

Indian and Native American (INA) Youth Program

See program websites at:

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

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

Analysis

- The Native American youth program served 5,621 youth during the report period. This is an increase of 11.5 percent over the 5,043 youth served in the prior year for the same report period.
- Program performance improved for both performance measures compared to the same period one year ago.
 - The Educational Attainment for Dropouts increased 9 percentage points to 48 percent
 - The Attainment of Two or More Goals increased four percentage points to 83 percent

Charting Program Performance

Cumulative Four Quarter/One Year Ago

Performance Measure	12/31/07	12/30/08 ¹
Educational Attainment for Dropouts	37%	48%
Attainment of Two or More Goals	79%	83%

¹ The INA Youth Program reports on a semi-annual basis therefore this data represents the period April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008. The calculation of Educational Attainment for Dropouts differs from the definition in the Glossary.

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, section 166 youth program provides summer jobs to thousands of Native American youth every year. These summer jobs are an important part of the local economy in rural reservation Indian communities. The program introduces youth to the “world of work” and teaches them valuable work skills. It also provides a way for youth to earn money during the summer months which supports families that are struggling financially. It also injects money into the local economy.