

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
March 9, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html>

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.....
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 12, 2006 Minutes.....
4. Public Opportunity to Speak.....
5. Consent Agenda
- a. Appointment of Youth Council Member Rick Osorio
- b. Ratify Financial Support of ROP Career Industry Days Dave Davis
- c. Renewal of WIB Members' Terms Dave Davis
6. Presentations
- a. Cities of Los Banos/Dos Palos Economic Development Ken Hubler/Darrell Fonseca
- b. Rapid Response Activities Dick Solis
7. Announcements Any WIB Member
8. Information Agenda
- a. Partnering in Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Department of Labor Grant Update Andrea Baker
- b. Implications for Action Lee Andersen/Andrea Baker/John Fowler
- c. Letter of Appreciation – Guerrilla Marketing Andrea Baker
- d. Fiscal Report Jackie Walther-Parnell
- e. Participant Report Dave Cramer
- f. LMI Updates Dave Cramer
- g. Committee Reports - www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html (or faxed upon request)
9. Director's Comments..... Andrea Baker (5 min)
10. Chair Comments..... Nellie McGarry (5 min)
11. Other
12. Next Meeting – May 11, 2006
13. Adjourn

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January 12, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD
MERCED COUNTY

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Members Present:

Lee Anderson	Andrea Baker	Nick Benjamin
Don Bergman	Bob Bittner	Kathleen Cookham
Ben Duran	Peter Fluetsch	Robert Fore
Carol Greenberg	Nellie McGarry	Albert Montejano
Anne Newins	Rick Osorio	Carole Roberds
Mike (Vann) Smith	Mike Sullivan	

Members Absent:

Sharon Cresswell	Phil Flores	Ernie Flores
John Fowler	Scott Galbraith	Jeremiah Greggains
Robert Harmon	Charlie Lambert	Terry Nichols
Alfonse Peterson	Larry Pitts	Al Romero
Chris Rosander	Steve Tinetti	Thomas Tsubota

Others Present:

Dave Davis	Eddie Harding	Dee Knight
Scott McBride	Alfredo Mendoza	Nannette Potter
Joanne Presnell	Frank Quintero	Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Ms. Nellie McGarry, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Bittner* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Benjamin/Duran* to approve the November 10, 2005 minutes as written.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – Ms. Nanette Potter, CA State Labor Market Consultant for Merced County, introduced herself.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Bergman/Montejano* to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Supportive Services Policy
 - b. Eligible Training Provider List
 6. Action Agenda: It was *M/S/C Fore/Anderson* to approve the Action Agenda.
 - a. Partnering in Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Department of Labor Grant. Ms. Andrea Baker provided background on the WIRED grant, who applied, and the four specific areas of Training focus. The grant is for \$15,000,000 over a three-year period. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is the lead on this grant application and Fresno CSU Foundation would be the Administrator. For every training dollar obtained from the grant, the WIB would match 25 percent.
 7. Presentations:
 - a. Cities of Merced/Atwater Economic Development – Mr. Scott McBride, City of Atwater, provided a handout, and gave an overview of the following important issues facing the City of Atwater:

- Public Safety
- Transportation and Circulation
- Waste Water Treatment Expansion
- Attract Retail and Industrial Development
- New Home Construction
- Building Permit Fees Collected
- Sales Tax Leakage
- Retail, Office and Industrial Development
- Job Growth and Enhancement

Mr. Frank Quintero, City of Merced Redevelopment and Economic Development Manager, first thanked the WIB for its support in letters to the Governor on the Mission Avenue Interchange for the Campus Parkway, and in recruitment of the WalMart Distribution Center. He provided a handout on Merced's Growth Forecast, and gave an overview of the following:

- Local Economy
- Updating the Economic Development Business Plan
- Securing Land for Developers
- Following Leads and Bringing Companies into the Community
- Problems in Getting Companies—Good Healthcare and Education
- Expansion of Existing Companies
- Enterprise Zone Credit
- Loss of Unilever
- Land Annexation
- Types of Businesses and Air Service for the Community
- Entertainment Venues for UC Merced Students
- Wastewater Capacity

- b. Employer Success Story – The Dept of WI staff provided a video showing Los Banos Sports and Rehab Physical Therapy.

8. Announcements:

- a. On January 30, 2006 all WIB members are invited to the grand opening of Wired Internet Café at 9:00 a.m.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Enterprise Zone Update
- b. High Concentration of Youth Special Project Funding
- c. Exemplary Performance PY 2004/05 Monetary Award
- d. Implications for Action
- e. End-of-Year Report 2004/05
- f. Joint BOS/WIB Meeting
- g. Fiscal Report
- h. LMI Updates
- i. Committee Reports- www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/html

10. Director's Comments – Ms. Baker noted that we have received information regarding the federal allocations and stated that the total WIA allocations were reduced by 4.2%. Adult Programs are going to be reduced by \$30.9 million. No changes to the Dislocated Worker Program. Youth Programs will have a 36.3 million dollars reduction. In addition to this, a 1% cut in all programs is expected. As soon as more information is received, Ms. Baker will inform the Board.

11. Chair Comments- The Chair invited the group to attend the next P16 council meeting on January 13, 2006, at 1880 W. Wardrobe.

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12. Other – None.

13. Next Meeting –March 9, 2006, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

14. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:20.

TO: WIB

DATE: 3/09/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Appointment of Youth Council Member

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Workforce Investment Board approve the application from Ms. Isabel Nash for membership on the Youth Council, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Isabel Nash, a Program Coordinator for the Dos Palos Community Center, has applied for membership on the Youth Council. Ms. Nash sits on the Supportive Ongoing Services Committee for the Dos Palos Oro Loma Unified School District, and is involved with developing community programs for both youth and their parents. She has lived for 30 years in Dos Palos, and will bring a wealth of information concerning youth needs and assets from the westside.

ATTACHMENTS:

Application will be available at the meeting.

TO: WIB

DATE: 3/9/06

FROM: WIB Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Financial Support of ROP Career Industry Days

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) ratify the Executive Committee's action to provide \$1,000 financial support for the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE), Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Industry Career Days.

DISCUSSION: The support of two (2) MCOE Career Industry Days – Ag Industry Day on February 15th, and Healthcare Industry Day on February 28, 2006, would directly support two of the WIB's chosen Industry Clusters. The Career Industry Days expose over 600 youth to careers in different fields. The \$1,000 will be used by MCOE to provide student transportation to both Career Industry Day events.

The source of the WIB's \$1,000 will be WIA Title I, Incentive funds. The Executive Committee voted during its February 6, 2006 meeting to approve MCOE's request.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Renewal of WIB Members' Terms

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To submit to the Merced County Board of Supervisors, renewal nominations for all Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members eligible for additional terms whose terms expire June 30, 2006.

