

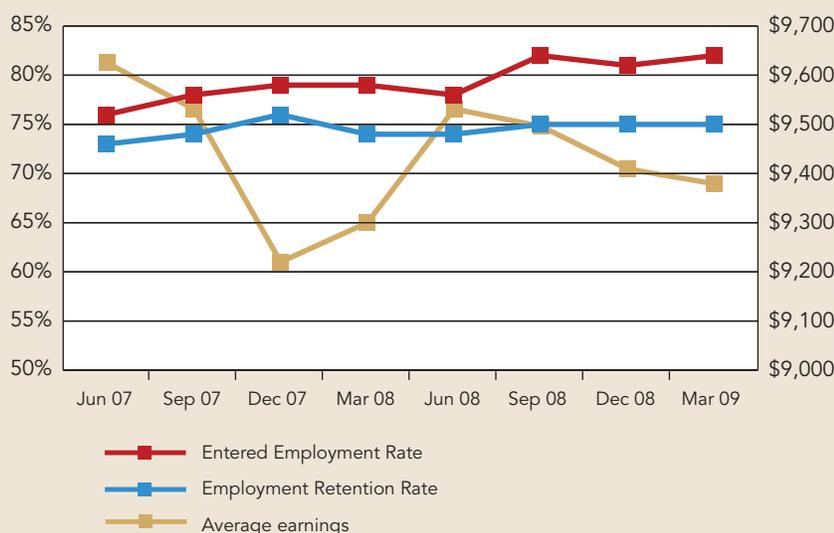
NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM

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

PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measure	GPRA Target for PY 2008	Quarter Ending 3/31/08	Quarter Ending 3/31/09
Entered Employment	73.8%	80%	82%
Retained Employment	72.0%	76%	75%
Average Earnings	\$9,030	\$9,286	\$9,379

PERFORMANCE PROGRESS – PAST EIGHT QUARTERS



ANALYSIS

- 8,116 participants were served in the quarter ending March 2009, which is almost a 12 percent increase when compared to the same period one year ago.
- The Entered Employment Rate increased two percentage points compared to the same quarter one year ago. This is considerably higher than the GPRA goal for PY 2008.
- The Employment Retention rate is one percentage point lower than the same quarter one year ago, but higher than the GPRA goal for PY 2008.
- Average Earnings increased slightly compared to last year, but remain slightly above the GPRA goal for PY 2008.
- A drop in unsubsidized employment occurred this year. The number fell from 4,462 to 4,254. This drop, as well as the drop in Average Earnings since the quarter ending December 31, 2008, is attributed, in part, to the overall economic conditions affecting the nation.

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

In PY 2008, a Green Centers planning grant was awarded. This grant will create community based partnerships connecting low-income communities with energy savings and workforce development programs. The programs will promote green training opportunities and identify jobs for the migrant and seasonal farmworker population.