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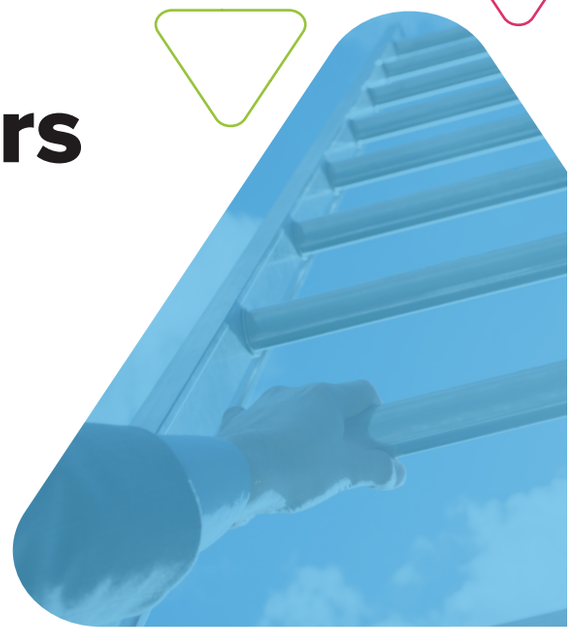
Metro Atlanta eXchange for Workforce Solutions

Data Resources for Workforce Developers



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Bureau of Economic Analysis

https://www.bea.gov/

BEA is part of the United States Department of Commerce is a U.S. government agency that provides official macroeconomic and industry statistics, most notably reports about the gross domestic product (GDP) of the United States and its jurisdictions.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

https://www.bls.gov/

BLS is a unit of the United States Department of Labor and the principal fact-finding agency for the U.S. government with detailed labor economics and statistics.

Career Ladder Identifier and Financial Forecaster (CLIFF)

https://www.atlantafed.org/economic-mobility-and-resilience/advancing-careers-for-low-income-families/cliff-tool

Career Ladder Identifier and Financial Forecaster, or CLIFF, is an umbrella for interactive financial planning tools designed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to provide information about benefits loss along a career path.

- **CLIFF Snapshot:** The CLIFF Snapshot compares a client's current financial situation to alternative scenarios. Counselors can use the tool to help clients better understand how an increase in wages, additional hours worked, or participation in public assistance programs may better position them for financial stability.
  See demo of the CLIFF Snapshot: https://emar-data-tools.shinyapps.io/cliff_snapshot_demo/
- **CLIFF Dashboard:** The CLIFF Dashboard details the long-term financial implications of a new career. The Dashboard shows income and public assistance over a 20-year-plus horizon. The Dashboard also includes a minimum household budget that identifies the estimated level at which after-tax income will position a worker to cover basic expenses.
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- **CLIFF Planner:** The CLIFF Planner helps clients when they're ready to map out details of a career move. With the Planner's flexibility, counselors can work with clients to build a customized education plan, career plan, and budget. The Planner produces a much more individualized financial portrait than does the Dashboard.
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Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED)

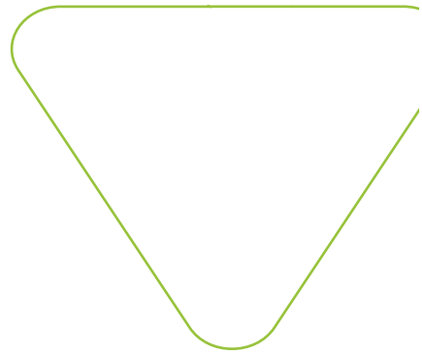
https://fred.stlouisfed.org/

Short for Federal Reserve Economic Data, FRED is an online database consisting of hundreds of thousands of economic data time series from scores of national, international, public, and private sources. FRED, created and maintained by the Research Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, goes far beyond simply providing data. It combines data with a powerful mix of tools that help the user understand, interact with, display, and disseminate the data.

Jobs Calculator

https://www.atlantafed.org/chcs/calculator

The Atlanta Fed's Job Calculator determines the net employment change needed to achieve a target unemployment rate after a specified number of months. The user can adjust the target unemployment rate, the number of months, and the assumed labor force growth.



