. Both the format and content were very well received by members of the NWIB. Comments and suggestions from members of the NWIB were incorporated in the final published report.

Recent state legislation allows the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Governor's official designee at NWIB meetings when the Governor is not able to attend. The Lieutenant Governor received the Statewide Report at the March meeting.

In addition, the Statewide Report was shared with members of the State Board of Education at their May meeting. This presentation was requested by the Commissioner of Education as a result of the opportunity he had to receive the report and presentation as a member of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board.

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Following the meeting, NWD-DOL received several requests for the publication by NWIB members to share the report with their business, organization, or board. In addition, subsequent meetings related to this report were held with the Department of Economic Development and the Commission on Postsecondary Education, where additional data was made available for the report. This publication is posted to NebraskaWorkforce.com.

The statewide annual economic analysis report data has also been shared with the NWIB's Key Result Area (KRA) Committees for consideration in planning and decision-making. Members of the KRA #1 Committee focus on employer and labor force needs for the twenty-first century. It is anticipated that members of this committee will utilize the statewide data report when making recommendations to the NWIB.

4. Post products, information, and reports on the Internet.

A newly designed LMI website featuring a more user friendly interface was fully implemented by August 2007. The improved site offers improved search capabilities, statistics at a glance, a quick view of newly released information, and a 'how-to-use' video tutorial.

In response to a request by the Local Areas, Career Centers, and the Department of Education Career and Technical Education Division, two new search tools are being developed as part of the **Nebraska Career Compass** application to identify high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations through an occupation search and a targeted industry search. Search results will assist WIA case managers and clients in identifying demand occupations that will pay a living wage through short-term training while supplying a talent pipeline within Nebraska's targeted industries.

Definitions were developed with input from the Local Areas and Career Center staff and applied to occupational projections and occupational employment statistics. The state's targeted industries considered were those identified by the Economic Development, Future Force, and four Local Workforce Investment areas.

Additional updates to Career Compass include wage, projection, and apprenticeship data.

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In PY2007, Nebraska completed major enhancements to 13 *Labor Market Regional Review* publications. Enhancements to the layout and design made these publications more appealing and reader-friendly. Aspects of more in depth analysis include data information sections found on each page that answer the following questions: 'What is it?', 'How to use it', and 'Where to find it', tailored to each area. These publications were designed to paint a useful picture of the regional labor market while displaying complex concepts in a concise and simple format. The *Labor Market Regional Reviews* continue to evolve in response to feedback from Nebraska's Workforce Investment Boards, Career Centers, and Economic Development entities. In addition to localized demographic, occupation and industry information, new content including employee benefits, union membership data, and localized commuting patterns from administrative databases was added. Migration and foreign-born population data and the older worker profiles were expanded.

Labor Market Regional Review publications are targeted for use by State and Local Workforce Investment Boards, local and regional economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, and employers. These publications are available online in portable document format (pdf).

The publication entitled *Nebraska Workforce Trends*, previously known as *Economic Trends* has undergone a significant transformation in order to appeal to a broader audience, improve quality, provide information in a timely manner, and reduce publication costs. *Nebraska Workforce Trends* is a compilation of articles related to career centers, businesses, chambers of commerce, and educational institutions. It also includes current labor market information and business information from other areas of Nebraska Workforce Development-Department of Labor.

Nebraska Workforce Trends became an electronic only publication with the March 2008 issue. Customers of the printed publication were notified two months prior to the change that Trends would be available electronically beginning March 2008. A postcard was also sent to subscribers two weeks prior to the change taking place. No negative feedback in response to the transition of *Nebraska Workforce Trends* to an electronic only publication was received.

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In order to make this transition seamless for subscribers, a new icon was placed on the Nebraska Workforce Development homepage allowing readers easy access to the publication. The new electronic newsletter features a printer-friendly version to print a single article or the entire publication. Users may also access past issues or sign up to receive *Nebraska Workforce Trends* via email.

There were several advantages with transitioning *Nebraska Workforce Trends* to an electronic publication. Timeliness of dissemination reduced lag time from two months to one month and a significant cost savings was also realized by eliminating printing and postage costs which reduced the monthly publication cost from \$2,400 to about \$400. *Nebraska Workforce Trends* is published to the website each month following the departmental press release.

