

WHEN IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO REPORT?

a/k/a “The Timing of Data Availability”



Background: Information contained in a quarterly report does not always reflect what took place during that report quarter because the data are either not yet complete and/or not yet available. Thus, information is *not* based on the actual report quarter. Rather, it is based on “the latest information available,” which depends on the reporting element in question because some data is available sooner than others.

Data on Participants

- The data are available immediately or in “real-time”
- This is the only case where the data actually reflect the report quarter
- The 11/14/05 quarterly report (which covered July through September) contained data on participants from the July through September 2005 quarter, which was the latest information available; with rolling four quarters, we add the three quarters *prior to* this quarter in order to report four full quarters of participant data
- The 2/14/06 quarterly report (which covers October through December) contains data on participants from the October through December 2005 quarter in addition to the three prior quarters

Data on Exitters

- The data lag one quarter behind the data on participants due to the “90 days” (or one quarter) of no service or no plan for future services
- The 11/14/05 quarterly report contained data on exitters from the April through June 2005 quarter, which was the latest information available; with rolling four quarters, we add the three quarters *prior to* this quarter in order to report four full quarters of exiter data
- The 2/14/06 quarterly report contains data on exitters from the July through September 2005 quarter in addition to the three prior quarters

Data on Entered Employment

- The reference quarter for employment is the first quarter after exit
- Due to wage record time lag, there is generally a two-quarter (or six month) delay in terms of data availability (the time between when an outcome occurs and when the data are available to demonstrate the outcome)
- Data on Entered Employment lags two quarters behind data on exitters (or three quarters behind data on participants)
- The 11/14/05 quarterly report contained data on Entered Employment from the October through December 2004 quarter, which was the latest information available; with rolling four quarters, we add the three quarters *prior to* this quarter in order to report four full quarters of entered employment data
- The 2/14/06 quarterly report contains data on Entered Employment from the January through March 2005 quarter in addition to the three prior quarters

Data on Employment Retention

- The reference quarters are the second and third quarters after exit
- Due to wage record time lag, there is generally a two-quarter (or six month) delay in terms of when the outcome occurs and when the data is available to demonstrate the outcome
- Data on Employment Retention lags two quarters behind data on Entered Employment
- The 11/14/05 quarterly report contained data on Employment Retention from the April through June 2004 quarter, which was the latest information available; with rolling four quarters, we add the three quarters *prior to* this quarter in order to report four full quarters of employment retention data
- The 2/14/06 quarterly report contains data on Employment Retention from the July through September 2004 quarter in addition to the three prior quarters

Data on Earnings Gain

- The reference quarters are the second and third quarters prior to participation and the second and third quarters after exit
- Data on Earnings is available at the same time as data on Retention
- Data on Earnings lags two quarters behind data on Entered Employment
- The 11/14/05 quarterly report contained data on Earnings from the April through June 2004 quarter, which was the latest information available; with rolling four quarters, we add the three quarters *prior to* this quarter in order to report four full quarters of earnings data
- The 2/14/06 quarterly report contains data on Earnings from the April through June 2004 quarter in addition to the three prior quarters