

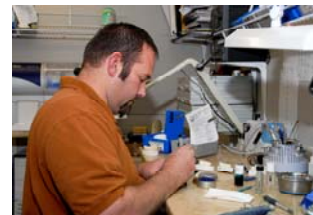
Vocational Rehabilitation Lifts Utah's Economy

In a January 2010 study it was found that for every state dollar spent on Utah's Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) there was a **\$5.64** return to the state. Those receiving services increase their earnings and reduce their need for public support.

INCREASE IN EARNINGS

Receiving VR services results in increased earnings for participants. The following table shows a significant increase in earnings for those that received USOR services (Program) versus those that did not (Control) for each of the 3 years following case closure. An individual who received services made on average, \$3,132.21 more per year than those who did not receive services.

Annual Earnings After Closure	Whole Sample	Program	Control	Difference
Year 1	\$12,099.24	\$13,223.53	\$9,654.49	\$(3,569.04)
Year 2	\$13,168.32	\$14,167.43	\$10,995.80	\$(3,171.63)
Year 3	\$13,059.54	\$13,896.20	\$11,240.25	\$(2,655.95)
3 Year Average				\$(3,132.21)



DECREASE IN PUBLIC SUPPORT PAYMENTS

Participants who received VR services reduced their need for public support program payments. This table shows there is a significant decrease in public support payments. The average person who participated in services received \$52.77 less public support at closure than at application.

Public Assistance per Month	At Application	At closure	Difference
	\$185.85	\$133.08	\$52.77

ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO UTAH

Contributing to the public VR program provides significant economic benefit to the State of Utah. For every state dollar spent on Utah's Vocational Rehabilitation Program the State of Utah receives back **\$5.64**. The benefits described below include increased earnings which lead to increased taxes paid and a reduction in the amount paid for public support. There is also a benefit to Utah's economy from the Federal program dollars given to the state which is not included in the chart.

Cost Benefit Analysis for the State of Utah FY 2004	
Benefits to State	\$71,021,565
Cost to State	\$12,599,900
Difference	\$58,421,665
Ratio	5.64

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