Completer and skills-building students at Santiago Canyon 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 1901 students were surveyed and 93 (5%) students responded: 100% by email, 0% by phone, and 0% 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?
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: 59.2%
- Employed At More Than One Job: 14.1%
- Unemployed, Seeking Work: 12.7%
- Self-Employed: 7.0%
- Unemployed, Not Seeking Work: 4.2%
- Furloughed: 1.4%
- Unpaid Work, Seeking Paid Work: 1.4%
- Unpaid Work, Not Seeking Paid Work: 1.4%

More Key Results

- $8.00 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- 36% 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.

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.*