DISCUSSION: The following WIB members' terms expire June 30, 2006. Those members from the private sector have been contacted and all wish to continue to serve on the WIB. Once new terms are approved, their new expiration date will be June 30, 2010.

- 1. Charley Lambert**
- 2. Chris Rosander**
- 3. Phil Flores**
- 4. Andrea Baker**
- 5. Carol Greenberg**
- 6. Rick Osorio**
- 7. Michael O. Sullivan**
- 8. Vann Mike Smith**

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/09/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Implications for Action Update

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) Implications for Action, which were delineated in the State of the Workforce document, continue to advance. Most recently, the Economic Development implication was enhanced through a "Brown Bag" video presentation of Thomas L. Friedman's "The World is Flat". Representatives from the WIB, economic development, education, the Board of Supervisors and workforce development attended.

The Merced County Workforce Housing Taskforce continues to meet. They are presently researching the laws, regulations and practices concerning inclusionary housing. Their intent is to create a template to be used by Merced County cities to create inclusionary housing policies.

The Education implication is also active. Of note is an upcoming Central Valley Regional P-16 Conference to be held at UC Merced. The conference is scheduled for March 30, 2006, from 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at 5320 North Lake Road in Merced. The conference theme is "Linking Education to the Economic Future of the Central Valley". Presenters include Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Education; Herbert R. Fisher, Superintendent San Bernardino County Office of Education; and Mike Gallo, Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Space & Technology, San Bernardino.

You can register online at www.certicc.org/conferences/UCMercedConference.aspx.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only.

DISCUSSION: On November 10, 2005, the Workforce Investment Board approved financial support for the Jay Conrad Levinson Marketing Guerrilla Seminar. The event was held at Merced College on February 25, 2006, as scheduled. Attached you will find a letter of appreciation from Bruce W. Logue, Lead Pastor for Lifespring Church for your review.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Appreciation Letter**



LIFESPING

CHURCH

February 26, 2006

Ms. Andrea T. Baker, Acting Director
Merced County Department of Workforce Investment
1880 West Wardrobe Avenue
Merced, CA 95340

Dear Ms. Baker:

I was one of the attendees at the Guerilla Marketing seminar Saturday at Merced College. I was familiar with Levinson's work, and knew that to get to attend such an event for \$25 was a real gift. And it was!

I am writing to thank the Workforce Investment Board for contributing to the day and for bringing such a talented and knowledgeable individual to our community. I benefitted greatly from what he taught us.

It is fun to see these glimpses of the future as Merced stretches her limbs. I think that it contributes positively to the fabric of our community when people such as Levinson are invited to share what they know with us all. Thanks for making that possible.

With appreciation,

Bruce W. Logue

**MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
FISCAL REPORT FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE
For Fiscal Year 2005/06
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006
Through 01/31/06**

Target 58.33%

AVAILABLE FUNDS			BUDGET					ACTUAL			OBLIGATIONS			COMMITTED - AVAILABLE		
	Carryover Funds From 04/05	Appropriation FY 05/06	Planned for New Funds Based on Plan Mod 7/1/05 to 6/30/06	Budget for Available Funds	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget	Accrued Expense FY to Date	Available	Percent Expended to Date	Total Obligated Funds	Available after Obligations	Percent Spent + Obligated	Total Committed Funds	Available after Obligations	Pct Spent + Obligated + Committed	
ADULT			Core A \$ 417,733	\$ 565,434		\$ 565,434	\$ 273,518	\$ 291,916	48.37%	\$ 18,289	\$ 273,627	51.61%	\$ 273,627	\$ -	100.00%	
05/06 Allocation		\$ 1,661,856	Core B \$ 504,998	\$ 683,554		\$ 683,554	\$ 335,147	\$ 348,407	49.03%	\$ 22,634	\$ 325,773	52.34%	\$ 325,773	\$ -	100.00%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05			Intensive \$ 124,332	\$ 168,293		\$ 168,293	\$ 79,387	\$ 88,906	47.17%	\$ 4,423	\$ 84,483	49.80%	\$ 84,483	\$ -	100.00%	
- Health Link (Nurse) Grant (693)	\$ 342,758		Training \$ 448,608	\$ 607,226		\$ 607,226	\$ 352,846	\$ 254,380	58.11%	\$ 221,545	\$ 32,835	94.59%	\$ 47,976	\$ (15,141)	102.49%	
- Adult Formula Funds	\$ 587,596		Other \$ -	\$ 342,758		\$ 342,758	\$ 154,498	\$ 188,261	45.07%	\$ 163,266	\$ 24,995	92.71%	\$ 24,995	\$ -	100.00%	
	\$ 930,354	\$ 1,661,856	Total	\$ 1,495,671	\$ 2,367,266	\$ -	\$ 2,367,266	\$ 1,195,396	\$ 1,171,869	50.50%	\$ 430,157	\$ 741,713	68.67%	\$ 756,854	\$ (15,141)	100.64%
DISPLACED WORKER			Core A \$ 412,311	\$ 516,364		\$ 516,364	\$ 260,563	\$ 255,801	50.46%	\$ 19,081	\$ 236,720	54.16%	\$ 236,720	\$ -	100.00%	
05/06 Allocation		\$ 1,447,654	Core B \$ 486,212	\$ 608,916		\$ 608,916	\$ 337,238	\$ 271,678	55.38%	\$ 23,779	\$ 247,899	59.29%	\$ 247,899	\$ -	100.00%	
- Grant 511 Supplement		\$ 72,156	Intensive \$ 203,525	\$ 254,888		\$ 254,888	\$ 110,917	\$ 143,971	43.52%	\$ 8,642	\$ 135,329	46.91%	\$ 135,329	\$ -	100.00%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 383,549		Training \$ 265,781	\$ 332,855		\$ 332,855	\$ 221,917	\$ 110,938	66.67%	\$ 104,073	\$ 6,865	97.94%	\$ 21,583	\$ (14,718)	104.42%	
	\$ 383,549	\$ 1,519,810	Total	\$ 1,367,829	\$ 1,713,023	\$ -	\$ 1,713,023	\$ 930,635	\$ 782,388	54.33%	\$ 155,576	\$ 626,812	63.41%	\$ 641,531	\$ (14,718)	100.86%
YOUTH			In School \$ 1,137,183	\$ 1,818,345	\$ (103,115)	\$ 1,715,230	\$ 902,825	\$ 812,405	52.64%	\$ 553,331	\$ 259,074	84.90%	\$ 259,074	\$ -	100.00%	
05/06 Allocation		\$ 1,805,052	Out of School \$ 487,364	\$ 779,291	\$ 103,115	\$ 882,406	\$ 496,549	\$ 385,857	56.27%	\$ 385,857	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 1,081,210		Other \$ -	\$ 35,715		\$ 35,715	\$ 7,078	\$ 28,637	0.00%	\$ 28,637	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%	
High-C Eligible Youth Grant (648)		\$ 35,715	Total	\$ 1,624,547	\$ 2,633,351	\$ -	\$ 2,633,351	\$ 1,406,452	\$ 1,226,899	53.41%	\$ 967,825	\$ 259,074	90.16%	\$ 259,074	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 1,081,210	\$ 1,840,767														
ADMINISTRATIVE			Total Admin \$ 498,671	\$ 703,907	\$ -	\$ 703,907	\$ 236,034	\$ 467,873	33.53%	\$ 15,017	\$ 452,856	35.67%	\$ 452,856	\$ -	100.00%	
All Programs	\$ 2,395,113	\$ 5,022,433	Total	\$ 4,986,718	\$ 7,417,546	\$ -	\$ 7,417,546	\$ 3,768,517	\$ 3,649,029	50.81%	\$ 1,568,574	\$ 2,080,455	71.95%	\$ 2,110,314	\$ (29,859)	100.40%
* RAPID RESPONSE			Rapid Resp. \$ 211,238	\$ 211,238		\$ 211,238	\$ 149,931	\$ -	70.98%	\$ 8,785	\$ 52,522	75.14%	\$ 52,522	\$ -	100.00%	
05/06 Allocation		\$ 211,238	Spec. Project \$ 158,692	\$ -		\$ 158,692	\$ 88,259	\$ 70,433	55.62%	\$ 7,588	\$ 62,845	60.40%	\$ 62,845	\$ -	100.00%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 158,692		Total	\$ 211,238	\$ 369,930	\$ -	\$ 369,930	\$ 238,190	\$ 131,740	64.39%	\$ 16,373	\$ 115,367	68.81%	\$ 115,367	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 158,692	\$ 211,238														
INCENTIVE AWARDS			Incentive \$ 11,651	\$ 31,397	\$ -	\$ 31,397	\$ 538	\$ 30,859	1.71%	\$ -	\$ 30,859	1.71%	\$ 1,000	\$ 29,859	4.90%	
05/06 Award		\$ 11,651	Total	\$ 11,651	\$ 31,397	\$ -	\$ 31,397	\$ 538	\$ 30,859	1.71%	\$ -	\$ 30,859	1.71%	\$ 1,000	\$ 29,859	4.90%
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 19,746															
	\$ 19,746	\$ 11,651														

