



Addiction Treatment and Recovery Services Good for Oregon's Economy

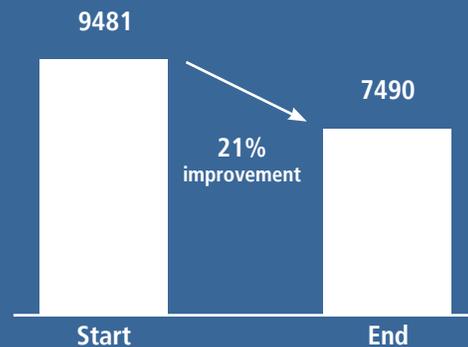
Addiction treatment and recovery services put Oregonians back to work

The human and social consequences of untreated substance use disorders come at a great economic cost to all Oregonians. One of the greatest costs is lost earnings, which totaled \$4.15 billion in 2006 alone (ECONorthwest, 2008). But treatment works: **A recent study measuring treatment outcomes in Oregon found that six months after treatment enrollment, participants reported significant increases in full- and part-time employment and income (NPC Research, 2011).** People who access treatment and recovery services improve their employability, increase their income and contribute to Oregon's economy.

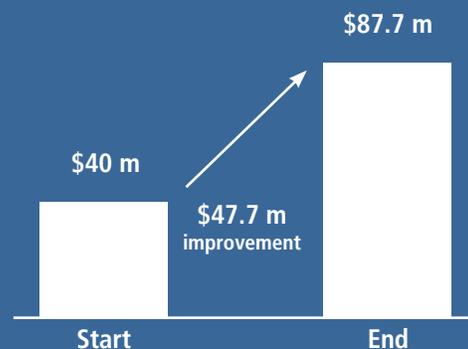
The aggregate one-year income of individuals who accessed addiction services increased \$8,547,744 between enrollment and end of service (CPMS). This income contributes in a positive way to the economy and helps people support their families.

This does not account for cost-avoidance associated with productivity vs. other

Number of outpatient clients unemployed at the start vs. end of service (2009)



Improvement in annual income for 6,179 substance abuse treatment clients (2006)





activities that drain the economy such as those associated with non-legal income, criminal behaviors, child neglect, or other social and health-related costs.

In a 2011 study of the effectiveness of addiction treatment in Oregon, 29 percent of participants reported an increase in full- or part-time employment one year after enrolling in treatment. The same study showed a 36 percent increase in median income. (NPC Research, 2011)

Addictions treatment in Oregon

Who is served?

- 54,108 Oregonians, including 12,207 young adults age 18 to 25 and 5,663 adolescents age 12 to 17, were served through publicly funded drug and alcohol treatment programs in 2009.
- Oregon is able to provide treatment for approximately 18 percent of the estimated 300,000 adults with a diagnosed substance abuse or dependence disorder.



“In February of 1989, I was living in a cardboard box underneath a bridge in Milton-Freewater. Until I got clean and sober, I’d never held a job long enough to take a vacation.

Today, I get four weeks a year. If it had not been for alcohol and drug treatment I would surely be dead, and not the dedicated tax-paying, home-owning and voting member of society that I am today with 21 years of being clean and sober.”

- Larry N.

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