



Bridges Update

California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

October, 2006 Update

PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
August	345	9	3	351
September	351	14	2	363
October	363	9	3	369

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Month	Male	Female	Currently Using SSA Benefits	In School (K-22)
August	55%	45%	68%	58%
September	55%	45%	68%	58%
October	55%	45%	69%	59%

SELECTED REPORT

Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (August 06 - October 06)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
August 06	18-22	31	\$7.76	23.6	3%
	22+	61	\$6.58	19.36	17%
September 06	18-22	35	\$7.74	22.9	8%
	22+	62	\$6.89	19.17	14%
October 06	18-22	37	\$7.69	23.2	11%
	22+	63	\$6.99	19.3	14%

AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
August	5%	37%	29%	29%	20.9
September	5%	36%	29%	30%	20.9
October	6%	34%	29%	31%	20.9

LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Month	Foster/Group Home	Independent Without Support	Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians	Supervised or Supported Living	School Dormitory ²	Other
August	3%	7%	83%	4%	.5%	2.5%
September	3%	7%	84%	4%	.5%	1.5%
October	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
August	57%	17.7	\$6.88	32%
September	50%	18.4	\$7.05	22%
October	50%	18.7	\$7.09	22%

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
August	62%	20.8	\$6.97	12%
September	64%	20.4	\$7.20	12%
October	65%	20.7	\$7.25	13%

Month	Percentage of Those Working Above State Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working Above Federal Minimum Wage
August	44%	90%
September	52%	90%
October	52%	90%

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.

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 06 (n=39)	74%	8%	3%	33%	18%	3%	3%	51%	10%	5%	0%
	(29/39)	(3/39)	(1/39)	(13/39)	(7/39)	(1/39)	(1/39)	(20/39)	(4/39)	(2/39)	(0/39)
October 06 (n=32)	81%	6%	6%	62%	22%	6%	0%	50%	6%	6%	0%
	(26/32)	(2/32)	(2/32)	(20/32)	(7/32)	(2/32)	(0/32)	(16/32)	(2/32)	(2/32)	(0/32)