



Bridges Update

California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

May 2007 Update

PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
March	378	0	3	375
April	375	4	0	379
May	379	16	1	394

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Month	Male	Female	Currently Using SSA Benefits	In School (K-22)
March	56%	44%	72%	56%
April	57%	43%	72%	54%
May	57%	43%	71%	55%

SELECTED REPORT

Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (March 07 - May 07)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
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%
May 07	18-22	41	\$8.02	24.6	7%
	22+	70	\$7.58	21.0	14%

AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
March	3%	30%	32%	35%	21.3
April	3%	29%	32%	36%	21.4
May	3%	30%	31%	36%	21.3

LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Month	Foster/Group Home	Independent Without Support	Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians	Supervised or Supported Living	School Dormitory ²	Other
March	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%
April	3%	7%	83%	3.5%	.5%	3%
May	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
March	53%	18.7	\$7.60	20%
April	53%	19.2	\$7.58	19%
May	47%	19.6	\$7.70	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
March	69%	21.0	\$7.70	11%
April	71%	21.6	\$7.62	13%
May	63%	22.3	\$7.75	12%

Month	Percentage of Those Working Above <u>State*</u> Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working Above <u>Federal</u> Minimum Wage
March	35%	91%
April	37%	91%
May	40%	97%

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)
January 07 (n=51)	63% (32/51)	4%	4%	43%	18%	6%	4%	45%	8%	6%	0%
February 07 (n=52)	60% (31/52)	4%	4%	42%	17%	6%	4%	48%	8%	6%	0%
March 07 (n=53)	60% (31/53)	4%	4%	41%	19%	6%	4%	47%	8%	6%	0%
April 07 (n=57)	58% (33/57)	3%	3%	42%	17%	7%	3%	49%	10%	5%	0%
May 07 (n=37)	59% (22/37)	3%	5%	46%	27%	13%	3%	35%	13%	8%	0%
		(1/37)	(2/37)	(17/37)	(10/37)	(5/37)	(1/37)	(13/37)	(5/37)	(3/37)	(0/37)