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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) administers benefits to unemployed individuals, oversees the administration of workers' compensation benefits to individuals with job-related injuries, and provides vocational rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities. The Department prepares job seekers for the global workforce through employment and job training services for adult, youth, older workers, and dislocated workers. In addition, L&I enforces various laws and safety standards in the workplace and administers the Commonwealth's programs for community service by young Pennsylvanians. L&I also promotes economic development and an improved business climate through a variety of initiatives and programs.

The publications of the Department of Labor and Industry contain newsletters, statistical reports, annual reports, and other reports. Selected topics from these publications include financial operations, civilian workforce analysis and forecasts, minimum wage, etc. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2007 to present.

Biographical / Historical

The Department of Labor and Industry was created on June 2, 1913 (P.L. 396) as an outgrowth of the Office of Factory Inspector, which was created in 1889 (P.L. 243) to administer safety inspections of industrial plants in Pennsylvania, and was later expanded into the Department of Factory Inspection in 1905. The new Department of Labor and Industry was charged with enforcing the laws relating to the health, welfare and safety of employees. It was headed by a Commissioner of Labor and Industry, a post that was changed to Secretary of Labor and Industry by amendments to the Administrative Code of 1929.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of Factory Inspector / Department of Factory Inspection (agency emerged from)

General

Statistical reports of the Department of Labor and Industry from 1953 to 1981 are available on the Internet

Archive: <https://archive.org/search?query=statistics+labor+and+industry+pennsylvania>.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Labor and Industry at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:

<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class214>.

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