Completer and skills-building students at Santa Barbara City 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 2171 students were surveyed and 407 (19%) students responded: 76% by email, 17% by phone, and 6% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 58.0%
- Satisfied: 31.4%
- Other: 10.6%

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

- Very close: 46.3%
- Close: 27.6%
- Not close: 26.1%

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

- >20 hours: 68.8%
- <20 hours: 16.4%
- 40+ hours: 14.9%

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

- 7+: 42.1%
- 4-6: 15.9%
- 1-3: 10.3%
- 0: 31.8%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

- Before schooling: $18.00
- After training: $29.85

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

- Transfer: 
  - Before: $14.50
  - After: $23.75
- Non-Transfer: 
  - Before: $20.00
  - After: $30.00

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

- Not Close: $3.00
- Close: $6.00
- Very Close: $8.00

More Key Results

- $11.85 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- 66% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
- 77% of respondents reported being employed
- 29% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university
- 89% 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.*