



# Bridges Update

## California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

### April 2008 Update

#### PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
February	423	0	0	423
March	423	0	0	423
April	423	0	5	418

#### GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Month	Male	Female	Currently Using SSA Benefits	In School (K-22)
February	56%	44%	71%	50%
March	56%	44%	72%	50%
April	56%	44%	72%	49%

#### SELECTED REPORT

### Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (February 08 - April 08)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
February 08	18-22	34	\$8.28	23.7	6%
	22+	92	\$7.72	21.6	16%
March 08	18-22	34	\$8.47	23.8	6%
	22+	92	\$7.91	21.5	16%
April 08	18-22	32	\$8.39	23.4	6%
	22+	96	\$8.04	21.3	17%

## AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
February	3%	24%	30%	43%	21.8
March	3%	23%	31%	43%	21.8
April	3%	22%	31%	44%	21.9

## LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Month	Foster/Group Home	Independent Without Support	Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians	Supervised or Supported Living	Homeless	Other
February	3%	7%	84%	3.5%	.5% (2)	2%
March	3%	9%	83%	3.5%	.5% (2)	1%
April	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5% (2)	3%

## EMPLOYMENT UPDATE<sup>1</sup>

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	49%	19.7	\$7.91	18%
March	48%	19.7	\$8.02	18%
April	50%	19.7	\$8.08	18%

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	60%	22.1	\$7.87	13%
March	59%	22.0	\$8.06	13%
April	60%	21.8	\$8.13	14%

Month	Percentage of Those Working Below State <sup>2</sup> Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working At State Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working Above State Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working Above Federal Minimum Wage
February	30%	38%	32%	86%
March	23%	40%	37%	87%
April	23%	38.5%	38.5%	87%

<sup>1</sup> Work 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, type of placement) is provided in the quarterly report. <sup>2</sup>State minimum wage increased to \$8.00 per hour on January 1 2008.

## 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)	Issues with 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)
<b>December 07 (n=52)</b>	44%	5%	2%	33%	29%	8%	2%	31%	14%	8%	0%
	(23/52)	(3/52)	(1/52)	(17/52)	(15/52)	(4/52)	(1/52)	(16/52)	(7/52)	(4/52)	(0/52)
<b>January 08 (n=62)</b>	37%	5%	2%	27%	24%	6%	2%	26%	11%	6%	0%
	(23/62)	(3/62)	(1/62)	(17/62)	(15/62)	(4/62)	(1/62)	(16/62)	(7/62)	(4/62)	(0/62)
<b>February 08 (n=62)</b>	37%	5%	2%	26%	23%	5%	2%	24%	11%	6%	0%
	(23/62)	(3/62)	(1/62)	(16/62)	(14/62)	(3/62)	(1/62)	(15/62)	(7/62)	(4/62)	(0/62)
<b>March 08 (n=60)</b>	38%	5%	3%	27%	28%	3%	2%	25%	12%	7%	0%
	(23/60)	(3/60)	(2/60)	(16/60)	(17/60)	(2/60)	(1/60)	(15/60)	(7/60)	(4/60)	(0/60)
<b>April 08 (n=55)</b>	38%	5%	4%	29%	33%	4%	2%	27%	10%	7%	0%
	(21/55)	(3/55)	(2/55)	(16/55)	(18/55)	(2/55)	(1/55)	(15/55)	(6/55)	(4/55)	(0/55)