

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JOB CONNECTION PROGRAM
INITIAL OUTCOME RESULTS**

The Job Connection Program:

The Job Connection program is designed for participants who are considered more “job ready” but have been unsuccessful at obtaining employment through traditional job search efforts. Based on the transitional jobs employment model, the Job Connection program provides participants with opportunities to build references, develop networking connections, and demonstrate their work skills directly through employment by performing jobs within their chosen field. The Job Connection program consists of up to 3 months of paid employment at a worksite, paired with targeted job readiness activities, coaching, and mentoring opportunities.

Initial Employment Outcomes:

Of the 337 WorkFirst participants enrolled in the 1st Quarter of the Job Connection Program (July – Sep 2011), 55% (187 people) obtained employment

Job Connection Monthly Breakdown by Enrollment Month:

Enrollment Month	# Enrolled	# Employed within 3 Quarters	% Employed within 3 Quarters
July 2011	59	37	63%
August 2011	155	81	52%
September 2011	123	69	56%

Quarterly Median Income AFTER the Job Connection Program:

The 187 who had employment during the 3 quarters AFTER the Job Connection program had a Median Income of \$1400.22.

Displayed by quarters AFTER enrollment:

- July – September 2011 (Q111) median wage \$576.42 (enrollment quarter)
- October – December 2011 (Q211) median wage \$1683.16
- January – March 2012 (Q312) median wage \$2273.56

Employment Data PRIOR to Enrollment in the Job Connection Program:

An average of 33% of enrollees had some recent work history prior to enrollment in the Job Connection program.

Enrollment Month	# Enrolled	# With Employment in 3 Quarters Prior to Enrollment	% With Employment in 3 Quarters Prior to Enrollment
July 2011	59	18	31%
August 2011	155	51	33%
September 2011	123	43	35%

The overall median wage for the 3 quarters prior to the Job Connection program was \$1153.43

Displayed by quarters PRIOR to enrollment:

- April – June 2011 (Q411) median wage \$1150.35
- January – March 2011 (Q311) median wage \$1066.92
- October – December 2010 (Q211) median wage \$1273.37