



The Workforce Investment System – A Critical Tool for America’s Economic Recovery

California

The nation’s Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs have played a vitally important role in helping America’s workers find new jobs or get the training they need to make career changes in a very tough economy.

Attached is a comparison summary of the California Department of Labor’s latest workforce performance results for the twelve month periods ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2010 (the most recent period for which DOL has provided data). The unemployment rate during this period rose from 6.9% in June 2008 to 12.3% in June 2010. **The latest data shows a 160% increase in WIA participation rates over the past two years.**

	2008 – workers served	2010 – workers served	Increase (decrease)
WIA programs total	92,755	241,454	160% Increase
WIA – Adults	46,354	130,274	181% Increase
WIA – Dislocated Workers	23,769	82,323	246% Increase
WIA – Youth	22,632	28,857	28% Increase

	WIA Entered Employment Rate		WIA Retention Rate		Education Attainment	
	2008	2010	2008	2010	2008	2010
WIA – Adult	79.1%	48.3%	84.8%	76.5%		
WIA – Dislocated Worker	84.2%	54%	87.4%	80.1%		
WIA – Youth (14-21)	66.7%	73.1%			51.9%	72.7%

* WIA – youth percent reflects both entries into employment or to further education

Below is the impact that the House proposed budget cuts in HR1 would have on the Workforce Investment System in California.

Under current funding levels:

Funding Available in 2010: \$460,965,538
 Participants: 241,454
 One-Stop Centers: 231

Under the House Proposal:

Funding Available: \$0
 Participants: 0
 One-Stop Centers: 0