U. S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Wagner-Peyser Act Statutory Formulas for State Allotments

State Allotment Formula Descriptions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

WIOA 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 disadvantaged youth (American Community Survey 2016-2020)

Minimums:

(a) If total amount available for States is $1 billion or less:
State allotment cannot be less than
(1) 90 percent of State relative share of prior year funding
(2) 0.25 percent of total available funds for States

(b) If total amount available for States exceeds $1 billion:
State allotment cannot be less than
(1) 90 percent of State relative share of prior year funding
(2) 2014 allotment amount (Not applicable for Adult minimum)
(3) 0.3 percent of first $1 billion plus 0.4 percent of amount over $1 billion

Maximum:

130% of State relative share of prior year funding

WIOA Adult Activities

Same as Youth Activities, except
(a) Formula uses disadvantaged ADULTS instead of YOUTH
(b) Threshold for selecting minimum provisions is $960 million instead of $1 billion

WIOA Dislocated Workers

Formula:

1/3: State relative share of total unemployed (average 12 months ending 09/30)
1/3: State relative share of excess unemployed (average 12 months ending 09/30)
1/3: State relative share of long-term unemployed (average 12 months ending 09/30)

Minimum: 90 percent of State relative share of prior year funding
Maximum: 130 percent of State relative share of prior year funding

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 percent of State relative share of prior year funding
(b) 0.28 percent of total available funds for States

Maximum: None

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 percent portion, will result in an amount equal to 100 percent 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 percent of their relative share of prior year funding.

Formula Data Factor Definitions

WIOA Youth and Adults Programs

ASU: contiguous areas with unemployment rate of 6.5 percent or more
Excess unemployed: higher of:
(1) excess unemployed (unemployment in excess of 4.5 percent) in ASU's; or
(2) excess unemployed (unemployment in excess of 4.5 percent) in all areas
Disadvantaged adults: individuals, age 22-72, meeting (or member of family meeting):
Census poverty level or
70 percent of lower living standard income level (LLSIL).
Disadvantaged youth: individuals, age 16-21, meeting (or member of family meeting):
Census poverty level or
70 percent of lower living standard income level (LLSIL).

WIOA Dislocated Workers Program

Excess unemployed: unemployment in excess of 4.5 percent
Long-term unemployed: number unemployed 15 or more weeks

Employment Service (Wagner-Peyser) - Self-explanatory