

U. S. Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration

**FOR USE IN SUB-STATE ALLOCATION FORMULAS**

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statutory and Discretionary Formulas for Sub State Allocations**

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**Sub-State Allocations Statutory Formula Descriptions**

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**WIOA Youth Activities**

**Formula:**

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

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

1/3: Local area relative share of disadvantaged youth (American Community Survey 2011-2015)

**Minimums:**

A local area may not receive an allocation percentage that is less than 90 percent of the average allocation percentage of the past 2 years.

**Maximum:** Not allowed

**WIOA Adult Activities**

Same as Youth Activities, except

Formula uses disadvantaged ADULTS instead of YOUTH

**WIOA Dislocated Workers**

**Formula:**

Funds to local areas must be allocated based on a formula created by the Governor using the following 6 data factors:

- (1) Insured unemployment data
- (2) Unemployment concentrations
- (3) Plant closing and mass layoff data
- (4) Declining industries data
- (5) Farmer-rancher economic hardship data
- (6) Long-term unemployment data

The formula will use the most appropriate data available

Weighting a factor zero is not permitted unless a rationale is presented in an approved State Plan.

**Minimum:**

A local area may not receive an allocation percentage that is less than 90 percent of the average allocation percentage of the past 2 years.

**Maximum:** Not required, but allowed

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**Sub-State Allocations Discretionary Formula Descriptions for Youth and Adult Activities**

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**WIOA Youth Activities**

**Formula:**

No less than 70 percent of the funds will be distributed as stated in the statutory formula;

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

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

1/3: Local area relative share of disadvantaged youth (American Community Survey 2011-2015)

No more than 30 percent of the remaining funds will be distributed using additional data related to **both**:

- (1) Excess youth poverty in urban, rural, and suburban local areas; **and**
- (2) Excess unemployment above the State average in urban, rural, and suburban local areas

**Minimums:**

Statutory formula minimum must be applied to 70 percent or greater funds, or to the entire allocation.

**Maximum:** Not allowed

**WIOA Adult Activities**

Same as Youth Activities, except

Formula uses disadvantaged ADULTS instead of YOUTH **and** EXCESS POVERTY instead of excess YOUTH poverty

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**Formula Data Factor Definitions**

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**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 Youth and Adult Sub-State Allocations:**  
*Must be allocated to local areas per  
Formula or Discretionary rules*

States must choose one of  
these allocation methods