* RAPID RESPONSE: Funding term end date is 3/31/2006 for special project, 6/30/2006 for all other.

Youth Expenditures %'s to date
In-School Youth 64.52%
Out-of-School Youth 35.48%

- BUDGET:** Includes all funds available for fiscal year based on Plan submitted to EDD
Formula Administrative Funds lose their identity upon appropriation.
High-C Eligible Youth Grant (648) adds \$35,715 in FY05/06, all of which is obligated by contract.
Health Link (Nurse) Grant (693) Carryover represents the FY05/06 portion of the grant
\$72,156 Dislocated Worker Funds added to CY Appropriation by Grant 511.
- OBLIGATIONS:** Includes funds obligated in contracts and ITA's
Does NOT include funds committed for operations.
- COMMITTED:** Includes projected staff personnel and overhead costs, plus \$24,030 in Training Costs
to provide remaining services to participants based on participant plan, plus \$1,000 to MCOE.
- AVAILABLE:** Balance after expenditures and obligations

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - ADULT

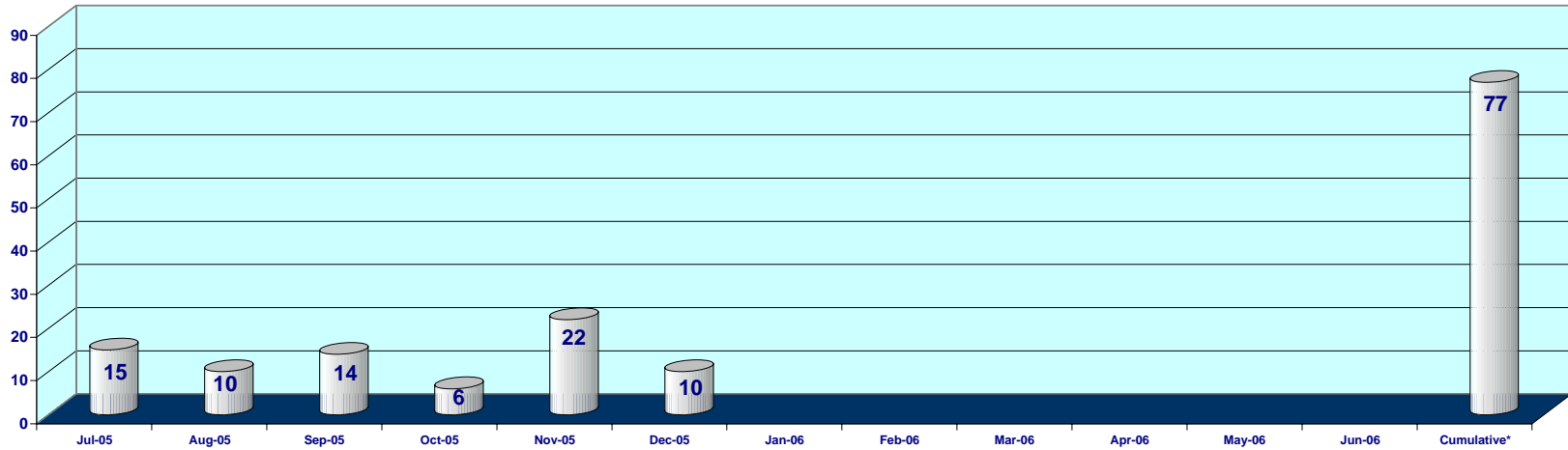
PY 2005/2006

Report Range 07/2005 to 12/2005

	ADULT												Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			Cumulative*
Total Participants	188	198	212	187	209	219							250	317	78.9%
Participants Carried In	173	188	198	181	187	209							173	223	77.6%
New Participants Entering Grant	15	10	14	6	22	10							77	94	81.9%
Total Participants Exiting WI	0	0	31	0	0	20							51	98	52.0%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment	0	0	20	0	0	16							36	63	57.1%
Training Related	0	0	15	0	0	5							20		
Entered Military Service	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Advanced Training	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree	0	0	18	0	0	8							26		
Attained High School Diploma/GED	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Exits Excluded from Performance	0	0	2	0	0	0							2		
Other Exits	0	0	27	0	0	17							44	79	55.7%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			Cumulative*
Core Services (Registered)	188	198	212	187	209	219							250	317	78.9%
Intensive Services	172	181	194	172	193	202							230	170	135.3%
Training Services	76	90	99	89	97	105							117	100	117.0%
Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Concurrent Program Participants	10	12	14	13	14	14							16		
Individual Training Accounts	5	5	5	5	5	5							5		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		

