

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

2011 Berkshire CEDS Supplemental Information

BERKSHIRE REGION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Submitted to the Economic Development Administration on November 30, 2012

Note:

In February 2012, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) conditionally approved the 2011 Berkshire Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy submitted by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC). In conditionally approving the CEDS, the EDA requested that information relevant to EDA's distress criteria be placed in the CEDS report. BRPC anticipates that the submittal of the following information will result in EDA issuing a full approval of the 2011 Berkshire CEDS.

Economic Distress Criteria for the 2011 Berkshire CEDS

Unemployment (13 CFR 301.3(a)(i))

One municipality in Berkshire County, the Town of Hinsdale, has an unemployment rate that is for the most recent 24 month period for which data is available, at least one (1) percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate. Please see Attachment "A".

Per Capita Income (13 CFR 301.3(a)(ii))

Six (6) census tracts in Berkshire County have a per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, eighty (80) percent or less of the national average per capita income. Please see Attachment "B".

For a map of the eligible areas please see Attachment "C".

Attachment "A"

24 Month Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Local Area Unemployment Statistics for Twenty-Four Months Prior to Submission of 2011 CEDS

Series ID	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010	Jun 2010	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	24 months prior to submission
Adams	10.2	9.1	9.2	10.9	12.4	12.1	11.7	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.0	9.7	7.9	9.0	10.0	11.7	11.5	10.7	9.7	9.3	9.6	9.3	8.6	10.2
Alford	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.4	5.3	7.0	7.0	5.7	5.2	5.4	6.1	5.0	2.6	2.2	3.5	4.3	6.5	6.9	6.6	5.3	4.0	4.7	5.4	2.9	4.9
Becket	9.5	8.8	9.3	9.6	10.8	10.9	10.9	8.8	7.7	8.3	8.5	9.4	8.5	8.4	9.1	8.8	9.8	10.1	7.9	8.0	8.6	7.5	7.9	6.6	8.9
Cheshire	8.3	7.7	8.3	9.5	10.4	11.0	11.0	10.0	8.5	7.8	8.1	7.4	7.3	6.3	7.8	9.1	10.5	11.1	11.6	9.0	8.0	6.6	6.9	5.9	8.7
Clarksburg	9.6	10.5	9.7	10.8	11.0	10.3	10.0	9.2	8.7	7.5	6.2	6.8	7.4	9.6	9.9	10.0	10.4	10.4	11.3	9.0	8.3	8.1	8.6	8.0	9.2
Dalton	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.1	9.1	8.4	8.2	7.0	6.9	6.8	7.2	7.2	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.9	7.0	6.2	5.6	6.0	5.5	7.5
Egremont	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.4	5.7	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.9	6.0	5.5	5.1	4.6	5.0	6.3	6.9	6.6	5.9	4.9	3.9	4.6	4.1	3.9	5.1
Florida	11.1	9.2	8.8	10.1	10.0	11.9	11.4	10.6	10.8	9.8	8.8	9.0	7.3	8.1	10.8	12.5	13.2	12.9	12.6	10.7	8.9	8.7	9.9	6.0	10.1
Great Barrington	6.8	6.4	6.7	7.1	8.7	8.4	8.4	7.1	6.4	6.5	6.0	5.6	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.8	8.9	8.3	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.6	5.8	5.1	6.9
Hancock	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.9	4.1	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.5
Hinsdale	9.4	10.4	9.9	10.8	13.7	13.3	13.4	9.6	8.1	7.9	9.2	9.5	10.5	12.0	14.1	11.8	14.2	13.0	13.6	10.4	8.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	10.7
Lanesborough	6.3	5.8	6.8	8.2	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.1	8.2	8.8	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.1	7.8	7.6	8.7	9.1	9.1	8.4	7.3	6.7	5.9	5.2	8.0