Nebraska will continue to develop and provide occupational and career information products to meet special needs at the state and/or local level. As noted in the PY06 report, Nebraska Career Connections.org has been launched by the Department of Education at the high school level. Since inception, over 278 sites have been set up to use Nebraska Career Connections. This translates to over 24,000 assessments taken by Nebraska students by the close of the 07-08 school year. The top three clusters of interest of those students are: 1) Finance, 2) Health Science, and 3) Architecture & Construction. Within the next year, Nebraska is in the process of completing an interface between the Career Connections portal and workforce products. All of these students will have seamless access to current labor market and occupational data for career planning.

The “K to Gray” career planning concept, with Nebraska Career Connections serving as a comprehensive portal, has generated interest beyond the boundaries of our state. Limited funding has delayed the transition to fully integrate this tool with career and training tools available on NWD-DOL’s website. Nebraska’s Workforce Information Database will be utilized to provide wage, projection, and labor force data within this application. The Career Compass tool currently available on our website will also serve to provide career related data for this comprehensive career planning system.

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In an ongoing effort to provide access to the best resources available to the public, the **Nebraska Explorer** web application was updated in the fall of 2007. Nebraska Explorer is a large repository of links to information grouped into six major groups: Job and Career, Education and Training, State and Local Resources, Economic Research, Government and Miscellaneous. The changes to this site included the removal of page frames allowing each selected item to launch in a new browser window. The updates also included a complete revision of the links offered. Obsolete links were removed or replaced and newly available sites added.

Nebraska continues to focus on building awareness of LMI online products and consultative resources. As feasible, Nebraska continues to use in-person presentations by CPSG analysts. This is an excellent forum for answering the “what’s in it for me” questions by both job seekers and businesses.

Regularly Scheduled Training Provided by CPSG Staff in PY07

Audience	Number of Events	Participants
Business	4	167
Case Managers	2	28
Economic Development	1	20
Human Resources	2	140
Job Seekers	19	567
Students	3	119
Total	31	1,041

Transition Assistance Program (TAP):

Labor Market Information resources that are available on the NWD-DOL website are presented to individuals retiring or separating from the military 16 times per year. Transition Assistance is conducted at Offutt Air Force Base, with approximately 40 people in attendance at each session. Last year, Offutt made a computer lab available and expanded the sessions available to those preparing to transition from the military back into the civilian workforce. Content includes O*NET, ACINET, occupational wages, projections, Salary Relocation Calculator, JobLink, and Job Central. Customer satisfaction is tracked for each session and comments are used to refine the presentation.

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Tracking and Reporting Exchange System/Individual Training Account Training:

Hands-on training for Career Center and WIA partner staff was offered covering use of the eligible training provider list, TrainingLink, Career Compass, O*NET, ways to document demand, and the WIA information management system. Self-sufficiency information is included so that participants make informed career decisions. Evaluations are used to refine training for future improvements of training materials and methods. Evaluations from the training were very positive and participants asked for more information on career planning. Subsequent training sessions will incorporate additional career planning information into the training. Twenty-two new Career Center staff and WIA partner staff attended these sessions.

Vocational Rehabilitation Training:

Training on O*NET, NAICS, ACINET, Career Compass, TrainingLink, Nebraska Explorer, and Salary Relocation Calculator was conducted in cooperation with Vocational Rehabilitation staff. The training was related to case management employment plan guidelines. Participant evaluations indicated a preference for the hands-on computer exercises. CPSG staff will continue to work with this target audience to customize training content. Training was conducted on a fee for service basis in January 2008 for twenty new staff.

Conferences and Public Presentations by CPSG Staff

Nebraska State Data Center Conference:

NWD-DOL presented a breakout session at the University of Nebraska – Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research, State Data Center Conference in early August, 2008. Changes to the LMI website, benefits survey report, job vacancy, college graduate follow-up, and DMV workforce demographics were presented. Attendees included representatives from government agencies, media, non-profits, education, and businesses. The Omaha Mayor's office requested a copy of the presentation and Nebraska State Personnel requested more of the demographic data after the presentation.

