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TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Declining Oct-Dec Employment Rates of CRT Clients

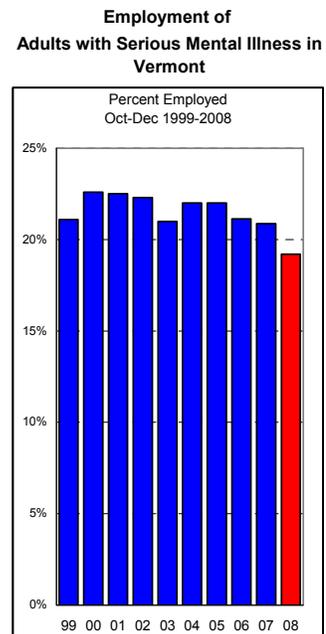
This week's PIP provides employment rates of October through December of each year during 1999 through 2008, for individuals served by Vermont's Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) programs for adults with serious mental illness. This report focuses on the October-December quarter of each year in order to control for the effects of seasonal variation on employment, and to measure the impact of current economic conditions on employment rates of adults with serious mental illness in Vermont using the most recent data available.

This report is based on analysis of data obtained from Vermont's Department of Mental Health (DMH) designated agencies and from the Vermont Department of Labor (DOL). As with previous reports in this series, this report does not include data on out-of-state employment of Vermont CRT service recipients. Previous reports in this series are available online at: <http://healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/pips/pip-crosssector-indicator.aspx#emp>.

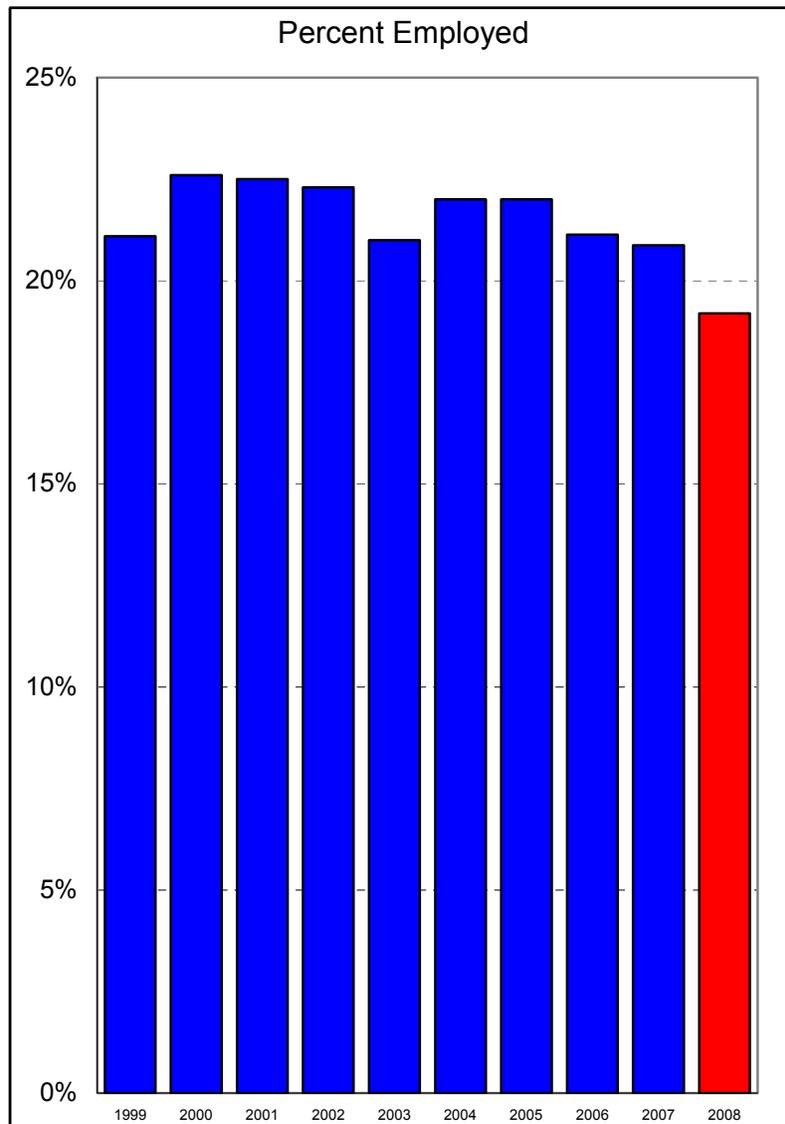
As you will see, during the ten years covered by this report, the October through December statewide employment rates of CRT clients varied between 23% in 2000 and 2001, and 19% in 2008. In the past five years, October through December employment rates decreased from 22% in 2004 and 2005, to 21% in 2006 and 2007, to 19% in 2008. The 2008 rate is the lowest October through December employment rate for adults with serious mental illness in Vermont since this monitoring began in 1999.

Future reports in this series will continue to provide information on changes in rates of employment for adults with serious mental illness, with comparisons to rates of employment in the general population of Vermont.

We look forward to your comments and your suggestions for further analyses of these data. As always, you can reach us by e-mail at pip@vdh.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-863-7249.



Employment of Adults with Serious Mental Illness in Vermont during October through December 1999 - 2008



Percent Employed during October through December

<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
21%	23%	23%	22%	21%	22%	22%	21%	21%	19%

This report is based on direct linkage of the Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Labor (DOL) databases. DMH client data are submitted by community programs. DOL data are submitted by employers in conformance with state and federal laws. Workers who are excluded from DOL reporting are the self-employed, firm owners not incorporated and the following employee groups: elected officials, employees of nonprofit religious, charitable and educational organizations, unpaid family members, farm workers (with some exceptions), railroad employees, and individuals who work out of state. Analysis includes Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) clients aged 18 - 64 who were active during each reporting quarter and includes all employment reported for each quarter.