

Reintegration of Ex-Offenders

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Program Description

The Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program is an employment-centered program that seeks to strengthen urban communities with large numbers of returning prisoners. The program incorporates mentoring, job training, and other comprehensive transitional services. It is designed to reduce recidivism by helping inmates find work when they return to their communities, as part of an effort to improve community life.

Analysis

- Program-to-date, the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Initiative continues to meet or exceed the performance goals on the earnings, employment, and retention measures.
- In the quarter ending on December 31, 2009, 588 participants enrolled in the program, almost 300 fewer (34 percent decline) than the previous quarter. This can be attributed to the slowdown in day-to-day operations because of the impending random assignment evaluation, for which grantees were being trained and awaiting the go ahead to initiate the random assignment protocol.
- Entered Employment and Employment Retention Rates have increased when compared with the last four quarters. The average earnings have also increased by one percentage over the previous quarter. In particular, employment retention in the current quarter is much higher than the 51 percent reported in the previous quarter (July-September 2009). The upward trend in employment for ex-offenders amidst the current economic crises demonstrates the strength of the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders Programs in serving this hard-to-serve population. This upward trend is also a very promising development ahead of the random assignment implementation as the evaluation process should be reviewing strong programs.

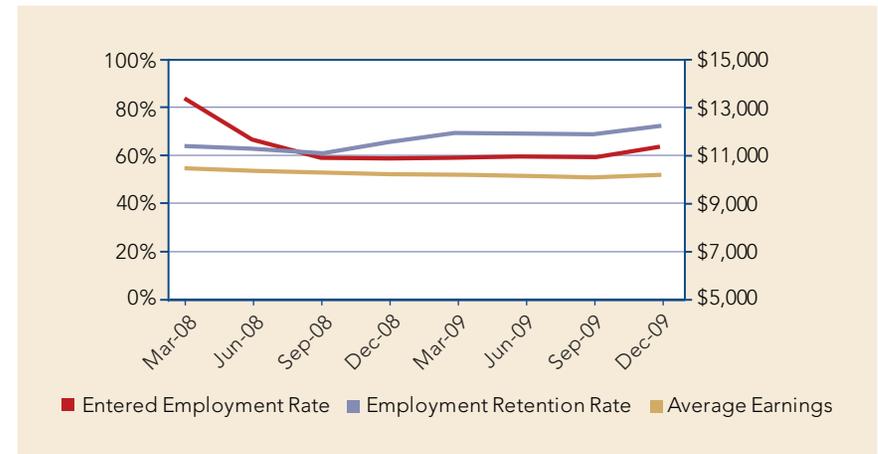
Program Performance

Performance Measure	Four Quarters Ending 12/31/09 ¹	Program to Date ²
Entered Employment Rate	57%	64%
Employment Retention Rate	65%	72%
Average Earnings	\$9,856	\$10,204

¹ Cumulative four quarters

² Program-to-Date data are as of program inception in spring 2006

Performance in the Past Eight Quarters



Program Highlights

Grantees are participating in a random assignment evaluation that is expected to provide reliable evidence about the program's effectiveness to increase the Entered Employment Rate and reduce recidivism. It is expected that the enrollment of study participants will be complete by April 2011. Initial results on the impact of the program are expected in mid-2012.