

Workforce Investment Act Youthful Offender Initiative

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Analysis

- The Recidivism Rate for Youth Ages 14 to 17 increased by three percentage points over the last year.
- The Recidivism Rate for Youth Ages 18 and Above decreased by eight percentage points for the last four quarters.
- The Placement Rate for Youth Ages 18 and Above increased by three percentage points compared to the same period last year.

Notes: The recidivism rates for Youthful Offender projects for the current quarter are the same as the June 2009 recidivism rates because grantees only are asked to verify their recidivism rates with their local juvenile justice system or adult criminal justice system once a year as it is a lengthy process. The Youthful Offender recidivism rates are based on the sample of grantees that are able to verify their recidivism rates through their local juvenile justice system or adult criminal justice system.

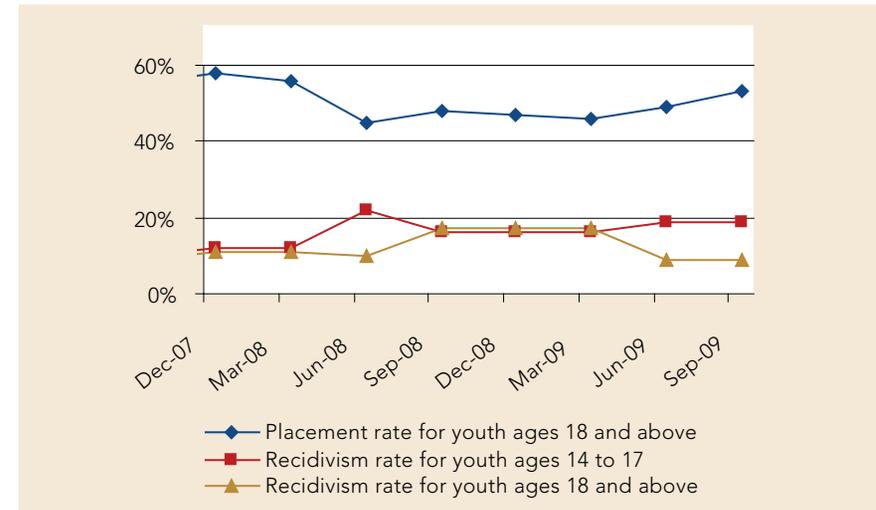
The Youthful Offender Placement Rate for Out-of-School Youth Ages 18 and Above should be considered preliminary and will be updated as data are received from additional grantees.

Program Performance

Performance Measures	Four Quarters Ending 9/30/08 ¹	Four Quarters Ending 9/30/09 ¹
Placement Rate for Youth Ages 18 and Above	48%	53%
Recidivism Rate for Youth Ages 14 to 17	16%	19%
Recidivism Rate for Youth Ages 18 and above	17%	9%

¹ Cumulative four quarters

Performance in the Past Eight Quarters



Program Description

ETA uses its Youthful Offender Appropriation to fund a variety of projects serving both in-school and out-of-school young offenders. These projects are aimed toward supporting both young offenders and at-risk youth, mainly ages 14 to 24, who are in the juvenile justice system or in the adult criminal justice system.

ETA also uses these projects for promoting a multi-dimensional approach to education in youthful offender grants, encouraging the use of alternative educational models to meet the diverse needs of young offenders. The core goal of these models is to assist youth offenders in entering the workforce through specifically targeted and high-demand occupations.