

# Registered Apprenticeship

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## Analysis

### Apprentices

- New Apprentices declined by 45 percent when compared with the same quarter one year ago
- Active Apprentices increased by five percent when compared with the previous year

### Programs

- New Programs in industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative declined by 40 percent when compared with the same quarter in the previous year
- Active Programs maintained decreased by four percent when compared with the previous year

The downturn in the economy is most likely the reason for the decline in three of the above performance measure categories.

## Program Performance

Current Quarter/One Year Ago		
Performance Measure	Quarter Ending 9/30/2008	Quarter Ending 9/30/2009
<b>Apprentices</b>		
New Apprentices	30,736	16,976
Active Apprentices*	335,149*	350,410*
<b>Programs</b>		
Number of new programs in industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative	282	168
New Programs	335	204
Active Programs Maintained*	15,708*	15,068*

\*Cumulative four quarters

## Program Description

The Registered Apprenticeship System is a federal-state partnership that is helping to meet our skilled talent development needs for the 21st century. Registered Apprenticeship combines on-the-job learning with related technical instruction provided by various educational institutions and sponsors. The strategic goals for the Registered Apprenticeship System focus on:

- Working in a regional economic context.
- Expanding into targeted high-growth industries.
- Providing greater access to postsecondary education and alternative pathways for at-risk youth.
- Increasing the use of technology-based learning and competency-based models.

## Program Highlights

ETA awarded \$6.5 million this quarter to 11 national industry and employer associations and labor management organizations for advancing Registered Apprenticeship through the development of innovative programs that utilize an updated 21st century Registered Apprenticeship framework. Primarily, the grants will fund the development and/or adaptation of national guideline standards that incorporate competency-based progression, hybrid-style progression, and interim credentials.

ETA also awarded more than \$2 million to assist 22 state apprenticeship agencies and the National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors in the development of strategies to better serve dislocated workers and other unemployed individuals. The grants will also help the state agencies strengthen partnerships between the Registered Apprenticeship System and the public workforce systems. These grants will support the state agencies as they modernize their infrastructure, policies, rules, and legislation to advance apprenticeship into the 21st century.