Job Seeker related presentations

Presentations were given to groups that requested Labor Market Information for the purpose of seeking a job. Career planning and job seeking topics including web based assistance were included in the presentations. Special request Job Seeker Presentations are noted below:

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Fremont High Schools Career Day	March 17, 2008	60 people
LMI for Job Seekers –CenterPointe	March 19, 2008	15 people
High School Career Education – Norris High School	April 16, 2008	10 people
LMI for Job Seekers –Experience Unlimited of Lincoln	Oct 11, 2007	20 people

Business/Economic Development related presentations and meetings

These presentations mutually focused on occupational wages, projections, college graduate outcomes, economic development site selection and other topics covered in the regional reviews.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
Nebraska Workforce Investment Board	September 2007	40
Norfolk - NAHRA HR Symposium	October 2007	150
Nebraska Clerks of Magistrate	December 2007	75
Plainview – Northeast Nebraska LMI data	February 2008	20
Nebraska Workforce Investment Board	March 2008	40
Nebraska Board of Education	May 2008	50

Open House/Career Fair Booths

Nebraska Health Stakeholders Meeting	February 2008	25
Health Summit Meeting – UNMC	May 2008	100

All Presentation Events		7/1/06 - 6/30/07	
Audience	# of Events	Participants	
Business	23	3903	
Case Managers	5	50	
Econ. Development	11	122	
Human Resources	4	5536	
Job Seekers	19	1202	
Other	3	40	
Students	5	5855	
WFD - DOL	4	61	
WIB Committees	5	75	
Totals	76	16799	

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5. Partner and consult on a continuing basis with workforce investment boards.

Local Area Workforce Investment Area Plans:

Labor market information is provided to Nebraska's three local areas as requested and for the completion of annual program plans. Data that is needed includes population demographics, workforce and labor force size, unemployment rate, and employment and industry projections for each area. This information is used to chart and/or reinforce the direction each local area has taken to meet the needs of the customers served in that area, and justification for continued efforts.

6. Conduct Special Studies and Economic Analysis

2006 Nebraska Employee Benefits Survey Report:

The 2006 Employee Benefits Survey collected data on the incidence of insurance, retirement, paid time off and other benefits by region, industry and size class. The report was completed in June 2007. As a cost savings measure, this report was distributed in Portable Document Format on the NWD-DOL website in September 2007.

Labor Market Dynamics (LMD):

Aggregate counts of hires, separations, retention, "one quarter workers", corresponding rates and flow rate are available through the fourth quarter of 2006. The information is provided as both quarterly and annual data for NAICS sector and sub-sector industry levels. Specific quarters and/or additional industry detail are provided to businesses upon request.

Labor Market Dynamic results have been included in Workforce Investment Board (WIB) committee reports, economic development groups, businesses, and the Nebraska Regional Review publications, which are frequently requested by economic development and businesses. The 2007Q4 Labor Market Dynamics information became available July 2008.

Job Vacancy Survey:

The Nebraska ***Job Vacancy Survey*** (JVS) provides supply and demand indicators of workforce shortages to understand and interpret the needs for labor in the current economy. The number of job vacancies, the job vacancy rate, and the duration of vacancies combined give a picture of which occupations are in demand, experience significant turnover, or appear

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to be in relative balance. Job vacancy estimates by region and Statewide are available by industry, occupation, business size, and job type (fulltime/part/time), and include average wage.

The 2006Q4 report was released in September 2007. CD's instead of paper copies were mailed to respondents to reduce printing and postage costs. The 2007Q2 report was released in October 2007, and the 2007Q4 report was released in March 2008. Customers were notified via an email announcement.

Reports comparing Employment Services (ES) job applicants and openings to estimated number of job vacancies from survey results were distributed to Career Centers. The reports assist business managers in determining where to market job applicants. By providing the number of occupational vacancies by industry, applicants can be placed in higher paying industries.

JVS results were used in LMI training, media requests, WIB committee reports, occupational demand indicators for litigation and articles for Economic Trends. Vocational Rehabilitation and the Workers Compensation Court have used JVS results in conjunction with occupational projection data to select training programs.

Nebraska program priorities have determined the JVS will not be administered in 2008 due to the cost of such a high-volume survey. Nebraska worked with customers of the Job Vacancy Survey to find information alternatives that would continue to meet their needs.

NAHRA HR Symposium, Norfolk, NE:

One staff member was invited to be part of the "Future of the Workforce in Nebraska" panel discussion at the Norfolk Area Human Resource Association (NAHRA) HR Symposium in Norfolk, Nebraska. The conference was open to employers in the area and focused on several workforce issues. Also included in the panel discussion were representatives from the department of education, department of economic development and a Nebraska Senate representative from Norfolk.

