

**ASSESS VARIATION IN THE PROPORTION OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) PROGRAM ADULTS  
RECEIVING TRAINING SERVICES ACROSS STATES AND LOCALITIES**

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**Project Summary:** The study team from Capital Research Corporation and Johns Hopkins University assisted the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in its efforts to better understand variation in the proportion of WIA adults who receive training services across states and local workforce investment boards (WIBs). As part of this study, the team conducted telephone interviews with 9 local workforce development agencies to gather information about training services and factors affecting the proportion of WIA adults receiving training services. During telephone interviews with local WIBs, researchers interviewed the administrator(s) and/or staff who were most knowledgeable about factors that might affect numbers and proportion of WIA adults who are trained and the WIB's policies and procedures on training. Following the initial round of telephone interviews, the team visited three local workforce development areas to explore in greater depth the delivery of training services, client flow, and factors that may affect the numbers and percentage of WIA adults receiving training services. Once data collection was completed, the project team prepared a brief final report, synthesizing results across the local study sites with a particular focus on the factors that explained variation in percent of WIA adults receiving training across states and localities.

**Reports:**

J. Trutko and B. Barnow, *Variation in Training Rates Across States and Local Workforce Investment Boards: Final Report*, Capital Research Corporation, prepared for the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 2007.

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