

Workforce Investment Act Adult Program

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Program Description

Adult services encompass workforce investment programs and initiatives that help millions of adult workers receive workforce preparation assistance. These programs also help employers find skilled workers and promote and facilitate an integrated public workforce system by offering a full array of workforce education, training, and information services. Adult Programs serve the broadest range of individuals, including public assistance recipients, Unemployment Insurance claimants, veterans, people with disabilities, dislocated workers, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, Indian and Native Americans, and workers age 55 or older.

Analysis

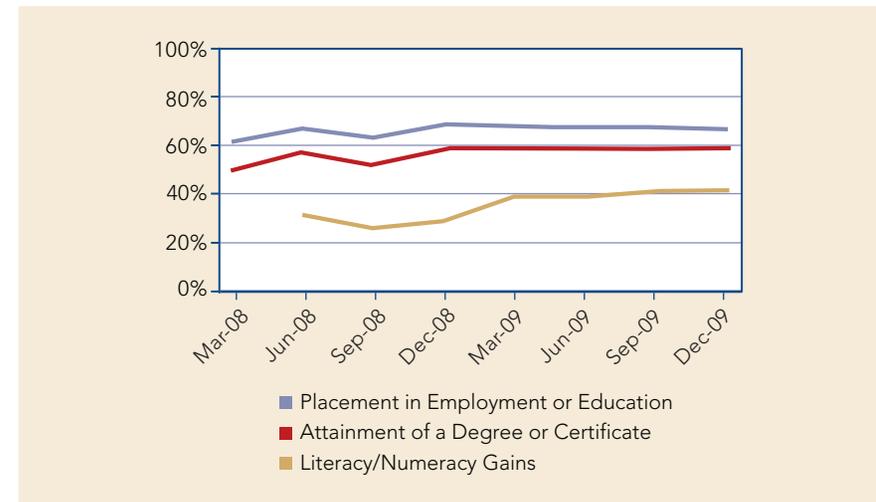
- The Workforce Investment Act Adult program served 2,369,026 participants in the second quarter of PY 2009. This number reflects a 37 percent increase when compared with the second quarter of PY 2008. This steady increase through the last several quarters reflects the amplified demand for services as well as the effect of the Recovery Act funds, which have boosted the program's ability to provide services.
- While the overall number of individuals obtaining employment after receiving program services has increased when compared to same time period last year, the Adult Entered Employment Rate, has decreased to 59.4 percent. This is approximately 6 percentage points lower than the performance target for PY 2009.
- The Employment Retention Rate for the second quarter was 80.1 percent, roughly two percentage points below the performance target for PY 2009.
- The Six-Month Average Earnings are \$14,585, which is well above the PY 2009 target of \$13,741.

Program Performance

Performance Measure	Four Quarters Ending 12/31/08*	Four Quarters Ending 12/31/09*
Entered Employment Rate	70%	59.4%
Employment Retention Rate	83%	80.1%
Average Earnings	\$14,104	\$14,585

* Cumulative four quarters

Performance in the Past Eight Quarters



Program Highlights

- Over the next four months, ETA will partner with the Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) and the National Center for Educational Excellence (NCEE) to host a series of forums on adult learning strategies in an effort to increase awareness across the workforce and educational systems on innovative practices. Lessons learned from the meetings will also be translated into curricula for two Training Institutes on career pathway models to be held in the fall of 2010.