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Wage Records:

A wage record match for Employment Services of 500 job applicants was conducted as a test to see if they had become reemployed. New Hires data was also used for this request. A wage record match was also conducted for the Department of Employment, Research & Planning in Wyoming for a longitudinal nursing study and succession planning. Nebraska also performs wage records matches for WIA performance information for Adult Basic Education and the Migrant and Seasonal Farm worker program. Nebraska has also been working with the Nebraska Department of Education Carl Perkins staff on testing the college graduate follow up with wage records for WIA common measures performance.

Administrative Database Wage Records:

Nebraska matched unemployment insurance files with other administrative records to obtain demographic information about people working in Nebraska. Administrative data was merged with the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage EQUI file to obtain industry employment and wage information by location. This information is used often for data requests, presentations, and the Regional Review publications.

Regional Innovation Grant:

Nebraska provided Labor Market Information that was critical in securing a Regional Innovation Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department. This grant will help Southeast Nebraska launch a newly defined regional economy that attracts innovative businesses and offers workers better job opportunities. The grant will, among other activities, support planning, outreach to potential stakeholders, regional asset mapping, and a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) assessment. Through these efforts, the region will develop a regional implementation plan that links economic and workforce development strategies.

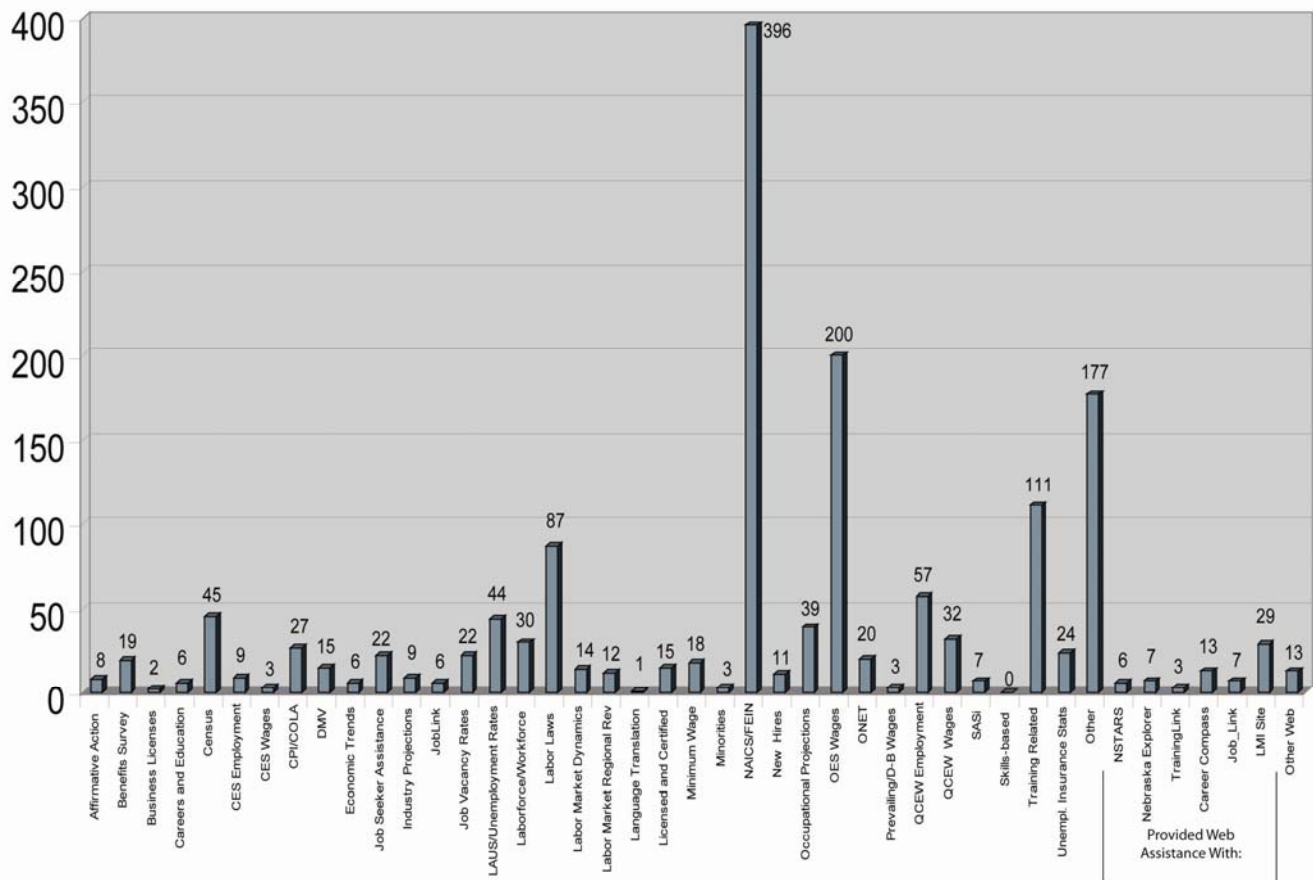
The region targeted for this project consists of the following counties: Fillmore, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward and York. High-growth industries targeted for recruitment include life sciences, computer software, insurance, financial services, business services and logistics/distribution.

