



Bridges Update

California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

March 2008 Update

PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
January	425	0	2	423
February	423	0	0	423
March	423	0	0	423

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

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

SELECTED REPORT

Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (January 08 - March 08)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
January 08	18-22	33	\$8.18	23.6	6%
	22+	90	\$7.70	21.6	15%
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%

AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
January	3%	26%	29%	42%	21.7
February	3%	24%	30%	43%	21.8
March	3%	23%	31%	43%	21.8

LIVING ARRANGEMENT

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

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
January	47%	19.8	\$7.92	18%
February	49%	19.7	\$7.91	18%
March	48%	19.7	\$8.02	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
January	58%	22.1	\$7.83	13%
February	60%	22.1	\$7.87	13%
March	59%	22.0	\$8.06	13%

Month	Percentage of Those Working Below State ² 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
January	30%	38%	32%	86%
February	30%	38%	32%	86%
March	23%	40%	37%	87%

¹ 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. ²State 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)
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)
February 08 (n=62)	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)
March 08 (n=60)	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)