

Good Data and Analysis—A Key Ingredient for Effective Rural Economic Development

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Purpose

- 1. To update and improve your understanding of:
 - 1) The advantages of using data and analysis to support economic development
 - Tools and techniques for understanding and describing local and regional economies for regional planning purposes
- 2. Showcase OMAFRA's Regional Economic Analysis program and explain how the program encourages effective economic development across Ontario:
 - 1) Analyst: a regional economic analysis tool available to Ontario based economic development organizations
 - a) Showcase the tool's data and functionality, including how Analyst can support economic development
 - b) Explain how economic development organizations can access Analyst
 - 2) Regional Economic Development Branch Advisor support
 - 3) Foundations for Regional Economic Analysis Training Program



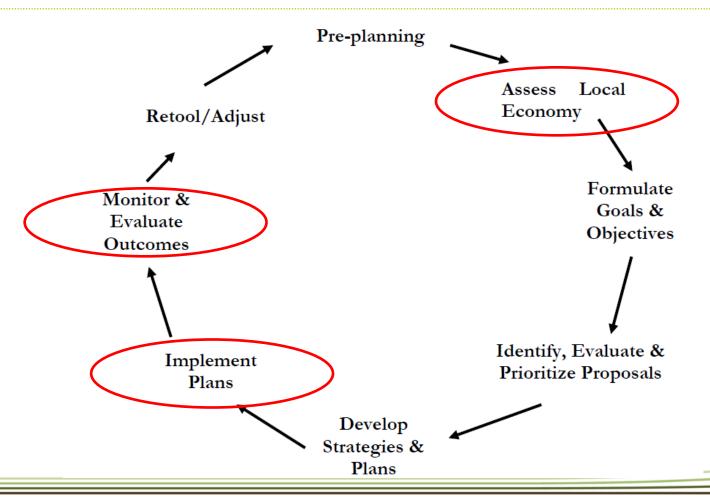
Benefits of Data and Research for Economic Development

Data analysis is the foundation for understanding a regional economy:

- Identify the local assets and potential liabilities that will affect local/regional economic development
- Project local economic trends
- Market the community effectively
- Monitor economic performance over time



Economic Development Strategic Planning Framework





What does an 'Evidence Based' Approach mean?

A 'Common' Approach

- Opinion/perception rule
- Limited context for decisionmaking
- Subjective personal policy preferences
- Accountability under-valued

An 'Evidence Based' Approach

- Based on facts
- Understanding of regional economies
- Analysis informs strategies
- Actions monitored and evaluated

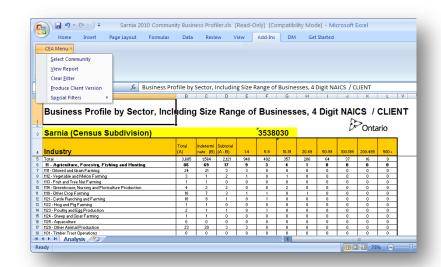


Overview of Past Tools

 The Ministry has been providing regional economic analysis resources since 2003:



1. Public facing, web-based tool (REDDI)



2. Internal, Excel spreadsheet tools available through Ministry staff



What is Analyst?

- A web-based tool that provides data on regional economies and human capital and then makes it easy to use
- Helps you better understand your region, and then make a good decisions about how to build strong regional economies





Why You Need Analyst (Canada)

http://vimeo.com/58680624



About EMSI Data

- Analyst harmonizes multiple Stats Canada resources to create a single, complete picture:
 - Census (2001, and 2006)
 - National Household Survey (2011)
 - Canadian business patterns (CBP) (June 2009- June 2016)
 - Labour Force Survey (LFS) (2001-2015)
 - Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) (2001-2015)
 - Canadian Socio-Economic Information Management demographics (CANSIM) (2001-2015)
 - Postsecondary Student Information System (2009-2014)



Accessing Analyst for Your Organization

- Access to Analyst is available to Ontario economic development organizations through the Ministry at no charge for a period of one month and begins the first working day of each month
- If your organization requires access to Analyst after the initial one month period (for an ongoing project) they must send an email request to edar@ontario.ca (they do not have to complete a new Terms of Conditions Agreement)



Support with Analyst: Advisor Support

In Southern Ontario, the Ministry's 20+ Agriculture and Regional Economic Development Advisors are available to:

- Fulfill "simple" data requests for your organization
- Provide guidance concerning when and where to use Analyst
- Work with organizations to help with the analysis of their region's economy and incorporating economic analysis into strategy development
- The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Development network of Northern Development Advisors provides this support to economic development organizations in the north

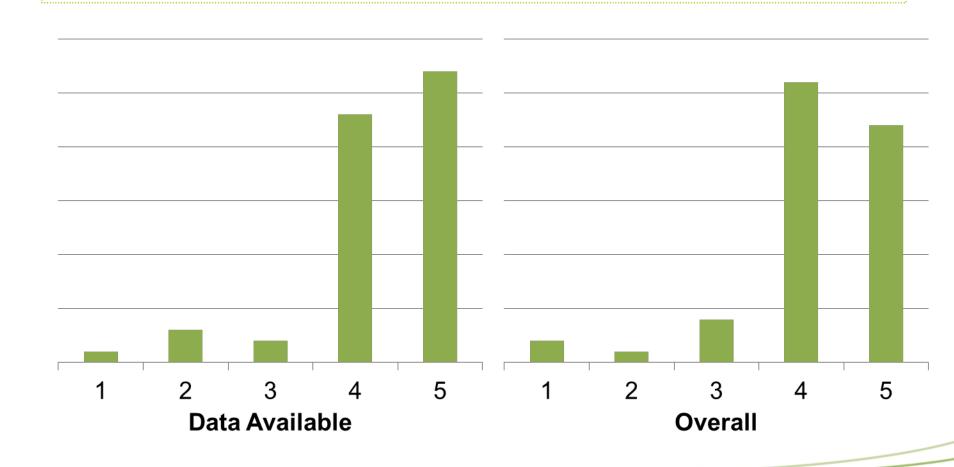


Support for Analyst: Tutorial Videos

- 9 videos are available to help organizations use Analyst:
 - Analyst Introduction
 - Introduction to New Analyst
 - Industry Overview
 - Industry Table
 - Industries by Location
 - Staffing Patterns
 - Inverse Staffing Patterns
 - Maps
 - Export and Clippings



