

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 20-21
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

FROM: ANGELA HANKS /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Planning Estimate for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Program Allotments for Program Year
(PY) 2022

1. **Purpose.** To transmit to states and outlying areas the impact of updated data on WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker program allotments for PY 2022.
2. **Action Requested.** The Department of Labor (Department) is requesting that states use these allotment estimates to plan for PY 2022 activities. In particular, states can actively review their obligations and expenditures on in-person and virtual service delivery, as areas around the country have been responding to the changing economy and labor market. States should consider ways to adjust spending to provide the services that are needed most by jobseekers and ensure that Title I funds are used to assist jobseekers in attaining pathways to quality jobs.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. **Summary** – ETA is providing states with estimated allotment levels for the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker programs to show the impact of updated unemployment data on allotments for PY 2022 to use for planning purposes. This table is not meant to predict your allotment. ETA based the allotment levels provided in this TEN on PY 2021 funding, which will be adjusted when the FY 2022 full year appropriation is enacted and reserves are made for evaluations and program integrity.
 - b. **Background** – Every year, ETA calculates allotments based on statutory formulas that require ETA to adjust funding from one state relative to another based on factors that change year to year, such as relative share of unemployment. This table merely shows how changes from last year in relative share of unemployment and other factors change the relative share of allotments, for state planning purposes. ETA will publish final amounts available for state grants in its annual allotment guidance once a full year appropriation is enacted for FY 2022 and after the Department determines set asides for evaluations and program integrity.

The funding levels in this guidance letter can provide states with a general idea of how their funding may change in PY 2022. To date, Congress enacted the Extending

Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117-43) and the Further Extending Government Funding Act (P.L. 117-70). Allotments will be provided to states when the full-year appropriation for FY 2022 is enacted and after making decisions on the set aside amounts.

4. Planning Estimates.

- a. **Methodology** - To provide states with estimated PY 2022 funding levels to use for planning purposes, ETA: 1) used the data that ETA will use to calculate the actual PY 2022 allotments, and 2) estimated funding for the programs based on the full year funding levels for these programs in PY 2021 as indicated in TEGL 19-20. See TEGL 19-20 for further description of the funding levels used, as well as descriptions of the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker formulas and data factors.

ETA used the following funding levels to prepare allotment estimates for PY 2022:

- A. WIOA Youth Activities total \$902,536,349 for states and \$2,261,996 for outlying areas;
- B. WIOA Adult Activities total \$858,523,312 for states and \$2,151,688 for outlying areas; and
- C. WIOA Dislocated Worker Activities total \$1,059,169,000 for states and \$3,348,683 for outlying areas.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Adult and Youth formulas:

- A. The average number of unemployed individuals for Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASUs) for the 12-month period July 2020 through June 2021;
- B. The number of excess unemployed individuals or excess unemployed individuals in ASUs (depending on which is higher) averages for the same 12-month period as used for ASU unemployed data; and
- C. The number of disadvantaged Youth; or, for the Adult formula, the number of disadvantaged Adults based on special tabulations of data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) collected between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2015.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Dislocated Worker State formula:

- A. The number of unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2020 through September 2021;
- B. The number of excess unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2020 through September 2021; and
- C. The number of long-term unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October

2020 through September 2021.

- b. **Final Allotment Levels** - ETA will issue the final PY 2022 allotment levels for WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker, Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service, and Workforce Information Grant programs to states based on the full-year appropriation for FY 2022 and after making decisions on the set aside amounts.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions regarding these estimated full year allotments to the appropriate Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260);
- Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, (P.L. 117-43);
- Further Extending Government Funding Act, (P.L. 117-70);
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, (P.L. 113-128), as amended; and
- TEGL No. 19-20, April 27, 2021, *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2021; PY 2021 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program; and PY 2021 Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to states.*

7. **Attachment.**

- I. Planning Estimate: PY 2022 WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker State Allotments