

## WIA Dislocated Worker Program

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### Analysis

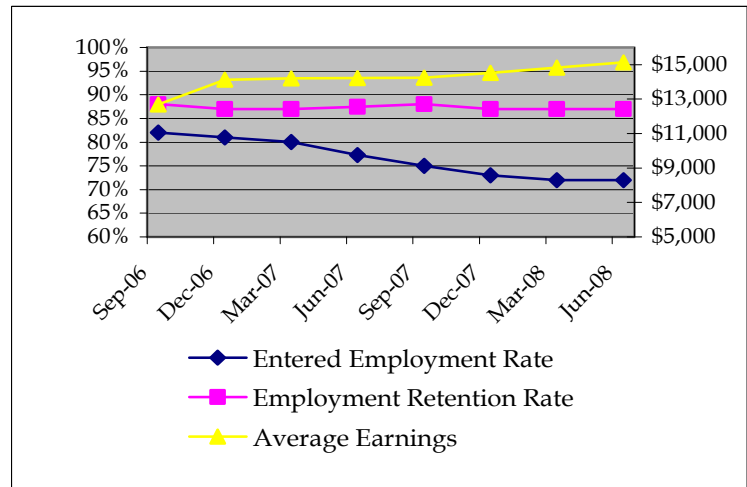
- There was a sharp increase of about \$2000 in the Average Earnings from September 2006 to December 2006; however, the quarters following December 2006 witnessed a more gradual rise.
- The entered employment rate of 72% was under the goal of 79% for the quarter.
- The retention rate was 87 percent for the quarter which was slightly less than the goal of 89%.
- The average earnings continued to rise and exceeded the PY2007 target of \$14,410 by more than \$500.
- The entered employment rate has fallen 8 percentage points over the past five quarters

## Charting Program Performance

### Current Quarter/One Year Ago

Performance Measure	6/30/07	6/30/08
Entered Employment	77%	72%
Retained Employment	88%	87%
Average Earnings	\$14,212	\$15,132

### Performance in the Past Eight Quarters



### Program Description

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker Program aims to quickly reemploy laid-off workers and to enhance their employability and earnings by increasing occupational skills. The Department allocates 80 percent of funds by formula to the States. The Secretary of Labor may use the remaining 20 percent for discretionary activities specified under WIA, including assistance to localities that suffer plant closings, mass layoffs or job losses due to natural disasters and military base realignment and closures.

### Program Innovations

In 2008, The Department of Labor (DOL) will sponsor a more rigorous seven year evaluation in order to determine the impact of WIA services on employment earnings outcomes for participants. In addition, a greater move towards integration through co-enrollment will significantly alter the demographic characteristics of program participants. The resulting affects on the performance outcomes of dislocated workers will have to be taken into account within future analysis of performance measures.