WIA Participant Summary - Adult
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



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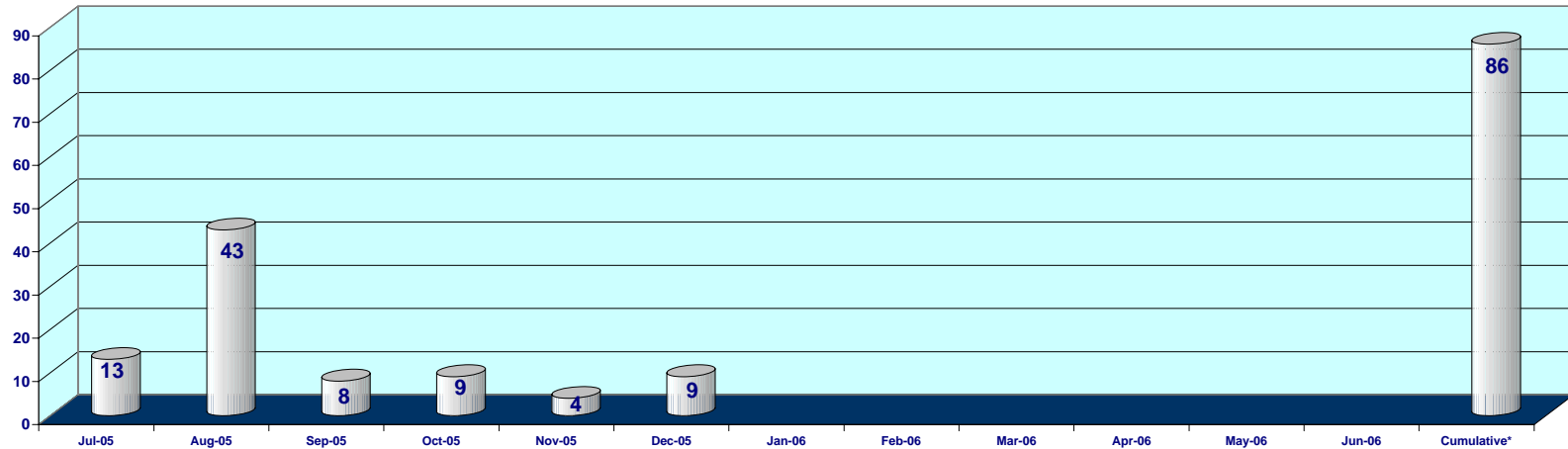
WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - DISLOCATED WORKER
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 12/2005

	DISLOCATED WORKER												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Total Participants	135	178	186	179	183	192								208	224	92.9%
Participants Carried In	122	135	176	170	179	183								122	161	75.8%
New Participants Entering Grant	13	43	8	9	4	9								86	63	136.51%

	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
Total Participants Exiting WI	0	0	16	0	0	12							28	72	38.9%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment	0	0	14	0	0	11							25	54	46.3%
Training Related	0	0	9	0	0	5							14	28	50.0%
Entered Military Service	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Advanced Training	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree	0	0	11	0	0	5							16		
Attained High School Diploma/GED	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Exits Excluded from Performance	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Other Exits	0	0	15	0	0	11							26	55	47.3%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Core Services (Registered)	135	178	186	179	183	192							208	317	65.6%
Intensive Services	117	156	163	156	160	169							185	170	108.8%
Training Services	48	49	51	45	46	47							55	100	55.0%
Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Concurrent Program Participants	18	53	57	63	65	68							69		
Individual Training Accounts	7	7	7	6	6	6							7		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		

WIA Participant Summary - Dislocated Worker
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



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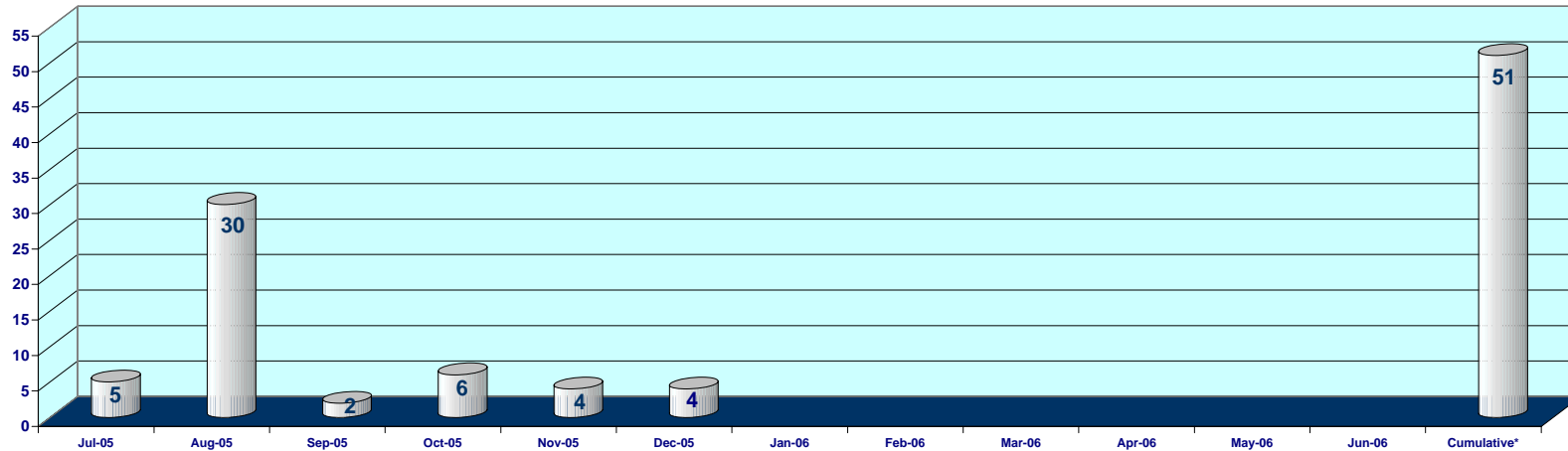
WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - DISLOCATED WORKER AUGMENTATION
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 12/2005

	DISLOCATED WORKER AUGMENTATION												Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			Cumulative*
Total Participants	5	35	37	43	47	51							51	NA	
Participants Carried In	0	5	35	37	43	47							0	NA	
New Participants Entering Grant	5	30	2	6	4	4							51	NA	

	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
Total Participants Exiting WI	0	0	0	0	0	1							1	NA	
Entered Unsubsidized Employment	0	0	0	0	0	1							1	NA	
Training Related	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	NA	
Entered Military Service	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Advanced Training	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Attained High School Diploma/GED	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Exits Excluded from Performance	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Other Exits	0	0	0	0	0	1							1	NA	

