WIOA, Title I and III National Performance Summary
Program Year 2016
(July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)

Program Year (PY) 2016 is the first year state grantees reported performance information under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) performance accountability provisions. Individual performance records were submitted using the Participant Individual Record Layout (PIRL) (ETA-9172) and the results were certified by states using the WIOA Statewide Performance Report (ETA-9169).

Section 116(d)(2) requires states to report on outcomes achieved on the primary indicators of performance, including outcomes achieved by individuals with barriers to employment; characteristics of participants; and other information, such as numbers of participants who received training and/or career services and the average cost per participants of those participants. This summary reflects these requirements, to the extent that the information was available after the first year.

Typically, the national summary is based on exiters; however, the definition of an exiter requires 90 days without a service to determine a participant’s date of exit. As such, PY 2016 performance records include only three quarters of complete exiter data. This summary is based on participants in order to provide a four-quarter view of PY 2016. The new WIOA reporting requirements include a new definition for a program participant as compared to the definition used under the previous Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The WIOA definition of participant does not include those individuals only using a self-service system and/or receiving information-only services, so they are excluded from the counts of participants and the calculations of the primary indicators of performance. As such, any comparison of participant levels between the WIOA and WIA performance information must be done with care. The best proxy for historical WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker participant levels are levels of WIA participants who received a staff-assisted service. The definitions for participants between WIOA Youth and WIA Youth are similar enough that this adjustment is not necessary.

The first year of WIOA reporting does not include results on exit-based performance outcomes due to the timing of the exit-based primary indicators of performance. Program Year 2016 data include information on participant characteristics, and baseline results for Measurable Skill Gains were reported and are available. PY 2017 will be the first full year of baseline results for Employment Rate in the Second Quarter after Exit and Median Earnings in the Second Quarter after Exit. Complete baseline results for Employment Rate in the Fourth Quarter after Exit and Credential Attainment Rate are expected in PY 2018.
WIOA, title I –

The 1,108,201 WIOA Adult participants is an increase of 6.7% compared to the 1,039,029 WIA Adult participants who received staff assisted services in PY 2015. The 467,508 WIOA Dislocated Worker participants is a decrease of 8.4% compared to the 510,146 WIA Dislocated Worker participants who received staff assisted services in PY 2015. The 150,394 WIOA Youth participants is a modest decrease of 3.6% compared to the 156,264 WIA Youth participants in PY 2015.

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Table 1 WIOA, title I Participant Levels by Program
Source: PY 2016 WIOA PIRL Data, 1/11/18

Nationwide, WIOA title I programs served over 1.5 million adult and youth participants. The WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs served over 1.4 million adult participants.

The participant levels in Table 1 are consistent with the overall downward trend in participants served across all title I programs that has continued for the last five years.
Additionally, as seen in Table 2, the levels of WIOA, title I participants are consistent with recent trends. This is a positive indication that state grantees’ reporting remains consistent with regard to participation status.
Overall, WIOA title I programs served over 823,000 participants with a barrier to employment as defined in sec. 3 of WIOA. Individually, 590,000 were served by the WIOA Adult program, 185,000 were served by the WIOA Dislocated Worker program, and 140,000 were served by the WIOA Youth program.
Nearly 165,000 WIOA Adult participants received training services in Program Year 2016.

PY 2016 is the first year state grantees reported on the new WIOA primary indicator of performance, Measurable Skill Gains, which is a progress measure intended to monitor participants’ progress toward successful training and employment outcomes.

Nationally, the result for the WIOA Adult program is 18.0%, with nearly 23,000 participants achieving a measurable skill gain. The distribution of WIOA Adult participants for each of the five gain types is shown in Table 5. “Satisfactory Progress” and “Passage of an Exam” account for over 75% of the gains earned by WIOA Adult participants in PY 2016. The results reported in PY 2016 and to be reported in PY 2017 for this measure will provide a baseline for future years.
WIOA Dislocated Workers

A little more than 85,000 WIOA Dislocated Worker participants received training services in PY 2016.

Nationally, the result of the Measurable Skill Gains for the WIOA Dislocated Worker program is 17.0%, with over 8,500 participants achieving a measurable skill gain. The distribution of WIOA Dislocated Worker participants for each of the five gain types is shown in Table 7. “Satisfactory Progress” and “Passage of an Exam” account for over 81% of the gains earned by WIOA Dislocated Worker participants in PY 2016.
WIOA Youth provides a clear emphasis on serving more Out-of-School Youth (OSY), and grantees continue to move in that direction as 73.7% of WIOA Youth participants were OSY. Nationally, WIOA Youth grantees served 38,893 (26.3%) In-School Youth (ISY) and 108,806 OSY.

Nationally, the result for the Measurable Skill Gains measure for the WIOA Youth program is 30.6%, with over 17,000 participants achieving a measurable skill gain. The distribution of WIOA Youth participants for each of the five gain types is shown in Table 9. “Educational Functioning Level” gains account for over a third of all gain types earned by WIOA Youth participants in PY 2016.

Table 8 Youth Participant Levels
Source: PY 2016 WIOA PIRL Data Records, 1/11/18
*The sum of ISY and OSY counts do not equal the Total Youth count as they only include records where age and school status at program entry could be determined.

Table 9 WIOA Youth Measurable Skill Gain Types
Source: PY 2016 WIOA PIRL Data, 1/11/18
State grantees served nearly 5.5 million WIOA, title III Wagner-Peyser participants in PY 2016, representing a nearly 15% decrease compared to the 6,654,296 Wagner-Peyser participants who received staff-assisted services in PY 2015. This is a continuation of the downward trend of the last 5 years as shown in Table 11.
Over 1.9 million (36.4%) of the Wagner-Peyser participants served in PY 2016 face a barrier to employment as defined in sec. 3 of WIOA. The majority of them are Low-Income Individuals (57.7%).
Reportable Individuals –

WIOA titles I and III Individuals Served

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*Table 13 WIOA titles I and III Individuals Served
Source: PY 2016 WIOA PIRL Data*

Although reporting of Reportable Individuals is not required for the WIOA Statewide Performance Report, reporting on such individuals is required on the Quarterly Performance Reports and is available in the PIRL data. Therefore, information is included on what states reported.

PY 2016 is the first year state grantees reported information regarding Reportable Individuals. The WIOA regulation defines a Reportable Individual as any person who has taken action to demonstrate an intent to use program services and who meets specific reporting criteria of the program; this definition includes all participants. The numbers shown here represent those reportable individuals who have not become participants because they either only provided identifying information or the only services they received were considered self-service or information only.

Over 1.6 million Reportable Individuals were served by WIOA title I and III programs in PY 2016. This is in addition to the 5.6 million participants served in the same time period.