



Bridges Update

California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

April 2007 Update

PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
February	377	1	0	378
March	378	0	3	375
April	375	4	0	379

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Month	Male	Female	Currently Using SSA Benefits	In School (K-22)
February	56%	44%	71%	59%
March	56%	44%	72%	56%
April	57%	43%	72%	54%

SELECTED REPORT

Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (December 06 - February 07)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
February 07	18-22	39	\$7.60	24.0	10%
	22+	69	\$7.27	19.7	14%
March 07	18-22	45	\$7.77	23.6	9%
	22+	70	\$7.67	19.5	13%
April 07	18-22	50	\$7.80	23.9	10%
	22+	72	\$7.49	20.0	15%

AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
February	3%	32%	32%	33%	21.2
March	3%	30%	32%	35%	21.3
April	3%	29%	32%	36%	21.4

LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Month	Foster/Group Home	Independent Without Support	Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians	Supervised or Supported Living	School Dormitory ²	Other
February	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%
March	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%
April	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%

EMPLOYMENT UPDATE¹

Month	Percentage of All Participants Working (Paid Work)	Average Hours Worked Per Week Of Total Working	Average Hourly Wage Of Total Working	Percentage of Total Working with Subsidized Wages
February	54%	18.7	\$7.31	22%
March	53%	18.7	\$7.60	20%
April	53%	19.2	\$7.58	19%

Month	Percentage of Out-of-School Participants Working (Paid Work)	Average Hours Worked Per Week Of Out-of-School Working	Average Hourly Wage Of Out-of-School Working	Percentage of Out-of-School Working with Subsidized Wages
February	69%	21.2	\$7.39	13%
March	69%	21.0	\$7.70	11%
April	71%	21.6	\$7.62	13%

Month	Percentage of Those Working Above <u>State*</u> Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working Above <u>Federal</u> Minimum Wage
February	32%	91%
March	35%	91%
April	37%	91%

¹Work here is defined as any participant with any hours of paid work in a given week. Detailed employment data (e.g., part time, full time, group or individual placement) is provided in the quarterly report.

²Includes college dormitory.

*State minimum wage increased to \$7.50 per hour on January 1 2007.

If Not Working and Not Going to School, Why?

	Looking for work (11a)	Staying home to take care of family (11b)	Unable to get child care help (11c)	Unable to find job (11d)	Unable to work due to health problems (11e)	Unable to find transportation (11f)	Unwilling to give up SSI or other benefits (11g)	Need more training for job (11h)	Uninterested in working (11i)	None (11j)	Work at home (11k)
December 06 (n=45)	64%	4%	4%	55%	18%	7%	2%	44%	7%	7%	0%
	(29/45)	(2/45)	(2/45)	(23/45)	(8/45)	(3/45)	(1/45)	(20/45)	(3/45)	(3/45)	(0/45)
January 07 (n=51)	63%	4%	4%	43%	18%	6%	4%	45%	8%	6%	0%
	(32/51)	(2/51)	(2/51)	(22/51)	(9/51)	(3/51)	(2/51)	(23/51)	(4/51)	(3/51)	(0/51)
February 07 (n=52)	60%	4%	4%	42%	17%	6%	4%	48%	8%	6%	0%
	(31/52)	(2/52)	(2/52)	(22/52)	(9/52)	(3/52)	(2/52)	(25/52)	(4/52)	(3/52)	(0/52)
March 07 (n=53)	60%	4%	4%	41%	19%	6%	4%	47%	8%	6%	0%
	(31/53)	(2/53)	(2/53)	(22/53)	(10/53)	(3/53)	(2/53)	(25/53)	(4/53)	(3/53)	(0/53)
April 07 (n=57)	58%	3%	3%	42%	17%	7%	3%	49%	10%	5%	0%
	(33/57)	(2/57)	(2/57)	(24/57)	(10/57)	(4/57)	(2/57)	(28/57)	(6/57)	(3/57)	(0/57)