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Core Services (Registered)	5	34	36	41	42	44							44	NA	
Intensive Services	5	33	35	40	41	43							43	NA	
Training Services	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	NA	
Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Concurrent Program Participants	5	34	36	42	45	49							49		
Individual Training Accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		

WIA Participant Summary - Dislocated Workers Augmentation
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



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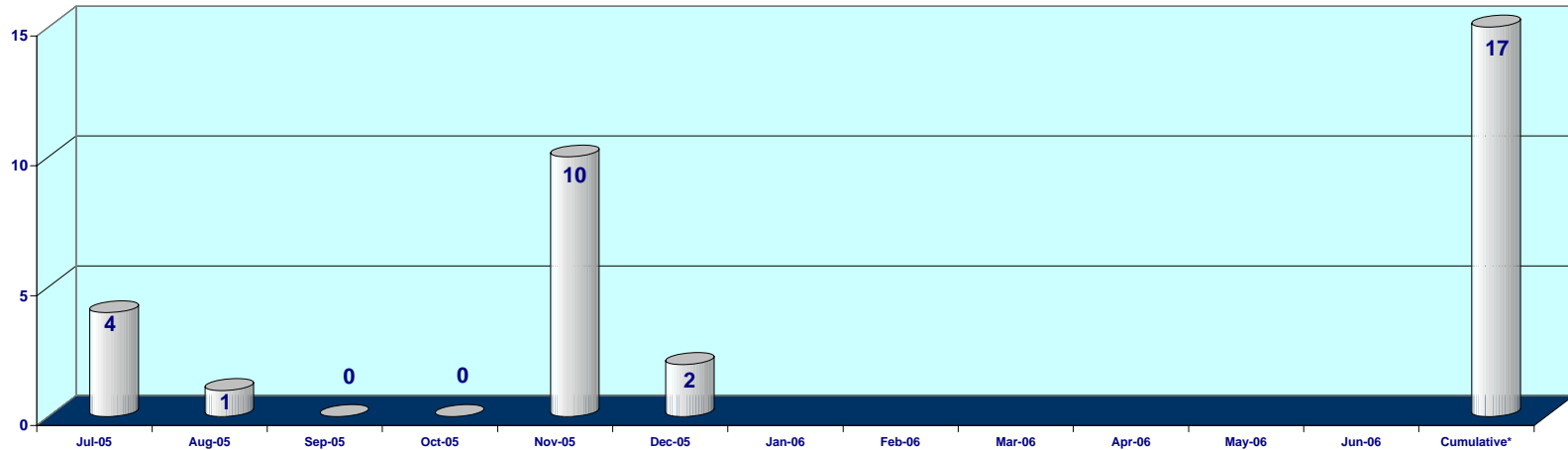
WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - NURSING PROGRAM
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 12/2005

	Nursing Program												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Total Participants	30	31	31	31	41	43								43	NA	
Participants Carried In	26	30	31	31	31	41								26	NA	
New Participants Entering Grant	4	1	0	0	10	2								17	NA	

	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
Total Participants Exiting WI	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	NA	
Entered Unsubsidized Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	NA	
Training Related	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	NA	
Entered Military Service	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Entered Advanced Training	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Attained High School Diploma/GED	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Exits Excluded from Performance	0	0	0	0	0	0							0		
Other Exits	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	NA	

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Core Services (Registered)	10	11	11	11	21	22								22	NA	
Intensive Services	27	28	28	28	38	39								29	NA	
Training Services	18	22	22	22	24	27								27	NA	
Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Concurrent Program Participants	5	5	5	5	5	5								5		
Individual Training Accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		

WIA Participant Summary - Nursing Program (693)
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



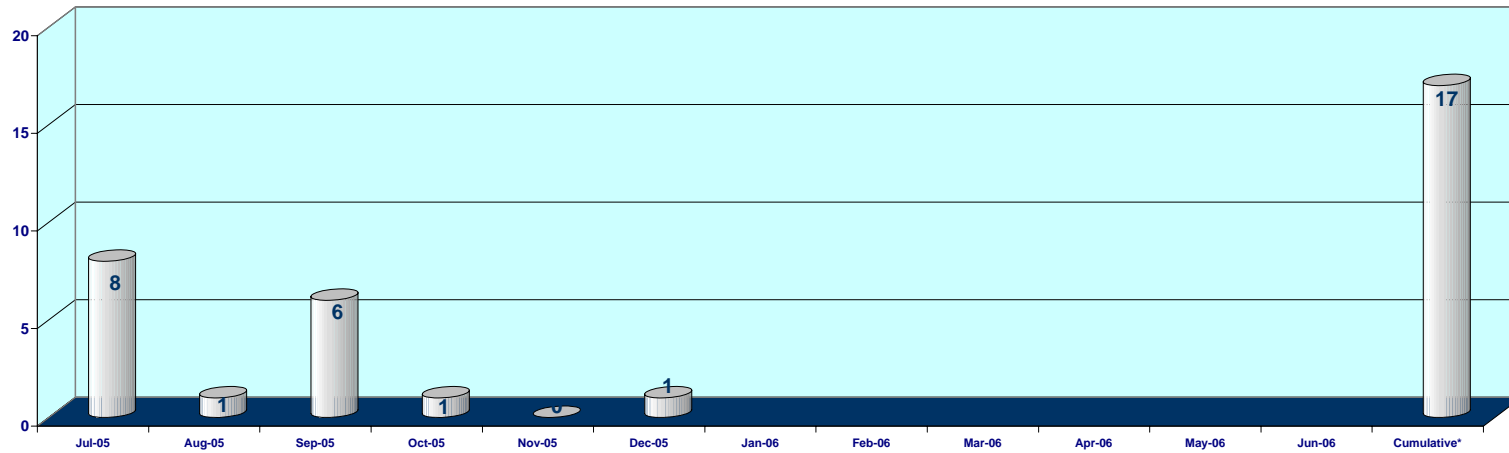
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - OLDER YOUTH
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 12/2005

	OLDER YOUTH												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Total Participants	164	165	171	159	159	160								173	317	54.6%
Participants Carried In	156	164	165	158	159	159								156	378	41.3%
New Participants Entering Grant	8	1	6	1	0	1								17	35	48.6%
Total Participants Exiting WI	0	0	13	0	0	4								17		
Entered Unsubsidized Employment	0	0	12	0	0	3								15	33	45.5%
Training Related	0	0	7	0	0	1								8	15	53.3%
Entered Military Service	0	0	0	0	0	1								1		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education	0	0	0	0	0	0								0	57	0.0%
Entered Advanced Training	0	0	0	0	0	0								0	10	0.0%
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree	0	0	10	0	0	3								13		
Attained High School Diploma/GED	0	0	0	0	0	1								1		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Exits Excluded from Performance	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Other Exits	0	0	13	0	0	4								17	60	28.3%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Core Services (Registered)	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Intensive Services	139	139	145	135	136	137								148		
Training Services	113	114	117	110	110	110								119		
Youth Services	159	160	166	154	154	155								168		
Concurrent Program Participants	65	65	70	64	64	65								71		
Individual Training Accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0								0		