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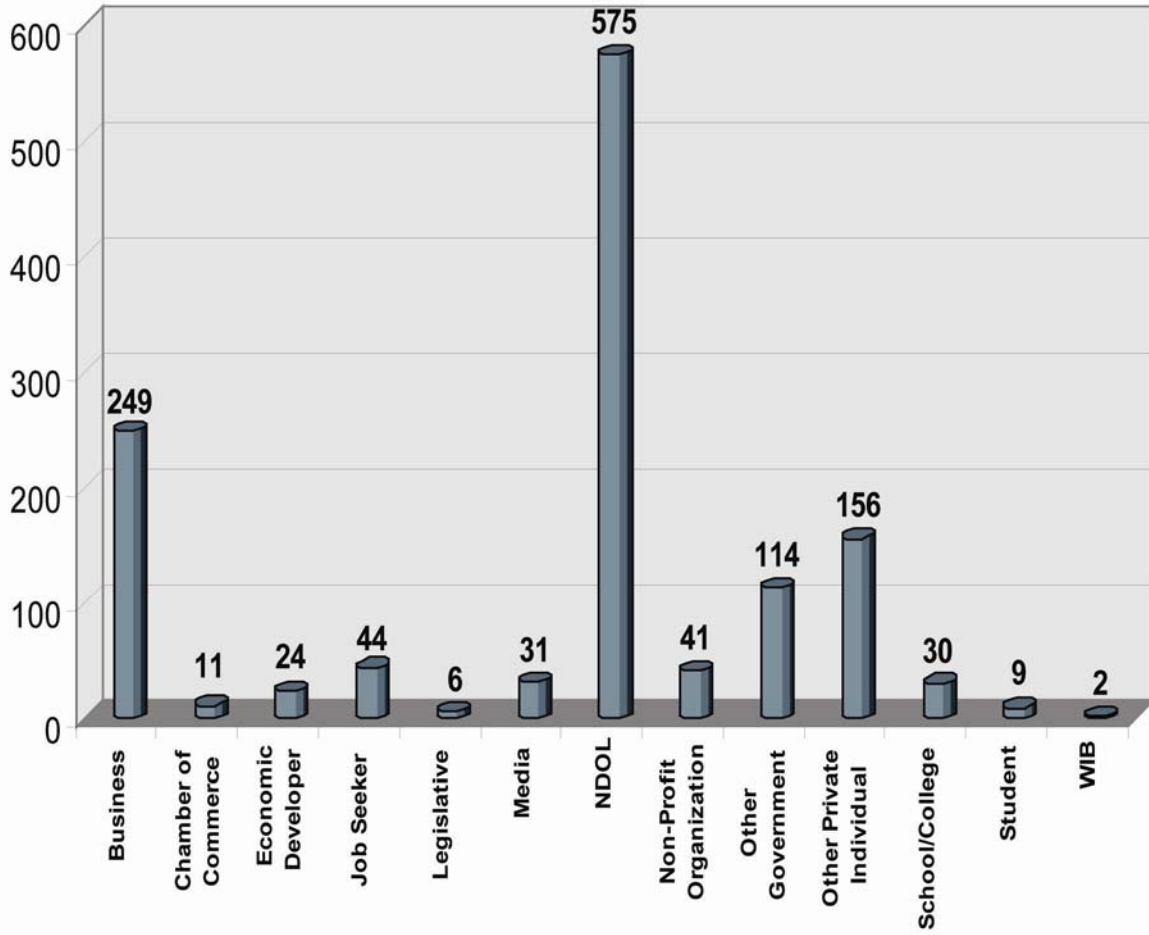
Data Requests:

Information on data requests are recorded in a shared database. Aggregate information from the request database is displayed in an Appendix included with this report. Additional information on data requests is available by request.

Data Types Requested July 2007 - June 2008



Types of Requestors July 2007 - June 2008



Data Request Delivery Methods July 2007 - June 2008

