

WIA Youthful Offender Initiative

See our program website at http://www.doleta.gov/youthful_offender

Analysis

Participant Numbers:

- 2,756 participants were served this quarter by The Youthful Offender projects which is a 29 percent decrease from last quarter where 3,550 participants were served by the project

Placement Rates:

- From a cumulative perspective since the collection of program data began, the placement rate for participants ages 18 and above is 45%.
- The placement rate for participants ages 18 and above is lower this quarter, a roughly 18 percentage point decrease from the prior quarter. The completion of projects with relatively high placement rates and their lack of activity under the current quarter may explain the decrease.

Recidivism Rates:

- The recidivism rate for both youth ages 14 to 17 and youth 18 and above moved at exactly the same from June, 2007 to March, 2008.
- There was a 12 percentage point difference between the recidivism rate for youth ages 14 to 17 and youth ages 18 and above during this

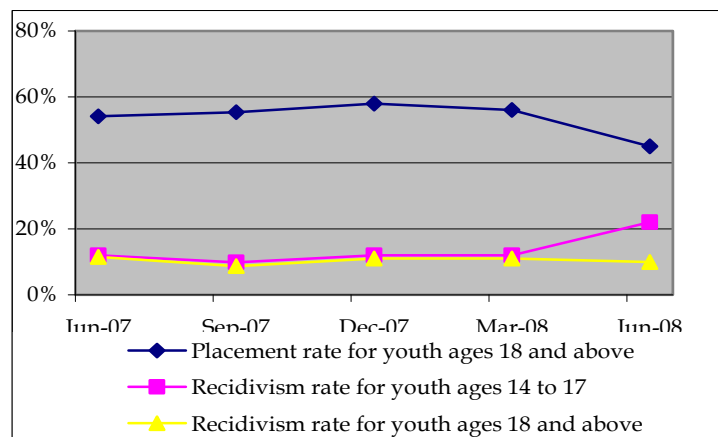
Charting Program Performance

Current Quarter/One Year Ago

Performance Measure	6/30/08	6/30/07
Placement rate for youth ages 18 and above	45%*	54.1%*
Recidivism rate for youth ages 14 to 17	22%	11.6%
Recidivism rate for youth ages 18 and above	10%	11.5%

* Youth Offender placements rate data are cumulative from the beginning of each active grantee's project because the data collected cannot distinguish placements by the quarter or year a youth was enrolled in the project.

Performance in the Past Five Quarters



Program Description

The Employment and Training Administration uses its Youthful Offender Appropriation to fund a variety of projects serving both in-school and out-of-school young offenders. These projects are aimed towards supporting both young offenders and at-risk youth mainly ages 14 to 24 who are in the juvenile justice system or in the adult criminal justice system.

The Employment and Training Administration also uses these projects for promoting a multiple dimensional approach to education in youthful offender grants, encouraging the use of alternative educational models to meet the diverse needs of young offenders. The core goal of these models is to assist youth offenders enter the workforce through specifically targeted and high demand occupations.

Other Program Highlights and Innovations

Major multi-site projects within the Youth Offender

<p>quarter.</p>	<p>Program and partnered with the National Urban League, Nueva Esperanza, the Latino Coalition, YouthBuild, and the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps are now ending or winding down.</p> <p>New projects involving the reduction of violence in schools, enhancement of alternative schools for youth offenders, and expansion of successful projects are now getting underway.</p> <p>Recidivism data had been cumulative in previous quarters, but this quarter is based on much more accurate data provided to us by two projects that are now beginning.</p>
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