

Trade Adjustment Assistance

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

Performance Goals

GPRA Performance Measure	FY 2009 Target
Entered Employment	73%
Retained Employment	91%
Average Earnings	\$14,050

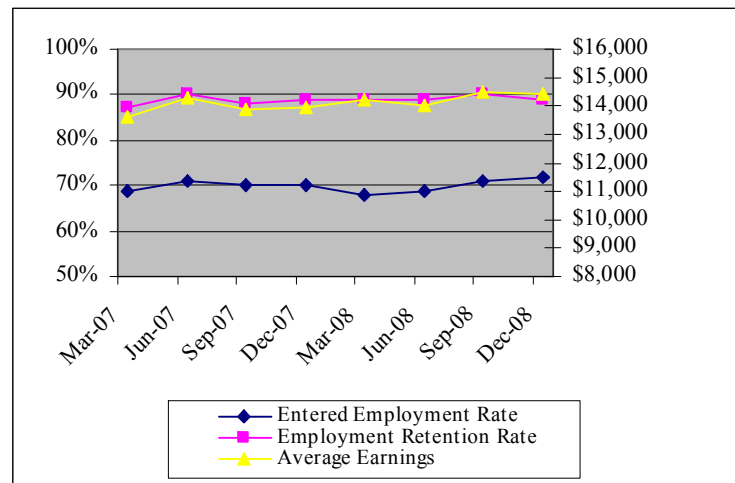
Analysis

- The Entered Employment Rate increased by two percentage points over the previous year's quarter.
- Retained Employment Rate remained steady at the rate four quarters prior to the current quarter.
- Average Earnings increased by three percent over the previous year's quarter.
- 12,330 Individuals exited the program during the 12/31/08 quarter:
 - 54% were Male
 - 76% had a High School Education or Less
 - 61% were greater than 45 Years of Age
- 5,154 or 42% Received Training
- 3,928 or 32 % Completed Training
- The average duration of training for those who exited the program was 59 weeks.

Charting Program Performance

Performance Measure	Quarter Ending 12/31/2007	Quarter Ending 12/31/2008
Entered Employment	70%	72%
Retained Employment	89%	89%
Average Earnings	\$13,949	\$14,423

Program Performance in the Past Eight Quarters



Program Description

The TAA program is an integral part of the comprehensive workforce development system. The program is essential to helping workers dislocated because of foreign trade adjust to changing market conditions and shifting skill requirements. Addressing the needs of trade-affected workers involved in this transformation is a unique challenge because, in general, these workers are being dislocated from relatively outdated-skill, high-wage employment. In many cases, this is complicated by mass layoffs or plant closures that occur in single industry towns, which makes finding comparable employment in the same geographic area difficult. Furthermore, many of these jobs are lost permanently from the domestic economy, requiring the skills of affected workers to be completely retooled.