Completer and skills-building students at Los Angeles Mission 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 845 students were surveyed and 280 (33%) students responded: 37% by email, 54% by phone, and 9% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 55.3%
- Satisfied: 38.8%
- Other: 5.9%

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

- Very Close: 37.3%
- Close: 34.9%
- Other: 27.8%

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

- 40+ hours: 25.0%
- >20 hours: 13.4%
- <20 hours: 61.6%

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

- 0: 47.1%
- 1-3: 15.7%
- 4-6: 27.1%
- 7+: 10.0%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Bar chart showing hourly wages before and after training](chart1)

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

![Bar chart showing wage change for transfer and non-transfer students](chart2)

Does the similarity between job and program of study influence wage gains?

![Bar chart showing wage change for similarity levels](chart3)

What is your current employment status?

![Bar chart showing employment status distribution](chart4)

More Key Results

- **$4.50** is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- **30%** is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
- **84%** of respondents reported being employed for pay
- **39%** of respondents reported transferring to another college or university
- **94%** 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.