



# Bridges Update

## California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

### January 2008 Update

#### PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
November	421	1	2	420
December	420	6	1	425
January	425	0	2	423

#### GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Month	Male	Female	Currently Using SSA Benefits	In School (K-22)
November	56%	44%	70%	51%
December	56%	44%	71%	51%
January	56%	44%	71%	50%

#### SELECTED REPORT

### Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (November 07 - January 08)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
November 07	18-22	36	\$7.88	24.8	5%
	22+	86	\$7.58	21.4	16%
December 07	18-22	34	\$8.01	23.7	6%
	22+	88	\$7.60	21.7	15%
January 08	18-22	33	\$8.18	23.6	6%
	22+	90	\$7.70	21.6	15%

## AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
November	3%	28%	30%	39%	21.6
December	3%	27%	29%	40%	21.6
January	3%	26%	29%	42%	21.7

## LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Month	Foster/Group Home	Independent Without Support	Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians	Supervised or Supported Living	Homeless	Other
November	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%
December	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%
January	3%	7%	84%	3.5%	.5% (2)	2%

## 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
November	47%	20.0	\$7.73	16%
December	47%	19.9	\$7.76	17%
January	47%	19.8	\$7.92	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
November	59%	22.4	\$7.67	13%
December	61%	22.3	\$7.71	12%
January	58%	22.1	\$7.83	13%

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
November	22%	33%	45%	86%
December	21%	33%	46%	87%
January	30%	38%	32%	86%

<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)	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)
September 07 (n=55)	51%	7%	2%	29%	24%	7%	4%	34%	9%	9%	0%
	(28/55)	(4/55)	(1/55)	(16/55)	(13/55)	(4/55)	(2/55)	(19/55)	(4/55)	(5/55)	(0/55)
October 07 (n=54)	46%	5%	2%	30%	28%	5%	2%	33%	15%	7%	0%
	(25/54)	(3/54)	(1/54)	(16/54)	(15/54)	(3/54)	(1/54)	(18/54)	(8/54)	(4/54)	(0/54)
November 07 (n=52)	46%	5%	2%	30%	29%	5%	2%	33%	14%	8%	0%
	(24/52)	(3/52)	(1/52)	(16/52)	(15/52)	(3/52)	(1/52)	(17/52)	(7/52)	(4/52)	(0/52)
December 07 (n=52)	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)
January 08 (n=62)	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)