

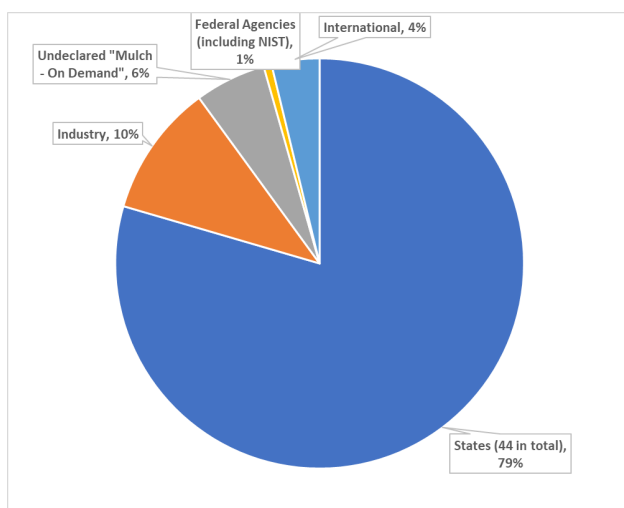
Demand for Webinar Offerings Continues to Grow

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Progress continues to be made to meet the needs of the state, county, and local weights and measures, as well as other stakeholders to provide virtual training.

This past fiscal year (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021), 1,742 students participated in webinars offered by the Laws and Metric Group, NIST Office of Weights and Measures. This represented a 12 percent increase in attendance over the prior fiscal year. In addition, we were able to add two new webinar offerings, “How to Test Packages of Mulch and Soils Labeled by Volume” and “LPG (Propane) – Verifying the Net Contents of 20 lb Cylinders (Part 1)”. Below is the breakdown of the number and types of webinar offerings delivered this fiscal year:

- 9 Weights and Measures Inspections – Evidence, Search & Seizure, and Due Process
- 7 How to Test Animal Bedding
- 6 Examination Procedure for Price Verification
- 6 Overview of NIST Handbook 133
- 5 Overview of the Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation
- 3 LPG (Propane) – Verifying the Net Contents of 20 lb Cylinders (Part 1)
- 1 How to Test Packages of Mulch and Soils Labeled by Volume (“on demand”)



Webinars are offered based on demand, but typically no less than once a quarter. A total of 37 webinars were presented last fiscal year. Eighty-six (86) percent of participants were state, county, or local officials, and 10 percent of participants were from industry.

There has been an increasing interest among the international weights and measures community who comprised 4 percent of the participants. International weights and measures included representation from across the Americas (Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Uruguay), the Caribbean (Bahamas, Barbados, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad, and Tobago), as well as from Africa (Nigeria), and Asia (China).

Our goal is to meet the needs of and help support your weights and measures programs and provide relevant training for your staff. We are currently evaluating which webinars are most needed by officials for the upcoming year and beyond.

We value and encourage your input. Please email your suggestions and recommendations to David Sefcik at david.sefcik@nist.gov. In addition, please feel free to address general training queries to OWM@nist.gov or phone (301) 975-4004 for additional assistance and information.