Completer and skills-building students at Cabrillo College were surveyed if they met one of the following criteria in 2017-2018, and did not enroll (or were minimally enrolled) in 2018-2019: earned a certificate of 6 or more units, earned a vocational degree, or earned 9+ CTE units. The survey was administered in 2020 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 1040 students were surveyed and 301 (29%) students responded: 31% by email, 52% by phone, and 17% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 32.9%
- Satisfied: 61.1%
- Other: 6.0%

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

- Very close: 59.8%
- Close: 21.9%
- Not close: 18.3%

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

- <20 hours: 70.4%
- 20-40 hours: 18.4%
- >40 hours: 11.2%

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

- 0: 49.0%
- 1-3 months: 28.1%
- 4-6 months: 15.6%
- 7+ months: 7.3%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

What is your current employment status?

More Key Results

$7.00 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

39% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

81% 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.