Completer and skills-building students at Diablo Valley College were surveyed if they met one of the following criteria in 2016-2017, and did not enroll (or were minimally enrolled) in 2017-2018: earned a certificate of 6 or more units, earned a vocational degree, or earned 9+ CTE units. The survey was administered in early 2019 by e-mail, text message (SMS), and telephone. The survey addressed student perceptions of their CTE program, employment outcomes, and how their coursework and training relate to their current career. A total of 2155 students were surveyed and 784 (36%) students responded: 38% by email, 49% by phone, and 14% by SMS.

**How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?**

- Very Satisfied: 6.6%
- Satisfied: 51.7%
- Other: 41.7%

**How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?**

- Very Close: 28.8%
- Close: 27.9%
- Not Close: 43.3%

**How many hours per week are employed students working?**

- 40+ hours: 15.2%
- >20 hours: 25.5%
- <20 hours: 59.3%

**How many months did it take for students to find a job?**

- 0: 8.4%
- 1-3: 14.0%
- 4-6: 28.7%
- 7+: 48.9%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

What were the hourly wages of transfer students and non-transfer students—before training versus after training?

More Key Results

$\text{9.80}$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

65% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

71% of respondents reported being employed for pay

54% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university

93% of respondents reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their training.

Conclusion

The results of the survey showed that completing CTE studies and training—whether or not a credential is earned, whether or not a student transfers—is related to positive employment outcomes. The preponderance of respondents are employed and are working in the same field as their studies or training. Notably, students realize a greater wage gain after completing their studies if they secure a job that is similar to their program of study.