Completer and skills-building students at Cuyamaca 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 791 students were surveyed and 223 (28%) students responded: 27% by email, 57% by phone, and 15% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 52.5%
- Satisfied: 40.8%
- Other: 6.7%

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

- Very close: 47.3%
- Close: 25.3%
- Other: 27.4%

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

- 40+ hours: 8.3%
- >20 hours: 22.8%
- <20 hours: 69.0%

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

- 0: 27.8%
- 1-3: 33.3%
- 4-6: 25.0%
- 7+: 13.9%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Bar chart showing hourly wages before and after training.]

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

![Bar chart showing wage changes for transfer and non-transfer students.]

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

![Bar chart showing wage changes for jobs similar to program of study.]

What is your current employment status?

![Bar chart showing current employment status distribution.]

More Key Results

- **$8.25** is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- **55%** is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
- **75%** of respondents reported being employed for pay
- **35%** 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.

For 2020, current data was used when available, data collected on pre-pandemic outcomes was used when current data was unavailable.

*The option of “Furloughed” was only available to respondents who took the survey version initiated after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.*