WIA Participant Summary - Older Youth
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



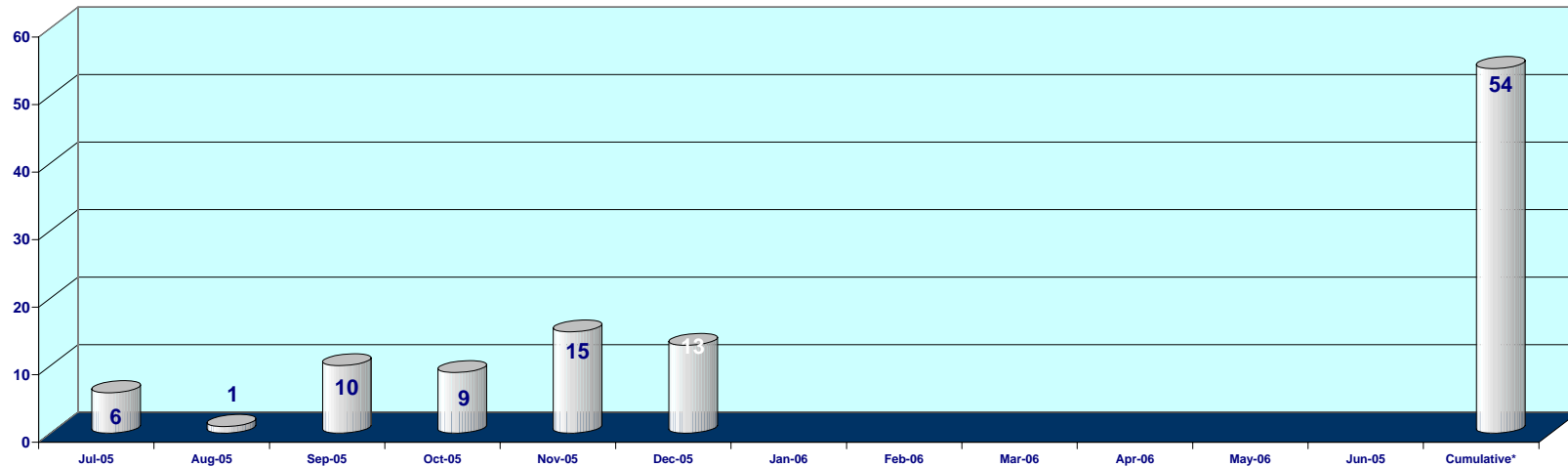
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - Younger Youth
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 12/2005

	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-05	Cumulative*	Participant Plan PY 04/05	% of Plan Attained
Total Participants	583	584	594	477	492	505							631	900	70.1%
Participants Carried In	577	583	584	468	477	492							577	618	93.4%
New Participants Entering Grant	6	1	10	9	15	13							54	282	19.1%
Total Participants Exiting WI	0	0	126	0	0	6							132		
Entered Unsubsidized Employment	0	0	15	0	0	1							16	80	20.0%
Training Related	0	0	19	0	0	1							20	20	100.0%
Entered Military Service	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	8	0.0%
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0.0%
Entered Post-Secondary Education	0	0	70	0	0	2							72	130	55.4%
Entered Advanced Training	0	0	2	0	0	0							2	5	40.0%
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree	0	0	110	0	0	5							115		
Attained High School Diploma/GED	0	0	108	0	0	5							113	450	25.1%
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)	0	0	9	0	0	1							10	15	66.7%
Exits Excluded from Performance	0	0	1	0	0	0							1		
Other Exits	0	0	124	0	0	6							130	40	325.0%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled								
Core Services (Registered)	0	0	0	1	1	1			1
Intensive Services	97	99	103	96	96	96			103
Training Services	79	79	83	77	79	79			85
Youth Services	582	584	594	477	492	505			631
Concurrent Program Participants	374	375	385	305	313	323			412
Individual Training Accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	12	17	38	48	60	31			202

WIA Participant Summary - Younger Youth
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



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Code	Description	Adult		Youth		Dislocated Worker		Totals		Grand Total
		New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	
CORE B	10 FOLLOW UP SRVCS CNSLNG	13	55			45	46	58	101	159
	11 STAFF ASSIST JOB DEVELOP	2	3				13	2	16	18
	12 STAFF ASSIST JOB REFER	7	7		1	9	24	16	32	48
	13 STAFF ASSIST JOB SRCH	14	31			18	44	32	75	107
	14 STAFF ASSIST WRKSHP	1						1		1
	15 OTHER CORE SERVICES	19	2			10	2	29	4	33
	16 NON WIA FUNDED SERVICES									
	17 CO-ENROLLED CORE SERVICES									
	20 HURRICANE KATRINA									
INTENSIVE	30 CASE MGMNT FOR PARTIC	53	93	22	200	68	57	143	350	493
	31 COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMNTS	11				6	10	17	10	27
	32 DEVELOP INDIV EMPL PLAN	22	2		1	10	4	32	7	39
	33 GROUP COUNSELING									
	34 EMPL EXPERIENCE			3	21			3	21	24
	35 INDIV CNSLNG CAREER PLAN									
	36 OUT OF AREA JOB SEARCH									
	37 RELOCATION EXPENSES									
	38 SHORT TERM PREVOC SRVCS									
	39 INTERNSHIPS									
	40 OTHER INTENSIVE SRVCS	1	2			3	3	4	5	9
	41 NONWIA FUND INTENS SRVCS									
TRAINING	42 CO-ENROLLED INTENSIVE SRVCS									
	50 ADULT EDUCATION			1	31			1	31	32
	51 CUSTOMIZED TRAINING		2				1		3	3
	52 ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING									
	53 JOB READINESS TRAINING			5	9			5	9	14
	54 OCCUP SKILLS TRAINING	19	34	8	69	4	12	31	115	146
	55 ON THE JOB TRAINING	6	1			1		7	1	8
	56 PRIVATE SECTOR TRAINING									
	57 SKILL UPGRADNG RETRNG									
	58 WRKPLCE TRNG AND COOP ED									
	59 OTHER TRAINING SRVCS									
	60 NON-WIA FUNDED TRNG SRVCS	17	21			7	10	24	31	55
YOUTH	61 CO-ENROLLED TRAINING SRVCS									
	70 SUMMER RELATED			1	2			1	2	3
	71 EDUCATNL ACHVMNT SRVCS			76	436			76	436	512
	72 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES			26	192			26	192	218
	73 CITIZEN LEADERSHIP SRVCS				1				1	1
	74 OTHER YOUTH SERVICES									
	75 NONWIA FUNDED YOUTH SRVCS									
	76 CO-ENROLLED YOUTH SRVCS									
MISC.	80 OTHER JTPA									
	81 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	60	79		14	68	50	128	143	271
	82 NEEDS RELATED PAYMENT									
	83 BREAK IN SERVICE						1		1	1
	84 NON-WIA FUNDED MISC									
	85 CO-ENROLLED MISCELLANEOUS									
86 BRK IN SERV - HEALTH/MED										
TOTAL		245	332	142	977	249	277	636	1586	2222

