**Program Description:** Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, formula funds are provided to states and outlying areas, states in turn provide local workforce investment areas resources to deliver a comprehensive array of youth services that focus on assisting low-income youth with one or more barriers to employment prepare for post-secondary education and employment opportunities, attain educational and/or skills training credentials, and secure employment with career/promotional opportunities.

**Performance Goals***:  
- To increase the number of youth entering employment, post-secondary education, or advanced training;  
- To increase the number of youth attaining a degree or certificate; and  
- To increase literacy and numeracy gains.

**Services:** Tutoring, alternative secondary school offerings, summer employment opportunities linked to academic and occupational learning, paid and unpaid work experiences, occupational skill training, leadership development opportunities, supportive services, mentoring, follow-up services, and comprehensive guidance and counseling.

**Eligibility/Target Population:** Youth, aged 14 through 21, who are low income, and have one or more of the following barriers:
- deficient in basic literacy skills;  
- school dropout;  
- homeless, runaway or foster child;  
- pregnant or parenting;  
- offender; or  
- require additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment (including a youth with a disability).

**Allotments:** Based on formula provisions, including three factors: 1) the number of unemployed in areas of substantial unemployment; 2) the number of excess unemployed individuals; and 3) the number of economically disadvantaged youth.

**WIA Youth Appropriation by Program Year (PY)**

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* These three measures are the Office of Management and Budget identified common performance measures for youth and lifelong learning programs.

**Additional information is available at:**  
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