
**DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
ISSUANCE NUMBER PY 19-02**

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TO: Local Workforce Development Board Directors

SUBJECT: Funding Allocation Methodology for WIOA High Concentration of Eligible Youth

- I. **Purpose:** To award funding for assistance to the Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) for "Eligible Youth". A proposal to define the term "High Concentration of Eligible Youth" must be based on certain characteristics listed in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The definition for the term "Eligible Youth" can be found in the WIOA law, Title 1, section 129. This definition referenced states eligible youth are individuals 16-24 years of age, who are considered low-income persons, and who have one or more of the following risk factors:
- A.** Deficient in basic literacy skills;
 - B.** A school dropout;
 - C.** Within the age of compulsory attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recently complete school year calendar quarter;
 - D.** Homeless, a runaway, or foster child;
 - E.** Pregnant, or a parent;
 - F.** An offender;
 - G.** An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or secure and hold employment.

These categories can be further broken down into specialized risks. We have data sources to count:

Data Sources

1. **Total Population by County and City of LR**

Source: <https://factfinder.census.gov>. 2018 Population Estimate

Data set: " Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Selected Age Groups by Sex for the US, States, Counties and Puerto Rico, Common Wealth and Municipals: April 1, 2010 to July 1. 2018."

2. **Population Age 14-24y**

Source: <https://factfinder.census.gov>. 2018 Population Estimate

Data set: " Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1. 2018."

Note: Assumes same % of youth 14-24y found in 2018 for Pulaski County (13.58%) also applies to Little Rock City (age-group data is available for counties but not for cities)

3. Dropouts - School Age Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Dropouts and Withdrawals by reason, 2017-2018 (county level). <https://adedata.arkansas.gov>
Categories included: 1.Alcohol/drugs, 2.Conflict w/school, 3.Econ.hardship, 4.Enrolled GED, 5.Failing grades, 6.Health, 7.Incarcerated, 8.lack of interest, 9.Other, 10.Peer conflict, 11.Pregnancy/marriage, 12.Suspended/expelled.
4. English Language Learners - School Age
Source: Arkansas Department of Education (<https://adedata.arkansas.gov>)- English Language Learners Child Count SY 2018-2019 by all schools.
5. Juvenile Offenders
Source: Arkansas Crime Information Center (www.acic.org) under Crime Statistics.
Data set: 2018 Arrest by Contributor by County/Agency.
Categories included in Group A: 1.Crimes against persons, 2.Crimes against property A, 3.Crimes against property B, 4.Crimes against society and Group B: 5.Arrests
Note: Hot Spring County data is not available for 2018. Instead, this report uses the most recent information available for this county (2017)
6. Homeless School Age
Source: Arkansas Department of Education (<https://adedata.arkansas.gov>). Homeless by County, 2018-2019 (only includes count for Quarter 4)
Note: Homeless for City of Little Rock by School.
7. Foster Care - Age 12 and Over
Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services. Annual Report Card State Fiscal Year 2018 - Children in Foster Care by Age SFY18.
8. Births to Women Under Age 20 - 2018
Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Data Statistics, Vital Statistics, Query System (<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov>)
Note: Number of births to Women U20 for Little Rock.
9. Special Education - School Age
Source: Arkansas Department of Education (<https://adedata.arkansas.gov>)- Special Education Child Count SY 2018-2019 by all schools.
10. Poverty, Age 5-17 in Families
Source: 2017 Poverty and Median Household Income Estimates - Counties, States and National. US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Program (Release date: December 2018) Information for Little Rock City from 2017 Poverty Estimates for School Districts.

- II. General Information:** It is the Division of Workforce Services' intent to categorize and prioritize risk factors that can be documented with reliable data from the following: 2010 Census; Arkansas Department of Education; Arkansas Department of Human Services; Arkansas Crime Information Center; and the Arkansas Department of Health.

Part 1: ADWS Methodology to Define WIOA High Concentration of Eligible Youth for Additional Funding

- A. Count the individuals for each county in each of the categories we have available data.
- B. Group the State's 75 counties into Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA), and add the total number for each county in the LWIA to determine the total number in each LWIA. There will be individuals counted more than once because they fit more than one category, but that will serve to weight more heavily areas that have more individuals with multiple eligibility factors. (In all category calculations for the City of Little Rock LWIA and Central LWIA, a percentage of Pulaski County totals are used.) (Percentage used for the City of Little Rock LWIA is City of Little Population divided by Total Pulaski County Population)
- C. Divide the LWIA's weighted number of "Eligible Youth" by the LWIA's total population to determine what weighted percentage of the LWIA's total population consists of Eligible Youth.
- D. We propose any area that has a weighted percentage of Eligible Youth, as compared to its overall population, that is equal to or greater than ***22.48%** will be deemed as having a "High Concentration of Eligible Youth" for purposes of the funding formula.

Thus each LWIA that has a weighted percentage of Eligible Youth equal to ***22.48%** or more will share in the funds. This is based on a formula of Total Eligible Youth divided by the total dollars available, and then uses that multiplier to determine each district's weighted allotment at 50%. The remaining 50% of the award will be allocated based on the percentage of Total Barriers per Youth Participant in the State's MIS for the previous program year. (See totals page for amount to be awarded).

Part 2: Funding per LWIB based on ADWS Youth High Risk Percentage

Summary and Allocation of Proposed High Concentration Methodology

						\$ 100,000.00
50% Summary and Allocation						
Local Area	% of Est.d Eligible Youth	> or = 22.48%	Factor	Percent age		\$ 50,000.00
Eastern	24.20%	24.20%	0.017293	39.70%		\$ 19,849.51
Northwest	23.64%	23.64%	0.011651	26.75%		\$ 13,373.19
Western	23.26%	23.26%	0.007893	18.12%		\$ 9,059.84
Northeast	23.14%	23.14%	0.006619	15.19%		\$ 7,597.27
Southwest	22.48%	22.48%	7.93E-05	0.18%		\$ 91.02
West Central	22.48%	22.48%	2.54E-05	0.06%		\$ 29.17
Southeast	22.40%					
Central	21.47%					
North Central	21.03%					
Little Rock	20.58%					
				4.36%	100.00%	\$ 50,000.00

50% Summary and Allocation						
Local Area	Barrier/Participant			Percent age		\$ 50,000.00
Eastern	3.47			16.67%		\$ 8,336.34
Northwest	3.41			16.37%		\$ 8,187.11
Western	3.54			17.01%		\$ 8,503.72
Northeast	3.55			17.04%		\$ 8,521.97
Southwest	3.31			15.89%		\$ 7,943.93
West Central	3.55			17.01%		\$ 8,506.93
Southeast						
Central						
North Central						
Little Rock						
					100.00%	\$ 50,000.00
				20.84		

**100% Summary and
Allocation**

Local Area		\$ 100,000.00
Eastern		\$ 28,185.85
Northwest		\$ 21,560.30
Western		\$ 17,563.56
Northeast		\$ 16,119.24
Southwest		\$ 8,034.95
West Central		\$ 8,536.10
Southeast		
Central		
North Central		
Little Rock		
-		100.00% \$ 100,000.00

Note: all awarded funds must be expended by June 30, 2020.

III. Action Required: Questions regarding the allocation methodology or funding may be submitted to Kris Jones, ADWS EA Assistant Director at Kristopher.jones@arkansas.gov.

IV. Expiration Date: June 30, 2020