Labor Force Participation Dynamics

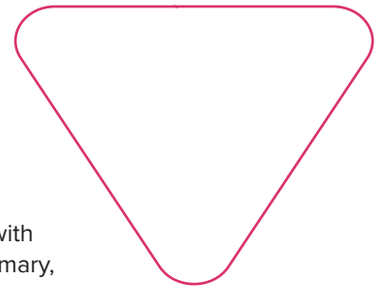
https://www.atlantafed.org/chcs/labor-force-participation-dynamics

The population over age 60 has been putting significant downward pressure on the overall rate of labor force participation. But they are not the only factor behind the drop. Go to the Atlanta Fed's Labor Force Participation Dynamics page to learn about the behavioral, demographic, and cyclical factors.

Labor Market Distributions Spider Chart

https://www.atlantafed.org/chcs/labor-market-distributions

The Atlanta Fed's Spider Chart allows monitoring of broad labor market developments by comparing current conditions to those in up to two earlier time periods that the user selects.



Labor Report First Look

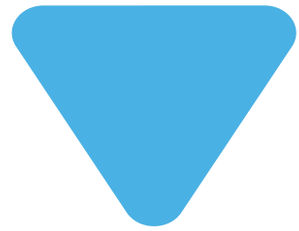
https://www.atlantafed.org/chcs/labor-report-first-look

The Atlanta Fed provides a concise view of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Situation Summary. The tables and charts in the First Look offer a quick look at current and historical data along with data constructed from the summary. Data in the First Look will be updated with each release of the summary, which usually occurs on the first Friday of each month.

MIT Living Wage Calculator

https://livingwage.mit.edu/

MIT developed the Living Wage Calculator to help individuals, communities, employers, and others estimate the local wage rate that a full-time worker requires to cover the costs of their family's basic needs where they live. Users can explore the living wage in a county, metro area, or state for 12 different family types.



Occupational Mobility Explorer

https://www.philadelphiafed.org/surveys-and-data/community-development-data/occupational-mobility-explorer

This interactive tool created by the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Philadelphia sheds light on career pathways in the U.S. labor market. The tool allows users to explore career paths and visualize how job skills needed for specific occupations can transfer to higher-paying occupations in the same geographical area. Users can also access resources to help them search for jobs in their region and build a skills-based resume.

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Unemployment Claims Monitor

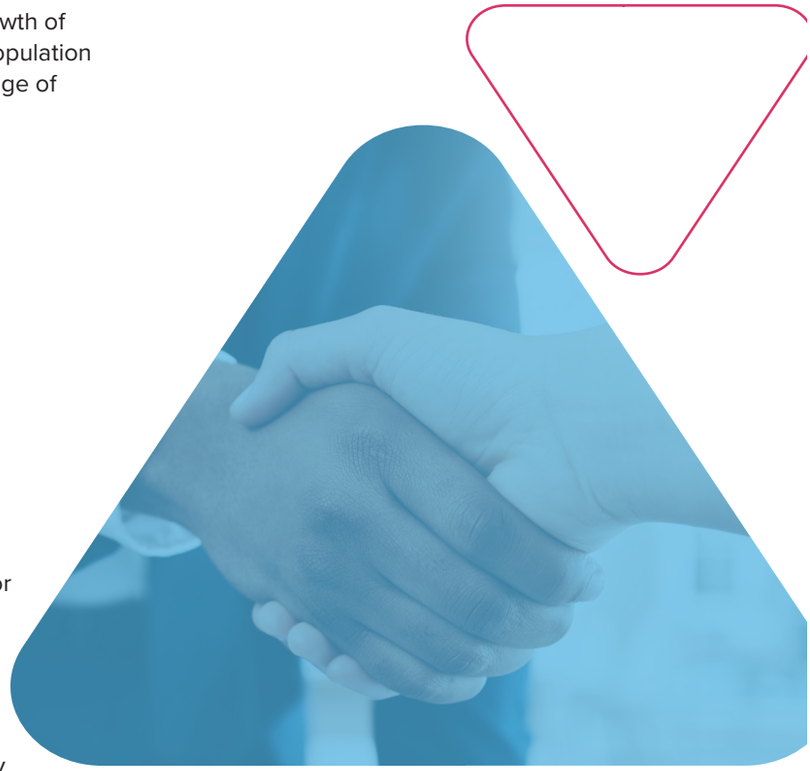
https://www.atlantafed.org/cweo/data-tools/unemployment-claims-monitor

The Atlanta Fed's Unemployment Claims Monitor tracks initial and continued claims for unemployment insurance—and claimant demographics—for each state and nationally. The tool is updated weekly with U.S. Department of Labor data.