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - ADULT
Report Period: 7/2005 to 12/2005

	Adult		Dislocated Workers		DW - Augmentation		Nursing Program		Older Youth		Younger Youth		All Programs	
	Enrolled	% of Tot.	Enrolled	% of Tot.	Enrolled	% of Tot.	Enrolled	% of Tot.	Enrolled	% of Tot.	Enrolled	% of Tot.	Enrolled	% of Total
Total Participants	250	100.0%	208	100.0%	51	100.0%	32	100.0%	173	100.0%	631	100.0%	1,262	100.0%
Gender														
Female	183	73.2%	143	68.8%	49	96.1%	26	81.3%	122	70.5%	335	53.1%	783	62.0%
Male	67	26.8%	65	31.3%	2	3.9%	6	18.8%	51	29.5%	296	46.9%	479	38.0%
Age														
14 - 18	4	1.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	631	100.0%	635	50.3%
19 - 21	33	13.2%	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	3	9.4%	173	100.0%	0	0.0%	211	16.7%
22 - 29	87	34.8%	42	20.2%	4	7.8%	10	31.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	129	10.2%
30 - 44	85	34.0%	82	39.4%	22	43.1%	16	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	167	13.2%
45 - 54	31	12.4%	57	27.4%	17	33.3%	2	6.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	88	7.0%
55 - 61	9	3.6%	18	8.7%	6	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	27	2.1%
62 - 64	1	0.4%	2	1.0%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
65 and Older	0	0.0%	2	1.0%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
Race/Ethnicity														
America Indian/Alaskan Native	5	2.0%	6	2.9%	2	3.9%	0	0.0%	2	1.2%	8	1.3%	21	1.7%
Asian	26	10.4%	15	7.2%	7	13.7%	2	6.3%	28	16.2%	128	20.3%	197	15.6%
Black/African American	18	7.2%	12	5.8%	2	3.9%	0	0.0%	14	8.1%	51	8.1%	95	7.5%
Hawaiian Native/Other Pacific Islander	3	1.2%	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	4	0.6%	13	1.0%
White	93	37.2%	69	33.2%	10	19.6%	19	59.4%	23	13.3%	101	16.0%	286	22.7%
Ethnicity Hispanic or Lation	111	44.4%	111	53.4%	31	60.8%	11	34.4%	107	61.8%	368	58.3%	697	55.2%
Veterans Status														
Total Veterans	12	4.8%	16	7.7%	2	3.9%	4	12.5%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	29	2.3%
Campaign Veteran	10	4.0%	13	6.3%	2	3.9%	2	6.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	23	1.8%
Disabled Veteran	0	0.0%	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
Recently Separated Veteran	3	1.2%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	7	0.6%
Spouse of Veteran	2	0.8%	4	1.9%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.5%
Labor Force Status														
Employed	101	40.4%	13	6.3%	0	0.0%	17	53.1%	26	15.0%	23	3.6%	163	12.9%
Unemployed	149	59.6%	194	93.3%	51	100.0%	15	46.9%	147	85.0%	608	96.4%	1,098	87.0%
Public Assistance Status														
TANF	12	4.8%	8	3.8%	2	3.9%	3	9.4%	18	10.4%	221	35.0%	259	20.5%
GA, RCA, or SSI	6	2.4%	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	4.0%	51	8.1%	66	5.2%
Pell Grant Recipient	17	6.8%	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	7	21.9%	5	2.9%	3	0.5%	30	2.4%
Food Stamps	55	22.0%	22	10.6%	3	5.9%	7	21.9%	34	19.7%	253	40.1%	364	28.8%
Education Status														
Student, High School or Less	7	2.8%	5	2.4%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	515	81.6%	527	41.8%
Student, Attending Post High School	70	28.0%	17	8.2%	4	7.8%	24	75.0%	7	4.0%	5	0.8%	99	7.8%
Out-of-School, High School Dropout	11	4.4%	13	6.3%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	39	22.5%	20	3.2%	83	6.6%
Out-of-School, High School Grad, with Employ Difficulty	85	34.0%	103	49.5%	43	84.3%	1	3.1%	124	71.7%	90	14.3%	402	31.9%
Out-of-School, HSG, No Employ Diff. (Counted as In-School)	77	30.8%	70	33.7%	2	3.9%	7	21.9%	3	1.7%	1	0.2%	151	12.0%
Unemployment Insurance Status														
UI Claimant	28	11.2%	163	78.4%	46	90.2%	2	6.3%	3	1.7%	1	0.2%	195	15.5%
UI Exhaustee	12	4.8%	23	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	36	2.9%
Barriers To Employment														
Disabled	3	1.2%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	11	6.4%	133	21.1%	148	11.7%
Limited Eng. Proficiency	1	0.4%	6	2.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	6.4%	53	8.4%	71	5.6%
Single Parent	70	28.0%	39	18.8%	8	15.7%	16	50.0%	29	16.8%	20	3.2%	158	12.5%
Worker Profiling/Reemployment Services Referral	7	2.8%	14	6.7%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	1.7%
Low Income	138	55.2%	69	33.2%	8	15.7%	19	59.4%	171	98.8%	599	94.9%	977	77.4%
Displaced Homemaker	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
Offender	17	6.8%	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	12	6.9%	45	7.1%	79	6.3%
Homeless	3	1.2%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	4.6%	9	1.4%	23	1.8%
Runaway Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	2.3%	8	1.3%	12	1.0%
Pregnant/Parenting Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	46	26.6%	41	6.5%	87	6.9%
Youth Needing Additional Assistance	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	170	98.3%	625	99.0%	795	63.0%
Basic Literacy Skills Deficient	94	37.6%	89	42.8%	1	2.0%	7	21.9%	161	93.1%	693	109.8%	1,037	82.2%
Substance Abuse	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.7%	20	3.2%	24	1.9%
Foster Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	23	3.6%	24	1.9%



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - December 2005

Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred to the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95340. Telephone (209) 724-2042. Email: pitd26@co.merced.ca.us

Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment					
	March 2004 Benchmark				Percent Change	
	Dec 04	Oct 05	Nov 05 Revised	Dec 05 Prelim.	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	99,600	101,700	101,000	101,100	0.1%	1.5%
Civilian Employment	89,200	93,600	91,800	91,400	-0.4%	2.5%
Civilian Unemployment	10,400	8,200	9,200	9,600	4.3%	-7.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.5%	8.0%	9.1%	9.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%		
Total, All Industries	67,500	71,100	69,500	68,400	-1.6%	1.3%
Total Farm	8,900	12,400	10,800	9,200	-14.8%	3.4%
Total Nonfarm	58,600	58,700	58,700	59,200	0.9%	1.0%
Total Private	44,900	44,800	44,200	44,400	0.5%	-1.1%
Goods Producing	15,100	15,500	14,800	14,700	-0.7%	-2.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0	0	0		
Construction	3,700	3,900	3,800	3,800	0.0%	11.4%
Manufacturing	11,400	11,600	11,000	10,900	0.0%	2.7%
Durable Goods	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	9,800	10,000	9,400	9,300	-1.1%	-5.1%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	8,200	8,500	7,900	7,800	-1.3%	-4.9%
Residual - Textile Mills	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-6.3%
Service Providing	43,500	43,200	43,900	44,500	1.4%	2.3%
Private Service Producing	29,800	29,300	29,400	29,700	1.0%	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,500	11,100	11,400	11,600	1.8%	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Retail Trade	8,100	7,800	8,100	8,300	2.5%	2.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	1,900	1,800	2,000	2,100	5.0%	10.5%
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,700	4,500	4,600	4,700	2.2%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Information	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,400	7.7%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-5.3%
Finance and Insurance	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	800	700	700	700	0.0%	-12.5%
Professional and Business Services	3,400	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-2.9%
Educational and Health Services	5,400	5,500	5,400	5,400	0.0%	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,600	4,700	4,600	4,600	0.0%	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-2.5%
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	600	800	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Government	13,700	13,900	14,500	14,800	2.1%	8.0%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	2.2%	8.5%
State Government	500	1,000	1,200	1,200	0.0%	140.0%
Local Government	12,300	12,200	12,100	12,500	3.3%	1.6%

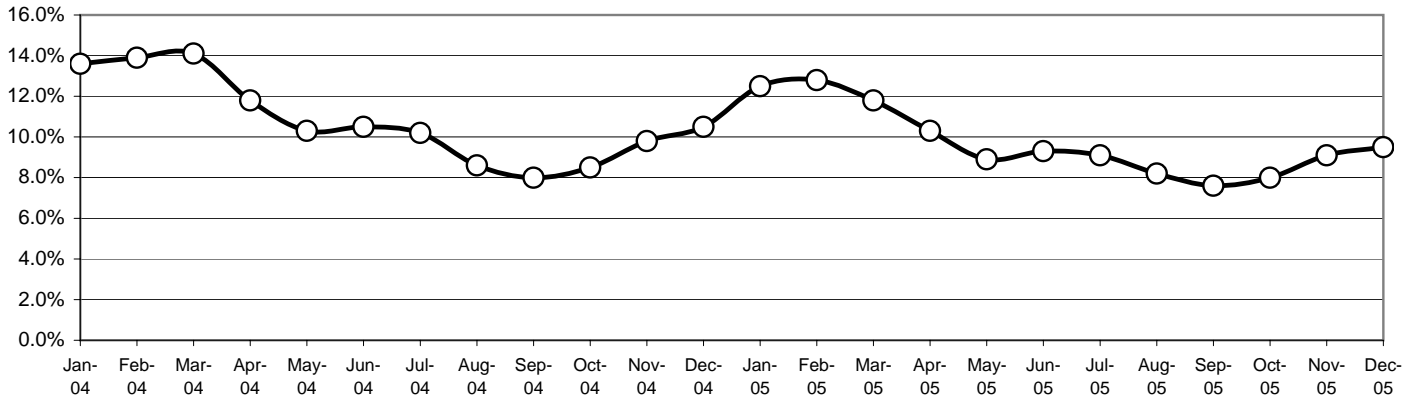
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 54th out of 58 counties in the month of December. The preliminary result is an increase of 0.4 percentage point in the unemployment rate from the revised November rate. This preliminary figure is a decrease of 1.0 percentage point from the unemployment rate of one year ago.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force decreased by 100 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 1,500 persons over year ago figures. Industrial employment decreased by 1,100 jobs in December over November's figure and showed an increased of 900 jobs over year ago figures.

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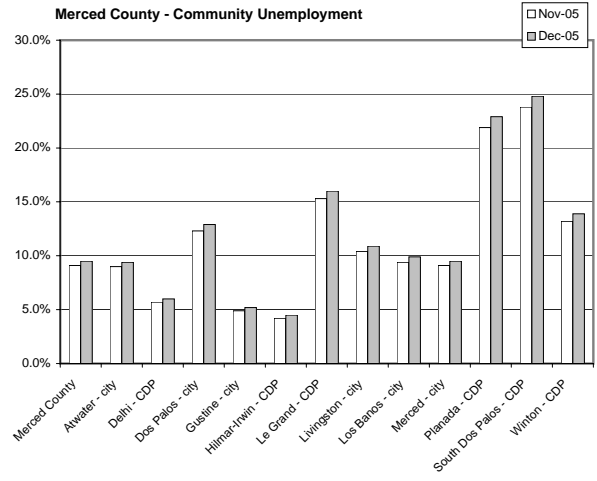
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**Merced County Unemployment Rate
2004 - 2005**



Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	10,100	91,400	9,600	9.5%
Atwater City	11,900	10,800	1,100	9.4%
Delhi CDP	3,900	3,700	200	6.0%
Dos Palos City	1,900	1,700	200	12.9%
Gustine City	2,400	2,300	100	5.2%
Hilmar-Irwin CDP	2,700	2,600	100	4.5%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	100	16.0%
Livingston City	4,900	4,400	500	10.9%
Los Banos City	12,500	11,300	1,200	9.9%
Merced City	29,900	27,000	2,900	9.5%
Planada CDP	1,700	1,300	400	22.9%
South Dos Palos CDP	400	300	100	24.8%
Winton CDP	3,700	3,200	500	13.9%



CDP - Census Designated Place

Merced County's workforce has grown over the past 20 years reflecting improvement of the County's economic well being; however, unemployment remains a consistent barrier to greater prosperity. Average unemployment has fluctuated from an annual low of 9.7 percent to an annual high of 17.1 percent.

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County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	54	101,100	91,400	9,600	9.5%
Madera	37	63,500	58,900	4,500	7.1%
Mariposa	35	8,140	7,620	530	6.5%
Fresno	49	403,700	369,600	34,100	8.5%
San Benito	47	25,600	23,500	2,100	8.1%
San Joaquin	36	387,700	367,400	20,300	7.0%
Stanislaus	39	231,500	21,400	17,100	7.4%

Seven County Unemployment Rate