Analyst – Program Stats





Recent Projects

- Milton Economic Development Strategy, 2016-2018
- Interactive Niagara Research Paper on SMEs
- WPBWWD, Local Labour Market Plan
- Thunder Bay Marketing Plan
- Brantford Arts, Culture and Creative Class Study



Analyst - Testimonials

- "Information was critical for our investment attraction packages"
- "The biggest benefit is countering rumours with facts..."
- "We now have a community profile...that will be a useful tool in supporting existing businesses to grow and attracting new businesses."
- "Simply, one of the best economic development resources available"





Foundations for Regional Economic Analysis Training

Purpose of "Foundations for Regional Economic Analysis"

To update and improve participants understanding of:

- The advantages of using data and analysis to support economic development
- 2. Key data resources
- 3. Tools and techniques for understanding and describing local and regional economies for regional planning purposes

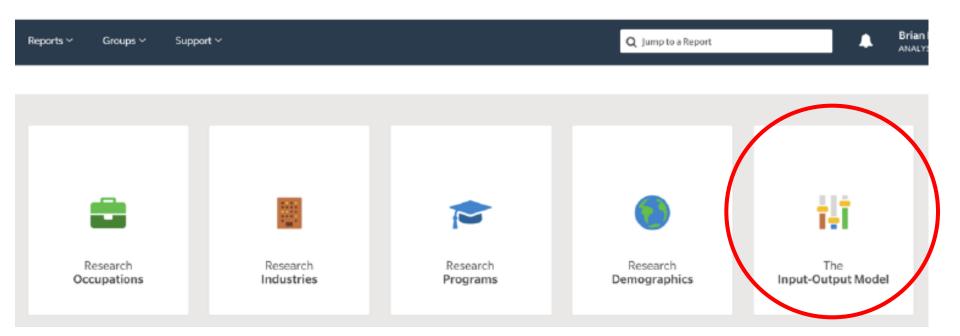


Training Agenda

- Using data sources, traditional and new
- Exploring economic specialization
- Identifying traded and locally-serving industries
- Identifying comparative advantages
- Undertaking labour market analysis
- Bringing it all together

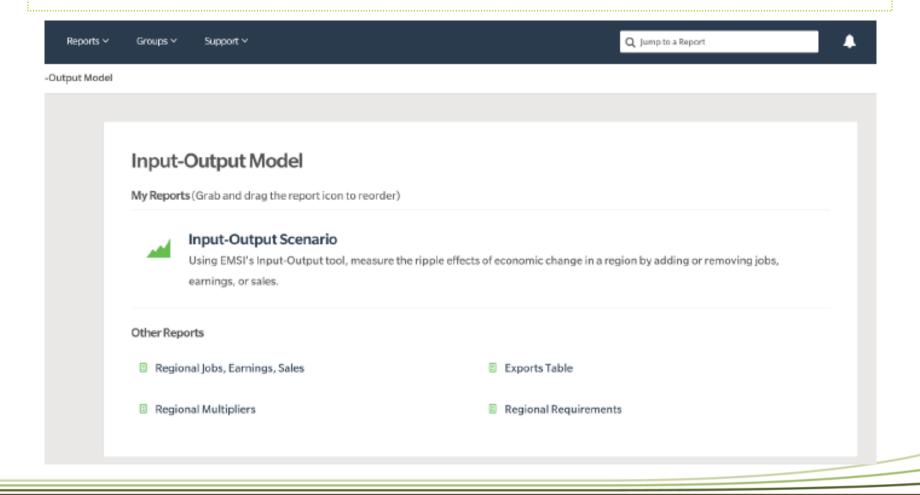


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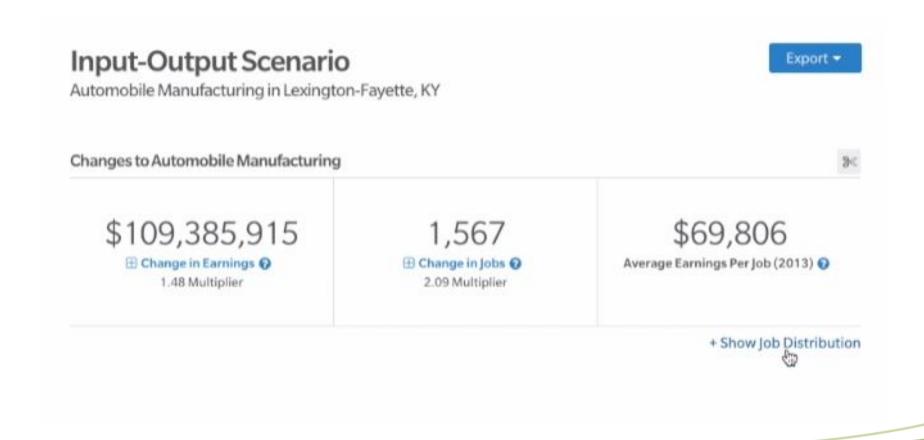


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Wrap Up

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