Completer and skills-building students at Santa Rosa Junior 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 2328 students were surveyed and 738 (32%) students responded: 34% by email, 57% by phone, and 9% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 36.1%
- Satisfied: 59.1%
- Other: 4.8%

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

- Very Close: 49.2%
- Close: 22.2%
- Not Close: 28.6%

How many hours per week are employed students working?

- 40+ hours: 17.6%
- >20 hours: 9.0%
- <20 hours: 73.4%

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

- 0: 31.1%
- 1-3: 16.6%
- 4-6: 14.1%
- 7+: 38.2%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

- Before Training: $17.50
- After Training: $25.00

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

- Transfer:
  - Before Training: $15.00
  - After Training: $21.00

- Non-Transfer:
  - Before Training: $18.00
  - After Training: $26.50

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

- Not Close: $3.00
- Close: $5.00
- Very Close: $9.17

More Key Results

- $7.50 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- 43% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
- 85% of respondents reported being employed for pay
- 27% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university
- 95% 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.