

Indian and Native American (INA) Youth Program

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<http://www.doleta.gov/dinap/>

http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/investment/eta_default.cfm?attribute=by_project

Analysis

- The educational attainment for dropouts definition changed this year, consequently, there is a very large increase compared to one year ago. (Participants who improved basic skills by at least two grade levels and who do not necessarily constitute a subset of dropouts were not included in this calculations.)
- Eighty-one percent of youth obtained two or more of their educational or employment-related goals. Though this is a decline of two percentage points when compared to last year, it far exceeds the PY 2007 GPRA goal of sixty percent.

Charting Program Performance

Cumulative Four Quarter/One Year Ago

Performance Measure	Cumulative semi-annual period ending 6/31/07	Cumulative semi-annual period ending 6/30/08 ¹
Educational Attainment for Dropouts	56%	108%
Attainment of Two or More Goals	83%	81%

¹ The INA Youth Program reports on a semi-annual basis therefore this data represents the period beginning April 1 through March 30, 2008.

Program Description

The Indian and Native American Supplemental Youth Services Program provides summer and year-round employment and training activities for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals between the ages of 14 and 21. Program resources are targeted to at-risk and the neediest youth who face substantial barriers to educational and employment success. This population includes high school dropouts and youth who are basic-skills deficient.

Program Highlights

The WIA Indian and Native American (INA) youth program received an appropriation of \$14,107,500 in PY 2007 of which \$3,935,930 was transferred to the Department of Interior under Public Law 102-477. The remaining \$10,171,570 in WIA funding was awarded to 90 Native American grantees who served 5,557 participants between April 2007 and March 2008.

The median grant award for the program is approximately \$29,000; however, many tribes invest their own resources and supplement the INA Youth Program in order to serve more participants.