Lee	6.9	6.8	6.4	7.0	8.6	9.1	9.0	7.5	7.1	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.0	6.5	7.4	7.6	7.4	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.4	6.9
Lenox	6.5	6.0	6.7	7.2	8.6	7.8	8.3	7.8	6.6	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.9	5.8	6.9	6.8	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.1	5.1	5.5	5.1	4.8	6.5
Monterey	5.3	4.6	4.1	3.8	5.4	5.5	5.3	4.1	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.6	4.7	3.7	3.2	3.7	6.2	4.8	5.0	4.6	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.2
Mount Washington	4.1	4.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	3.2	4.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.2
New Ashford	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	4.5	5.2	4.5	5.1	3.1	3.7	1.9	2.6	3.8	5.0	4.4	3.2	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.2	4.2	5.1	5.6	4.3
New Marlborough	4.6	5.1	6.1	6.3	11.1	10.5	10.4	7.5	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.4	8.1	8.0	6.6	4.4	3.8	4.8	5.0	4.2	6.3
North Adams	9.2	9.3	9.8	10.0	11.9	11.5	11.1	9.8	9.4	10.2	10.5	10.1	10.0	9.5	9.9	9.8	11.4	10.7	10.3	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.5	8.8	10.1
Otis	5.7	6.1	7.2	8.1	9.4	9.6	9.3	7.7	6.8	6.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	5.6	7.4	7.6	8.8	9.1	8.7	7.1	6.0	5.2	5.8	5.2	7.3
Peru	5.8	5.0	5.2	4.2	5.0	5.9	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.9	5.1	3.7	5.1	3.9	3.2	3.2	2.3	1.9	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.0	4.2
Pittsfield	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.6	8.0	8.5	8.5	9.7	9.3	9.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.5	6.8	8.6
Richmond	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.7	5.5	4.7	4.4	3.8	4.5	3.8	3.4	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.4	4.3	3.5	4.1	4.1	4.8	4.1	4.4
Sandisfield	6.9	7.0	5.6	8.8	8.9	10.0	10.4	8.7	6.7	5.0	6.6	6.3	9.4	9.5	8.3	8.1	10.5	9.9	9.8	8.3	6.7	8.0	6.5	6.0	8.0
Savoy	8.1	6.6	8.6	10.3	15.2	15.4	15.1	11.0	8.8	5.6	8.3	7.3	8.9	8.0	9.2	9.5	13.2	13.6	11.8	8.6	6.7	7.2	7.0	5.9	9.6
Sheffield	6.2	5.7	6.5	7.4	8.8	8.7	7.9	6.9	6.0	5.9	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.0	5.4	6.1	7.5	7.4	7.2	5.7	5.3	5.8	4.7	4.1	6.1
Stockbridge	3.8	3.7	4.7	5.3	5.9	6.0	6.1	5.0	4.5	5.3	5.6	4.6	4.6	4.2	5.6	5.7	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.3	5.9	5.3	5.8	4.4	5.2
Tyringham	4.0	3.6	4.4	5.9	7.1	7.5	7.1	7.8	7.3	4.9	3.8	3.8	5.0	5.1	2.0	2.4	4.4	5.6	4.9	5.2	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.7	4.7
Washington	6.2	5.1	5.1	6.6	10.7	11.3	11.3	8.3	9.9	10.0	8.3	9.4	9.2	9.4	6.7	6.1	6.5	6.8	7.3	5.4	6.4	5.0	6.4	5.8	7.6
West Stockbridge	6.0	5.0	6.2	7.3	8.5	8.9	7.4	7.4	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.4	5.4	4.4	5.2	6.5	8.0	7.0	7.2	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.0	5.5	6.4
Williamstown	7.4	6.4	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.5	7.3	7.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	7.2	6.7	7.3	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.8	6.7	4.9	6.5
Windsor	6.8	8.1	7.7	7.7	8.0	9.2	9.0	7.6	7.8	5.4	6.9	6.8	7.5	7.2	9.4	8.1	9.8	9.4	9.9	8.4	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.4	7.7
Berkshire County	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.2	9.5	9.4	9.3	8.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.9	8.0	9.2	8.9	8.5	7.6	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.2	8.0
US	9.8	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.4	9.1	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

