

# NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM (NFJP)

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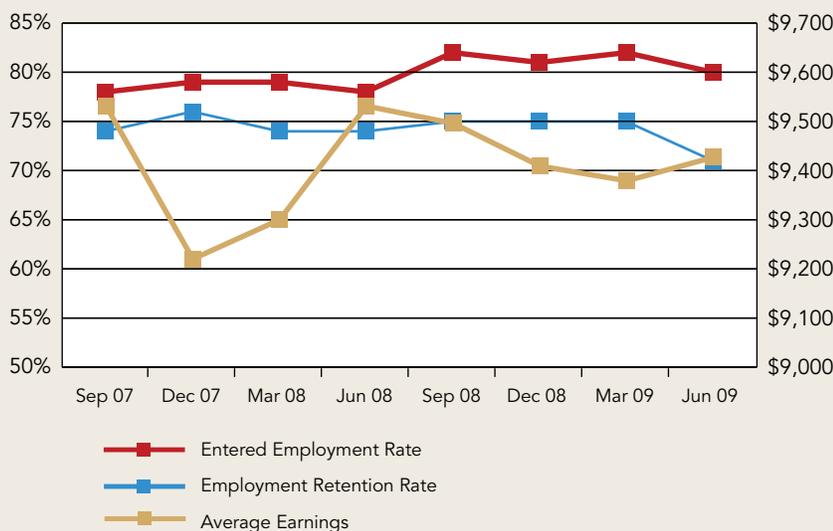
## PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measure	Four Quarters Ending 6/30/08	Four Quarters Ending 6/30/09
Entered Employment	78.3%	80.3%
Employment Retention	73.9%	71.1%
Average Earnings	\$9,531	\$9,427

## ANALYSIS

- 18,477 participants were served by the program for the program year ending June 30, 2009. This represents a 3.6 percent increase in total participants served when compared to the same period one year ago.
- The Entered Employment Rate is two percent higher compared to the same quarter last year and 6.5 percent higher than the GPRA goal for PY 2008. This indicates that individuals are finding jobs after exiting the program at a consistently high and fairly stable rate.
- The Employment Retention Rate decreased slightly when compared to the same quarter last year: 74 percent in June 2008 (PY 2007) and 71.1 percent in June 2009 (PY 2008). The decrease may be attributable to current economic conditions, particularly in areas where farmworkers live and work. The Employment Retention Rate is less than one percent below the GPRA goal for PY 2008.
- The Six-Month Average Earnings also decreased slightly compared to last year (\$9,531 in PY 2007 and \$9,427 in PY 2008), but still remain above the GPRA goal for PY 2008.

## PERFORMANCE PROGRESS – PAST EIGHT QUARTERS



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) assists migrants and other seasonally-employed farmworkers and their families in achieving economic self-sufficiency and stability through job training and other services that address their employment-related needs. New job skills in occupations that offer higher wages are offered, as well as supportive services that help farmworkers stabilize employment in agriculture.

The program serves economically disadvantaged farmworkers who are primarily employed in agricultural labor that is characterized by chronic unemployment and underemployment. Assistance from the NFJP is accessed through grantee partners and local One Stop Career Centers.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/INNOVATIONS

The biennial NFJP grants competition scheduled for 2009 was waived by the Secretary of Labor, per the authority provided by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 167. Four states were found to have less than satisfactory performance; those areas are being competed under a limited Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA), along with another state, whose grantee ceased operations on July 1, 2009. Results of the limited SGA competition will be available by September 30, 2009.