Wage Growth Tracker

https://www.atlantafed.org/chcs/wage-growth-tracker

The Atlanta Fed's Wage Growth Tracker measures the wage growth of individuals. It is constructed using microdata from the Current Population Survey (CPS) and is the median percent change in the hourly wage of individuals observed 12 months apart.



Worker Perspectives: Qualitative Research

https://fedcommunities.org/research/worker-voices/

Capturing the full picture of the labor market means looking beyond the numbers to consider the experience of everyday workers and job seekers. Worker Voices, a research effort by the Federal Reserve Banks, provides a unique view into how job seekers and workers in lower-wage roles navigated the labor market at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and through recovery—and how it changed what they expect from a job. Learning about these workers' first-hand experiences can provide depth and breadth to our collective understanding of economic conditions and labor market dynamics.

The Workforce Almanac

https://workforcealmanac.com/

The United States workforce development sector has historically been treated in silos. As a result, practitioners and researchers alike have struggled to understand it as a system that includes higher education institutions, registered apprenticeships, organizations eligible to receive WIOA funds, and non-profit providers. To understand how well the workforce development sector really serves American workers and communities, the Workforce Almanac is a first-of-its-kind initiative that aims to help us move away from a siloed conception of workforce development training provision and towards a new, integrated idea of the sector that puts the worker front and center. The Workforce Almanac maps to providers of workforce training across the country, from short-term (lasting less than two years) to post-high school training opportunities in which learners gain work-relevant skills to help them find a job.

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Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE): Georgia Insights

https://georgiainsights.gadoe.org/Dashboards

Georgia Insights is the go-to location for GaDOE's dashboards, data files, and data resources. By providing data in a streamlined, usable, and useful manner, Georgia Insights equips educators, parents, and communities with the tools and information needed to enact positive change in Georgia's schools.

Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL): Georgia LaborMarket Explorer

https://explorer.gdol.ga.gov/vosnet/default.aspx

GDOL provides a one-stop shop for historical and current data on Georgia demographics, income, industry, education, wages, and so much more.

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA): Dashboard

https://www.gacities.com/Resources/Data-Tools/GMA-Dashboard.aspx

GMA's Dashboard includes indicators for each city in Georgia along with city and statewide averages for comparisons. Users can choose economic, education, household, population, demographic, and labor data.

Georgia Power Economic Development: Top Industries

https://www.selectgeorgia.com/discover-georgia/industries/

Georgia Power provides a broad range of data and analysis on industries and economic development across the state and beyond.

Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA)

https://gosa.georgia.gov/

GOSA supports accountability and transparency through strategic data use and collaboration with education stakeholders to advance student success.

MACROview™

https://atlmacroview.com/

MACROview, a tool produced by the Metro Atlanta Chamber, provides deep insight into key indicators of metro Atlanta's economic and social health.

Neighborhood Nexus

https://neighborhoodnexus.org/

Neighborhood Nexus is an Atlanta-based regional information system, providing data, tools and expertise as a catalyst to create more equitable and livable communities for all of the region's citizens. It works to build a culture of data-informed decision-making among Georgia's social sector.

UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government: Workforce & Economic Development Tools and Resources

https://cviog.uga.edu/services/georgia-workforce-and-economic-resilience-center/tools-resources/index.html

The Georgia Workforce and Economic Resilience Center has created many resources, including reports, case studies, videos, and more on workforce and economic development. Topics include experiential learning for high school students and teacher externships, community workforce planning and alignment, economic development resources and more.

