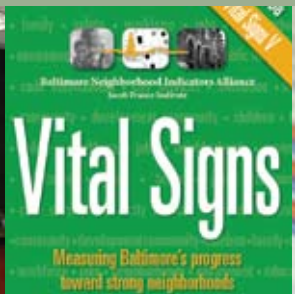
The Jacob *france* Institute

Non-partisan economic research exploring the dynamics of management-employee relations and public policy actions and their consequences.

Our Mission

JFI serves as a leading source of high quality statistical information and research covering the interaction of business, worker and government investment decisions. Analysis of trends in the location and quality of employment along with continued education and training opportunities and outcomes are of particular interest in our current portfolio of research.



What We Do

- Define critical research questions, respond to customer problems and assemble research teams to provide answers
- Supply key economic indicators and innovative studies of economic impact, training, and economic development to support effective decision-making
- Manage alliances with research partners to develop databases of comparable statistics and pioneering analyses of the new statistics
- Provide information tools and training to maximize competitiveness and enable economic growth
- Maintain quality standards, objectivity, utility and integrity of the information we supply
- Design and implement telephone, mail and internet surveys and analysis of survey results
- Deliver high quality information and research findings for businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies

Economic and Workforce Development

The Economic and Workforce Development Program provides research and technical assistance to government, nonprofit and private sector clients on economic, fiscal and workforce development issues using original data to support high impact, actionable research and evaluation.

Economic Development

- Real estate analysis
- Economic and fiscal impact analysis
- Business climate assessment
- Incubator feasibility studies
- Targeted sector development
- Strategic planning

Workforce Development

- Evaluation
- Occupational projections
- Labor supply and demand analysis
- Urban spatial mismatch
- Urban skills mismatch
- Surveys and focus groups

Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance

BNIA-JFI is an affiliate program of the Urban Institute's National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership. BNIA-JFI collects, analyzes, and disseminates a variety of community and neighborhood data and information providing a wide range of individuals, including government, foundations and community residents, with the opportunity to make better informed decisions.

- Research and analysis
- Survey research
- Workforce development
- Community development
- Benchmarking
- Urban issues
- Baltimore City data
- Economic development
- Legislative/policy analysis
- Indicator analysis
- Business/regulatory

The Labor Market and Education Program

The Labor Market and Education program develops valid and reliable measures of the performance of education using:

- Historical and routinely updated files of confidential administrative records maintained by the Institute under data-sharing agreements with federal, state, and local government agencies

- Employment status patterns, industry and firm affiliations and employee earnings profiles. These reflect and impact individual investments in continued education and training and individual acceptance of income supports

Human Services Program

The Human Services Program provides statistical information and research on the provision of human services in Maryland. The information is used to:

- Support policy makers in decisions concerning the most disadvantaged groups in society
- Focus on programs that support the ability to work, including job development, child care, food assistance, and cash assistance.
- Partner with federal and state agencies and academic institutions
- Develop high quality data sources through evaluations of data accuracy and the integration of data bases, evaluation of programs and the measurement of performance.

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