

Proposed Revised CYEP (31-3mm) Formula

If revision to 31-3mm passes, this formula would explain how funds would be distributed and would live as a process in the WIOA manual with the ability to update if ever needed in the future. Draft policy below:

State Youth Formula Funding for Connecticut Youth Employment Program

For the purposes of Connecticut Youth Employment Program (CYEP) and related state-funded youth programs, WIOA Administration will distribute funds to each Workforce Development Area (WDA) based on a formula that gives equal weight to three data sources, each accounting for one-third of the overall calculation. Each data source will be mapped to a WDA to determine the allocations. The data sources used are as follows:

1. **Economically Disadvantaged Youth (ACS Data):** Using data from the American Community Survey, the state will identify the number of economically disadvantaged youth ages 14–24. (This differs from the WIOA formula, which uses ages 16–21. See WIOA Allocation policy for more information.)
2. **Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRPL) Data:** A custom three-year analysis from the State Department of Education will be used to identify the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.
3. **At-Risk Youth (PA 24-45 Definition):** The most recent available counts of At-Risk Youth, as defined under Public Act 24-45, will be used.

Each WDA will then receive:

- One-third of its allocation based on its share of economically disadvantaged youth,
 - One-third based on its share of FRPL youth, and
 - One-third based on its share of At-Risk Youth.
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CYEP 31-3mm History:

Through engagement with the WDBs and research on the statute, it was determined the statute was the resulting effort of a few factors:

For many years, summer youth employment was supported by a dedicated federal funding stream under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). That structure guaranteed states specific allocations for summer jobs for young people.

In 1998, Congress replaced JTPA with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), eliminating the separate federal summer set-aside. Summer employment became just one allowable activity within a consolidated year-round youth formula grant. As a result, beginning in 1999, there was no longer federally protected funding dedicated solely to summer youth employment.

Connecticut responded by strengthening its own state commitment through CGS §31-3mm, establishing and funding the Connecticut Youth Employment Program within the Connecticut Department of Labor. In effect, the state stepped in to preserve access to summer employment opportunities that had previously been guaranteed by federal law.

Today, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), there remains no dedicated federal summer funding stream. Connecticut's continued investment in youth employment reflects a policy choice to maintain opportunities for young people that are no longer structurally protected at the federal level.

In 2007 there were various bills supporting youth employment that may have in part influenced the outcome that led to 31-3mm's creation such as H.B. 6153 to increase funding for summer youth programs, H.B. 6846 an act concerning youth employment, or S.B. 755 funds for Bridgeport's summer youth program, where the version of 31-3mm we see today first appeared in SB 1500.

31-3mm currently has this formula embedded in statute:

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS

Within available appropriations, the act requires the Labor Department to establish a program to distribute youth employment and training funds to the state's five regional workforce development boards.

The act sets the following allocation formula:

1. Capitol Workforce Partners – 32.5%
2. The Workforce Alliance – 22.5%
3. Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Inc. – 22.5%
4. The Workplace, Inc. – 12.5% and
5. Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board – 10%.

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It is our understanding that the formula above was from a sampling of major cities Free and Reduced Lunch rates available from 2006. This above also includes an administrative error that inadvertently "swapped" the NRWIB allocation and the Workplace's allocation. This error was readily recognized by both WDB CEOs in recent conversations.

CTDOL 2025 CYEP legislative proposal [HB 6956](#): AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS had not been agreed upon by the 5 WDBs with the understanding that CTDOL would propose it in the 2027 session.

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