



REPORT PURSUANT TO CGS 31-3PP

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REPORT ON THE SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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To the Joint Standing Committees on
Labor, Appropriations, Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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LEGISLATIVE CHARGE

CGS 31-3pp requires the Labor Commissioner to report twice annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, appropriations, commerce and labor, on (1) the number of small businesses that participated in the Subsidized Training and Employment program, the general categories of such businesses, (2) the number of small manufacturers that participated in the Subsidized Training and Employment program, the general categories of such manufacturers, (3) the number of individuals that received employment, and (4) the most recent estimate of the number of jobs created or maintained.

REPORT

The Subsidized Training and Employment program (STEP UP) was created as part of Public Act #11-1 and Public Act #12-1, both the result of Special Sessions held to stimulate job creation. The Step Up program data provided below represents cumulative data from the first hire as a result of the program (February 2012) through 2019.

1. The number of small businesses that participated in STEP UP and the general categories of such businesses:
 - a. The total number of unduplicated small businesses that participated in the STEP UP program was 849.
 - b. The top 5 general categories of small businesses include Construction, Finance and Insurance, Health Care, Child Care and Accommodations and Food Services.
2. The number of small manufacturers that participated in STEP UP and the general categories of such manufacturers:
 - a. The total number of unduplicated small manufacturers that participated in the STEP UP program was 363.
 - b. The top 5 general categories of small manufacturers include Printing, Machine Shops, Precision Manufacturing, Plating, and Other Manufacturing.
3. The number of individuals that received employment.
 - a. The total number of individuals that participated in the STEP UP program was 5,191.
4. The most recent estimate of the number of jobs created or maintained.
 - a. The total number of jobs created by the STEP UP program was 2,129.

This report demonstrates no change in total businesses or individuals served since the prior reporting period as all funds related to the Subsidized Training and Employment program were fully obligated as of June 2019, absent new funding no change in service numbers is anticipated.