RELATED DATA TOOLS

Atlanta Eviction Tracker

https://evictionlab.org/eviction-tracking/

The tracker shows the past year's eviction statistics for five Atlanta counties and area census tracks.

Census OnTheMap

https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/

Since 1999, the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program at the U.S. Census Bureau has enhanced the nation's statistical infrastructure by exploring the interactions between workers and firms. By linking employer and household data, the LEHD program has built a comprehensive database of longitudinally linked jobs data. The potential uses of the LEHD jobs data are far-reaching, both for unraveling important economic questions and for the provision of new statistical products.

Home Ownership Affordability Monitor (HOAM)

https://www.atlantafed.org/research/data-and-tools/home-ownership-affordability-monitor

The Atlanta Fed's HOAM provides a monthly measure of the median-income household's capacity to afford the median-priced home at the national, metro, and metro-county levels. HOAM takes into consideration the monthly principal and interest cost, given the current mortgage interest rates, as well as the costs associated with taxes, property insurance, and private mortgage insurance.

Housing and Transportation (H+T) Affordability Index

https://htaindex.cnt.org/

The Housing and Transportation (H+T®) Affordability Index from the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) provides a comprehensive view of affordability that includes both the cost of housing and the cost of transportation at the neighborhood level.

Metro Atlanta Speaks

https://atlantaregional.org/what-we-do/research-and-data/metro-atlanta-speaks-survey-report/

The Atlanta Regional Commission conducts the Metro Atlanta Speaks public opinion survey to take the pulse of metro Atlanta residents and help guide the region's planning and decision-making. The survey offers a snapshot of residents' views on a range of critical issues such as transportation, the economy, housing, neighborhood quality of life, and changes in technology.

Opportunity Atlas

https://www.opportunityatlas.org/

The Opportunity Atlas is a collaboration between researchers at the U.S. Census Bureau and Opportunity Insights at Harvard University. Which places in America offer children the best chance to rise out of poverty? The Opportunity Atlas answers this question using anonymous data following millions of Americans from childhood to adulthood.

RELATED DATA TOOLS

Prosperity Now Scorecard
https://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/

The Prosperity Now Scorecard is a comprehensive resource for data on household financial health, economic equity, and policy recommendations to help put everyone in our country on a path to prosperity.

Southeastern Rental Affordability Tracker
https://www.atlantafed.org/community-development/data-and-tools/southeastern-rental-affordability-tracker

The Atlanta Fed's Southeastern Rental Affordability Tracker demonstrates the abundance of renter households that are cost-burdened or severely cost-burdened—paying more than 30 percent or 50 percent, respectively, of their income on housing.

United for ALICE
https://www.unitedforalice.org/

For a growing number of U.S. households, financial stability is nothing more than a pipe dream, no matter how hard their members work. These households are ALICE – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – earning above the Federal Poverty Level yet struggling to afford basic expenses. United For ALICE is a driver of innovation, research, and action to improve life across the country.

United States Census
https://data.census.gov/

United States Census Building Permits Survey
https://www.census.gov/construction/bps/index.html

Workforce Equity Dashboard
https://nationalfund.org/workforce-equity-dashboard/

A dashboard created by the National Fund for Workforce Solutions in partnership with the National Equity Atlas on racial gaps in workforce outcomes.

The MAX Resource Library
https://metroatlantaexchange.org/resources/

The MAX Resource Library is a central clearinghouse for reports, studies, data tools, websites, online portals, and other sources of information related to workforce development to keep workforce partners informed. From data on workforce trends, barriers, and opportunities to the latest insights on the skills gap, economic mobility, and the workplace, a wealth of information is at your fingertips through this clearinghouse.

About MAX

MAX was launched in December of 2014 by a team of regional leaders who recognized that increased collaboration across the Atlanta region's workforce development arena empowers all stakeholders to positively influence each other's efforts and realize greater collective impacts through stronger cohesiveness.

MAX works to advance economic resilience in the Atlanta region by strengthening connections, collaborations, and practices among workforce developers and organizations engaged in workforce development.

Learn more at www.metroatlantaexchange.org.

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