

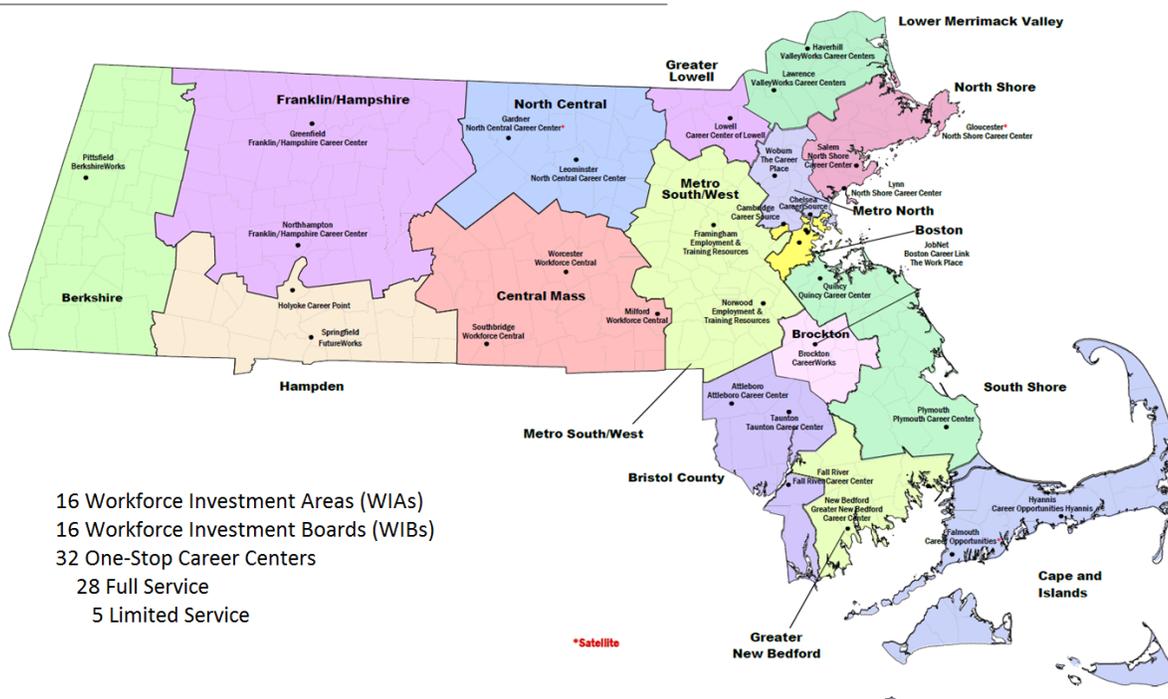
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Youth Program

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development's Department of Career Services provides oversight of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. WIOA increases access to opportunities for employment, education, training, and support services to individuals, particularly those with barriers to succeed in the labor force.

The WIOA Youth Program is a federally funded. The Department of Career Services allocates WIOA Title I Youth funds to Massachusetts' 16 workforce areas based on procedures defined by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. Workforce Boards in each of the 16 workforce areas procure services designed to help in-school and out-of-school youth complete their secondary education, enter into post-secondary education/training, or enter into employment. Eligible youth receive comprehensive assessments, career planning, support services, alternative education, work-based learning experiences, and occupational skills training. Youth access these services through One-Stop Career Centers or WIOA Youth Service Providers.

Massachusetts Workforce Areas and One-Stop Career Centers



- 16 Workforce Investment Areas (WIAs)
- 16 Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs)
- 32 One-Stop Career Centers
- 28 Full Service
- 5 Limited Service

A list of the WIOA Youth Service Providers in each of the 16 workforce areas can be found here: <http://www.mass.gov/massworkforce/programs/youth/>

To be eligible for WIOA Youth services youth must meet the criteria listed below:

<u>Eligibility Criteria for Out-of-School Youth (OSY)</u>	<u>Eligibility Criteria for In-School Youth (ISY)</u>
Age 16 to 24, Selective Service Complaint, and Not Attending School	Age 14 to 21, Selective Service Compliant, Attending School, and Low – Income
<p>OSY must also meet one of or more conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o School Dropout o Compulsory school age but has not attended school for the most recent school year calendar o High school graduate or recipient of its equivalent who is: low income; basic skills deficient; or an English language learner o Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system o Homeless, runaway, or foster child or has aged out of the foster care system o Pregnant or parenting o Individual with a disability o Low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an education program or to secure employment 	<p>ISY must also meet one or more conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Basic skills deficient o English language learner o An offender o Homeless, runaway, or foster child o Pregnant or parenting o Individual with a Disability o Requires additional assistance to enter or complete an education program or to secure employment

Please call or visit your local One Stop Career Center to learn more about the WIOA Youth Program. You can find a One Stop Career Center near you by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.mass.gov/lwd/employment-services/dcs/find-a-career-center-near-you.html>