

Development of Projection Data for Military Installations

Since REMI data did not exist for military installations, it was necessary to use data from another source to project from 2014 back to 2013 as well as forward to 2017, 2019, and 2020. In a 2011 phone call to Peter Donner of the Utah Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), he indicated that employment data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) was considered to be better than current GOMB employment data. The reason for this is that the BEA had taken into account the economic downturn that occurred in late 2008 while the current GOMB employment data had not yet been revised to take this into account. As of 4/27/2011 the BEA employment data included years up to and through 2009. However, data for 2019 was necessary for performing projections. Peter Donner indicated that GOMB still considered the GOMB projection data from 2020 forward to be good data. Therefore it was determined that DAQ would use BEA employment data up to 2009 and then GOMB employment data from 2020 forward. In order to develop data for the years between 2009 and 2020 it was agreed that a straight line analysis would be the best method. Therefore, data for the years between 2009 and 2020 were determined by performing a straight line analysis between the two sets of data.