Completer and skills-building students at West Los Angeles 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 1223 students were surveyed and 372 (30%) students responded: 39% by email, 53% by phone, and 8% by SMS.

- **How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?**
  - Very Satisfied: 7.9%
  - Satisfied: 54.9%
  - Other: 37.2%

- **How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?**
  - Very Close: 27.4%
  - Close: 49.5%
  - Other: 23.1%

- **How many hours per week are employed students working?**
  - 40+ hours: 12.6%
  - >20 hours: 21.2%
  - <20 hours: 66.2%

- **How many months did it take for students to find a job?**
  - 0: 44.6%
  - 1-3: 19.6%
  - 4-6: 27.2%
  - 7+ months: 8.7%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Graph showing hourly wages](image)

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

![Graph showing wage change](image)

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

![Graph showing wage change](image)

What is your current employment status?

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More Key Results

- **$8.17** is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- **49%** is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
- **83%** of respondents reported being employed for pay
- **37%** of respondents reported transferring to another college or university
- **92%** 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.