

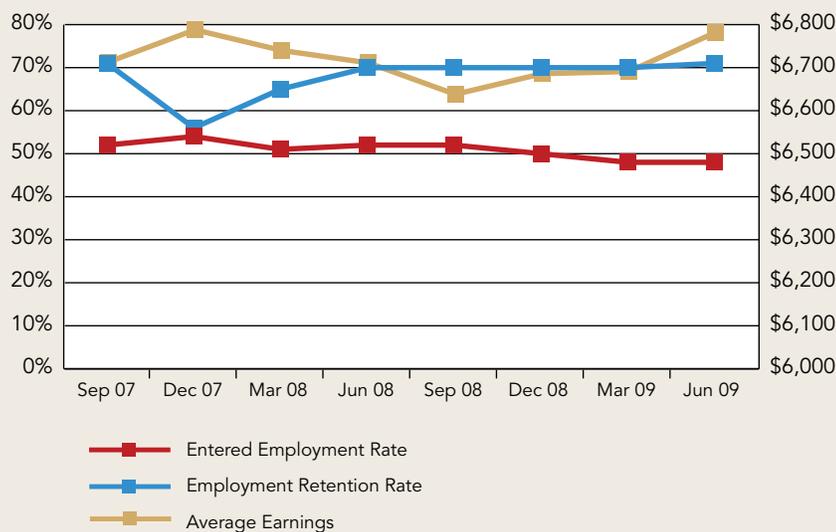
SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

Program website: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors>

PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measure	Four Quarters Ending 6/30/08	Four Quarters Ending 6/30/09 ¹
Entered Employment	52%	47.9%
Employment Retention	71%	70.6%
Average Earnings	\$6,713	\$6,782

PERFORMANCE PROGRESS – PAST EIGHT QUARTERS



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Originally authorized by the Older Americans Act of 1965, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is designed to foster individual economic self-sufficiency and promote useful opportunities in community service employment for unemployed low-income persons (particularly persons who have poor employment prospects) who are age 55 or older, and to increase the number of persons who may enjoy the benefits of unsubsidized employment in both the public and private sectors.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/INNOVATIONS

The SCSEP received an additional \$120 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. These funds will permit grantees to fill over 13,000 additional authorized positions through June 2010. Because SCSEP participants are low-income persons, their earnings from the program will quickly be injected into the economy. To date, SCSEP grantees have enrolled over 10,600 persons under the SCSEP Recovery Grants.

ANALYSIS

- Initial fourth quarter performance results indicate that SCSEP will substantially meet its PY 2008 Entered Employment goal when all data are final in October 2009.
- The Employment Retention Rate has declined slightly compared to the data from one year ago.
- The Six-Month Average Earnings for the program was \$6,782. Given the economic conditions and accompanying adverse impacts on older workers, the program has performed well in providing ongoing community service opportunities and difficult-to-find post program employment opportunities. Currently, SCSEP grantees report results for common measures using supplemental data sources; however, access to UI wage record data is being established. Preliminary test runs matching participant records to UI wage records have yielded higher results for all three measures when aggregated at the national level. It is expected that the program will begin to report the enhanced results beginning with the first quarter of PY 2009.
- Additional SCSEP Measures:
 - SCSEP Service Level
 - PY 2008 Goal: 162 percent
 - Year to Date: 163 percent
 - SCSEP Service to Most-In-Need
 - PY 2008 Goal: 2.65 percent
 - Last four quarters: 2.5 percent¹
 - SCSEP Community Service Rate
 - PY 2008 Goal: 77 percent
 - Year to Date: 83 percent
 - Total Community Service Hours Provided in PY 2008: 48,611,568

¹ Service to Most-In-Need is the average number of barriers per participant. This indicator includes those who are severely disabled, age 75 or older, with very limited employment prospects.