

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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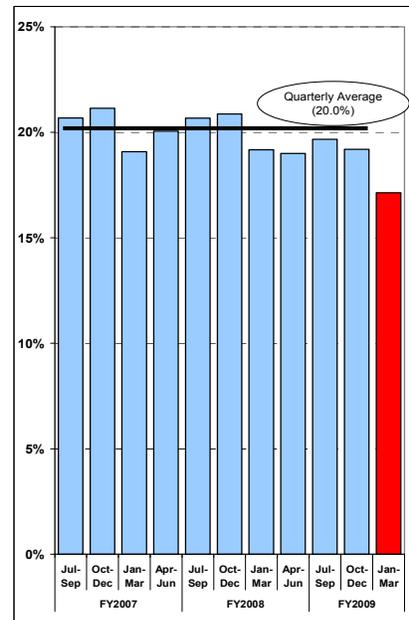
RE: Decline in Employment of CRT Clients: October 1999 through March 2009

This week's PIP report is the second in a series that monitors the impact of the current economic downturn on the employment of adults with serious mental illness served by Vermont's Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) programs. The first report focused on declining October-December quarterly employment rates of CRT clients from 1999 through 2008.¹ This report adds January-March quarterly employment rates of CRT clients from 2000 through 2009.

Analysis is based on data from the Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) designated agencies and data from the Vermont Department of Labor (DOL). More detail regarding DOL employment data is provided with the table on the following page.

As you will see, employment of CRT clients declined from 21% during July-December of 2007 to 17% during January-March of 2009. When employment rates for individual quarters are examined to control for the effect of seasonal variation in employment rates, the impact of changing economic conditions is even more evident. October-December employment of CRT clients during 1999-2007 averaged 22%. Only 19% of CRT clients were employed during the same quarter in 2008. January-March employment of CRT clients during 2000-2008 averaged 22%. Only 17% of CRT clients were employed during the same quarter in 2009.

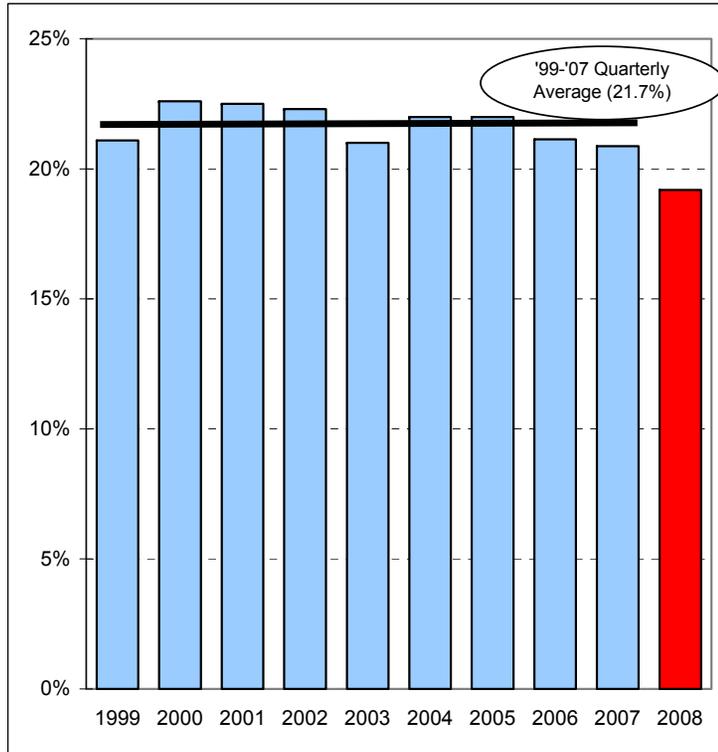
Jul-Sep 2007 through Jan-Mar 2009
Percent of CRT Clients Employed
in Each Quarter



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.

¹ <http://www.healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/pips/2009/documents/Pip041009.pdf>

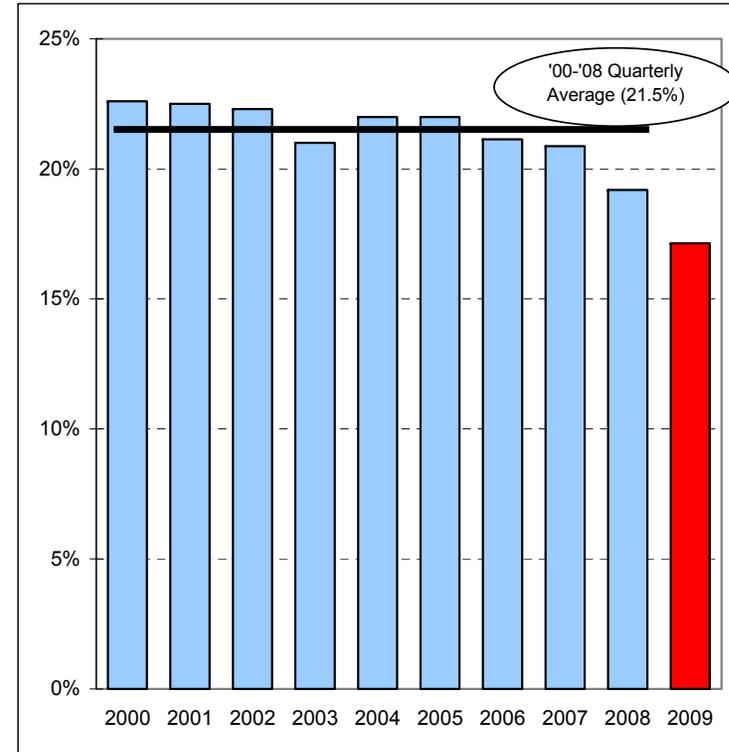
Employment of Adults with Serious Mental Illness in Vermont October-December, 1999 - 2008



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%

January-March, 2000 - 2009



Percent Employed during January through March

<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>	<u>2009</u>
23%	23%	22%	21%	22%	22%	21%	21%	19%	17%

Analysis 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 all employment reported for Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) clients aged 18 - 64 who were active during each reporting quarter.