Completer and skills-building students at Los Angeles Valley 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 1282 students were surveyed and 337 (26%) students responded: 29% by email, 61% by phone, and 10% by SMS.

How satisfied are students with the education and training they received? How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?

How many hours per week are employed students working? How many months did it take for students to find a job?

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Other

- Very close
- Close
- Not close

- 40+ hours
- >20 hours
- <20 hours

- 0
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7+
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

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

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

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What is your current employment status?

- Employed At One Job: 55.3%
- Employed At More Than One Job: 11.6%
- Self-Employed: 8.3%
- Unemployed, Not Seeking Work: 6.3%
- Unemployed, Seeking Work: 12.3%
- Furloughed: 4.6%
- Unpaid Work, Not Seeking Paid Work: 0.3%
- Unpaid Work, Seeking Paid Work: 1.3%

More Key Results

$8.99 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
56% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
79% 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.