NOTE: The Town of Hinsdale is the only municipality in Berkshire County that meets the economic distress criteria based upon an unemployment rate that is at least one (1) percentage point greater than the national average using BLS data.

Attachment “B”

**Most Recently Available Data on Per Capita Income
and Stats America Unemployment Data from the ACS (2006-2010)**

Economic Distress Criteria—Primary Elements

	Region	U.S.	Threshold Calculations
2009 Unemployment Rate (5 Year ACS)	N/A	7.2	N/A
2009 Per Capita Money Income (5 Year ACS)	\$28,540	\$27,041	105.54%

Economic Distress Criteria—Geographic Components

	Unemp. Rate 2009 ACS	Threshold Calculation	PCMI 2009 ACS	Threshold Calculation	Community
Tract 9001.00 Berkshire, MA	13.8	6.6	\$16,818	62.2	Pittsfield
Tract 9002.00 Berkshire, MA	7.1	-0.1	\$15,042	55.6	Pittsfield
Tract 9003.00 Berkshire, MA	4.4	-2.8	\$24,590	90.9	Pittsfield
Tract 9004.00 Berkshire, MA	5.3	-1.9	\$21,794	80.6	Pittsfield
Tract 9005.00 Berkshire, MA	5	-2.2	\$37,524	138.8	Pittsfield
Tract 9006.00 Berkshire, MA	12.6	5.4	\$16,783	62.1	Pittsfield
Tract 9007.00 Berkshire, MA	7.3	0.1	\$25,848	95.6	Pittsfield
Tract 9008.00 Berkshire, MA	4.4	-2.8	\$39,733	146.9	Pittsfield
Tract 9009.00 Berkshire, MA	14.4	7.2	\$30,228	111.8	Pittsfield
Tract 9010.00 Berkshire, MA	7.7	0.5	\$26,793	99.1	Pittsfield
Tract 9011.00 Berkshire, MA	4.7	-2.5	\$27,817	102.9	Pittsfield
Tract 9012.00 Berkshire, MA	77.1	69.9	\$19,305	71.4	Pittsfield
Tract 9111.00 Berkshire, MA	5.8	-1.4	\$29,631	109.6	Lanesborough
Tract 9121.00 Berkshire, MA	7.2	0	\$26,470	97.9	Dalton
Tract 9131.00 Berkshire, MA	0.7	-6.5	\$33,658	124.5	Lenox
Tract 9141.00 Berkshire, MA	7.7	0.5	\$27,872	103.1	Lee
Tract 9201.01 Berkshire, MA	6	-1.2	\$31,514	116.5	Williamstown
Tract 9201.02 Berkshire, MA	3.3	-3.9	\$39,992	147.9	Williamstown
Tract 9213.00 Berkshire, MA	13.3	6.1	\$17,519	64.8	North Adams
Tract 9214.00 Berkshire, MA	12.7	5.5	\$20,255	74.9	North Adams
Tract 9215.00 Berkshire, MA	6.4	-0.8	\$22,150	81.9	North Adams
Tract 9221.00 Berkshire, MA	7.7	0.5	\$22,369	82.7	Adams
Tract 9222.00 Berkshire, MA	9.1	1.9	\$22,430	82.9	Adams
Tract 9223.00 Berkshire, MA	11.1	3.9	\$26,242	97	Adams
Tract 9231.00 Berkshire, MA	8.1	0.9	\$33,098	122.4	Cheshire
Tract 9241.00 Berkshire, MA	7.2	0	\$30,587	113.1	Stockbridge
Tract 9251.00 Berkshire, MA	4	-3.2	\$35,761	132.2	Great Barrington
Tract 9261.00 Berkshire, MA	2.3	-4.9	\$31,742	117.4	Sheffield
Tract 9311.00 Berkshire, MA	2.9	-4.3	\$26,293	97.2	Clarksburg
Tract 9313.00 Berkshire, MA	6.9	-0.3	\$23,244	86	Florida / Savoy
Tract 9314.00 Berkshire, MA	4.4	-2.8	\$29,533	109.2	Windsor / Peru
Tract 9322.00 Berkshire, MA	5.8	-1.4	\$31,099	115	Washington / Becket
Tract 9323.00 Berkshire, MA	7.1	-0.1	\$29,259	108.2	Hinsdale
Tract 9332.00 Berkshire, MA	15.3	8.1	\$31,404	116.1	Monterey / Tyringham
Tract 9333.00 Berkshire, MA	1.2	-6	\$32,007	118.4	New Marlborough
Tract 9334.00 Berkshire, MA	6.3	-0.9	\$47,080	174.1	Otis / Sandisfield
Tract 9342.00 Berkshire, MA	3.5	-3.7	\$36,795	136.1	West Stockbridge
Tract 9343.00 Berkshire, MA	2.1	-5.1	\$37,160	137.4	Alford/ Egremont/Mount Washington
Tract 9351.00 Berkshire, MA	5.2	-2	\$46,414	171.6	New Ashford / Hancock, Richmond


Note: Using the 2009 ACS data for per capita income, six (6) census tracts in Berkshire County meet the EDA distress criterion for per capita income. The qualifying census tracts are highlighted in yellow.


The census tracts highlighted in gray meet the EDA’s distress criteria for unemployment using the 2009 American Community Survey (5-year) data.


Attachment “C”

Economic Distress Criteria Maps

Economic Distress Criteria

 Communities Meeting most recent 24 month Unemployment Threshold (BLS)

 Tracts Meeting Unemployment Threshold using 5 year ACS data

 Tracts Meeting Per Capita Income Threshold

Source: Per Capita Income, Unemployment - StatsAmerica (American Community Survey 2005-2009)

Unemployment - Bureau of Labor Statistics - Local Area Unemployment Statistics (September 2009 - August 2011)

