

**WIOA Performance Accountability and Instructions for the Core Programs**

State Plan modifications must identify expected levels of performance for each primary indicator of performance for the two years covered by the plan modification. The State must reach agreement with the Secretary of Labor, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, on the negotiated levels of performance for the indicators for each of the two years of the plan modification.

The Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and Vocational Rehabilitation programs will have sufficient data available to make reasonable determinations of expected levels of performance for the following indicators for PYs 2026 and 2027:

- Employment<sup>7</sup> (Second Quarter after Exit);
- Employment<sup>8</sup> (Fourth Quarter after Exit);
- Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit);
- Credential Attainment Rate; and
- Measurable Skill Gains.

The Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service program will have sufficient data available to make a reasonable determination of expected levels of performance for the following indicators for PYs 2026 and 2027:

- Employment (Second Quarter after Exit);
- Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit); and
- Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit).

The Credential Attainment Rate and Measurable Skill Gains indicators do not apply to the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service program; therefore, this program will not submit expected levels of performance for these indicators.

The Departments determined that the Effectiveness in Serving Employers (ESE) indicator will be measured as a shared outcome across all six core programs within each State to ensure a holistic approach to serving employers. The approach to measuring ESE was defined in the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Effectiveness in Serving Employers Performance Indicator final rule* (89 FR 13814 (Feb. 23, 2024)) (Final Rule). This final rule took effect March 25, 2024, and defined the ESE primary indicator of performance, as required by WIOA section 116(b)(2), as Retention with the Same Employer.

For the PYs 2026-2027 plan modifications, the Departments used the transition authority under section 503(a) of WIOA to designate the ESE primary indicator of performance as a “baseline” indicator. A “baseline” indicator is one for which states do not propose an expected level of

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<sup>7</sup> For Title I Youth programs, employment, education or training.

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performance and do not come to agreement with the Departments on negotiated levels of performance because sufficient data are not available to establish such performance levels. As a result, “baseline” indicators are not used in the end of the year adjustment of performance levels and are not used to determine failure to meet adjusted levels of performance for purposes of sanctions. The Departments designated indicators as “baseline” based on the likelihood of a State having insufficient data with which to make a reasonable determination of an expected level of performance.

Include the State's expected levels of performance for the primary indicators of performance described in section 116(b)(2)(A) of WIOA. Each state must then update its plan modification to include the agreed-upon negotiated levels of performance before the Departments approve the plan modification.

### Title I – Adult Program

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit)				
Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Credential Attainment Rate				
Measurable Skill Gains				

### Title I – Dislocated Worker Program

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit)				
Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Credential Attainment Rate				
Measurable Skill Gains				

### Title I – Youth Program

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit)				
Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Credential Attainment Rate				
Measurable Skill Gains				

### Title II – Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Program

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit)				
Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Credential Attainment Rate				
Measurable Skill Gains				

### Title III – Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service Program

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit)				
Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit)				

### Title IV – Vocational Rehabilitation Program

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Employment (Fourth Quarter after Exit)				
Median Earnings (Second Quarter after Exit)				
Credential Attainment Rate				
Measurable Skill Gains				

### All WIOA Core Programs

	PY 2026 Expected Level	PY 2026 Negotiated Level	PY 2027 Expected Level	PY 2027 Negotiated Level
<b>Effectiveness in Serving Employers</b>	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline

<b>Additional Indicators of Performance</b>
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