

The Unemployment to Reemployment Dashboard

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States Present Real-Time "Unemployment to Reemployment" Dashboard to Federal Partners

The Midwest Collaborative, a collaborative of states working in partnership with the Coleridge Initiative, has been measuring the effects of COVID-19 on local economies using real-time data and recently provided an overview of their efforts to key federal partners, including staff from the Office of Management and Budget, US Department of Labor, and Congressional Offices and Committees. These efforts shed light on the critical nature of the work of state Labor Market Information shops and the need for sustained funding to produce real-time labor market insights which are key to state and local policymakers, agency administrators, as well as local businesses and jobseekers.

While production and counting of UI claims, as well as RESEA data, are available to many state LMI shops, the urgency of the COVID-19 crisis calls for more. Illinois Labor Market Information Director, Dr. George Putnam, and Indiana Assistant Director of Research and Analysis, Diana Barrett, showcased how they have worked across state lines to identify which local labor markets were hit the hardest by COVID-19 induced layoffs, analyze the impact on those economies, and start to build a sense of composition of the claimants themselves, by analyzing demographic, industry, and occupation data. While state data systems end at state borders, we know socioeconomic activity does not. Through the Midwest Collaborative and the Coleridge Initiative, Illinois, Indiana, and eight other Midwest states are beginning to understand their local economies in a more robust fashion, and continue to educate key partners on the efficacy of such regional collaborations.

You can watch the one-hour interview with George and Diana, and see a demonstration of their dashboard, [here](#).