

U. S. Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration

**Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act Statutory Formulas for State Allotments**

**Formula Descriptions**

**WIA Youth Activities**

**Formula:**

1/3: State relative share of total unemployed in areas of substantial unemployment (ASU) (average 12 months ending 6/30)

1/3: State relative share of excess unemployed (average 12 months ending 6/30)

1/3: State relative share of economically disadvantaged youth (Census 2000)

**Minimums:**

- (a) If total amount available for States is \$1 billion or less:  
State allotment cannot be less than
  - (1) 90% of State relative share of prior year funding
  - (2) 0.25% of total available funds for States
- (b) If total amount available for States exceeds \$1 billion:  
State allotment cannot be less than
  - (1) 90% of State relative share of prior year funding
  - (2) 1998 allotment amount
  - (3) 0.3% of first \$1 billion plus 0.4% of amount over \$1 billion

**Maximum:**

130% of State relative share of prior year funding

**WIA Adult Activities**

Same as Youth Activities, except

- (a) Formula uses economically disadvantaged ADULTS instead of YOUTH
- (b) Threshold for selecting minimum provisions is \$960 million instead of \$1 billion

**WIA Dislocated Workers**

**Formula:**

1/3: State relative share of total unemployed (average 12 months ending 12/31)

1/3: State relative share of excess unemployed (average 12 months ending 12/31)

1/3: State relative share of long-term unemployed (average previous published calendar year)

**Minimum:** none

**Maximum:** none

**Employment Service (Wagner-Peyser Act)**

**Formula for 97% of funds:**

2/3: State relative share of civilian labor force (average 12 months ending 9/30 (preliminary) or 12/31 (final))

1/3: State relative share of total unemployment (average 12 months ending 9/30 (preliminary) or 12/31 (final))

**Minimums:**

- (a) 90% of State relative share of prior year funding
- (b) 0.28% of total available funds for States

**Maximum:**

**Distribution of 3% of funds:**

- (1) States with civilian labor force below 1 million and under the national median civilian labor force density receive an amount which when added to their share of the 97% portion will result in an amount equal to 100% of their relative share of the prior year funding
- (2) Remaining States losing in relative share receive a share of the remaining funds prorated based on the amount needed to achieve 100% of their relative share of prior year funding.

**Formula Data Factor Definitions**

**WIA Youth and Adults Programs**

ASU: contiguous areas with unemployment rate of 6.5% or more

Excess unemployed: higher of:

- (1) excess unemployed (unemployment in excess of 4.5%) in ASU's; or
- (2) excess unemployed (unemployment in excess of 4.5%) in all areas

Economically disadvantaged adults: individuals age 22-72 meeting (or member of family meeting):

OMB poverty level or  
70% of lower living standard income level (LLSIL).

Economically disadvantaged youth: individuals age 16-21 meeting (or member of family meeting):

OMB poverty level or  
70% of lower living standard income level (LLSIL).

**WIA Dislocated Workers Program**

Excess unemployed: unemployment in excess of 4.5%

Long-term unemployed: number unemployed 15 or more weeks

**Employment Service (Wagner-Peyser):**

Self-explanatory