

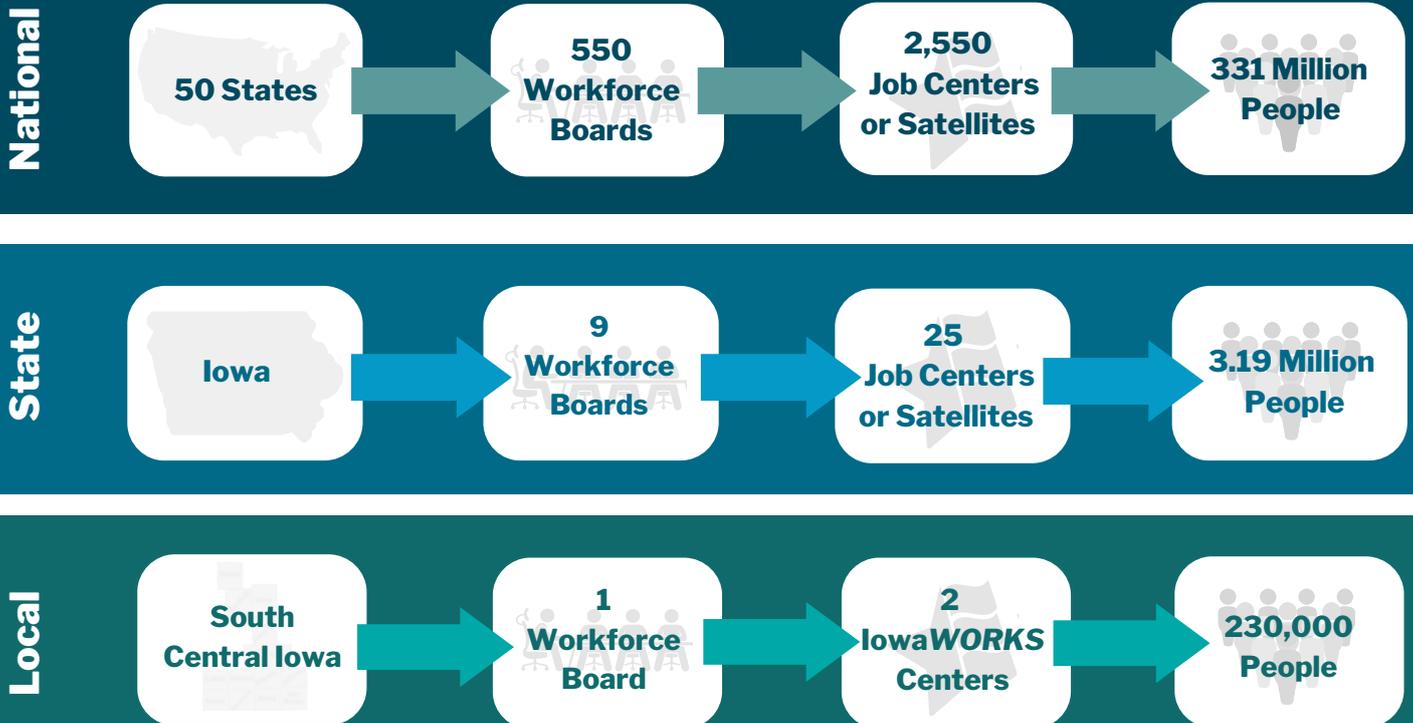
## What is a local workforce development board?

Local workforce development boards (LWDBs) are a formal group of community leaders (acting much like a Board of Directors) that identify the needs of a local job market in a city, county, or region. Local boards are part of the Public Workforce System, a network of federal, state, and local offices that support economic expansion and develop the talent of the nation's workforce.

Think of the local board as your link to the public workforce system. The board facilitates partnerships between local businesses with similar training needs and develops sector strategies that focus resources on a particular high-growth industry, often involving skill training for local businesses. Boards understand the skills that are in demand and foster the necessary industry sector partnerships, training, and credential programs for the local area.

The board exists to help local businesses find qualified workers and ensure full utilization of the workforce. Convening local businesses, economic developers, education, and workforce partners in real-time the board determines and drives the skilling and re-skilling of Iowa's workforce. The board oversees the local IowaWORKS Centers and also sets funding and policy priorities focused on workforce issues like wages, job mobility, access, and equity.

## America relies on the national network of workforce boards.



### South Central Iowa Local Workforce Board Counties

Appanoose - Davis - Hardin - Jefferson - Keokuk - Lucas - Mahaska  
Marshall - Monroe - Poweshiek - Van Buren - Wapello - Wayne - Tama

**The future of Iowa depends on our workforce.  
Our workforce depends on you.**

**Vision**

We envision an Iowa where every business has access to a qualified, job-ready workforce and every Iowan has the skills needed to connect with meaningful employment to advance in a career.

**Mission**

We drive Iowa's economic growth by implementing an effective and efficient workforce system that delivers innovative, fully integrated, data-driven products and services that meet the needs of businesses and job seekers. We hold ourselves accountable to the system's goals and support high-impact outcomes.

**Benefits**



Access to funding to develop and create innovative workforce pipeline programs and fill high-demand jobs.



Identify similar businesses and collaborate to save cost on training to equip and prepare your future workforce.



Network with other business owners, industry and human resource professionals, and community leaders.



Find talent pools that increase diversity and equity in your business talent pipeline.



Market your business through the state and national job bank, social media, sponsored hiring events, and more.



Represent your industry needs and learn about workforce trends at the local, regional, state, and national levels

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