Completer and skills-building students statewide were surveyed if they met one of the following criteria in 2016-2017, and did not enroll (or were minimally enrolled) in 2017-2018: earned a certificate of 6 or more units, earned a vocational degree, or earned 9+ CTE units. The survey was administered in early 2019 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 153,106 students were surveyed and 44,429 (29%) students responded: 34% by email, 56% by phone, and 10% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 7.7%
- Satisfied: 53.1%
- Other: 39.2%

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

- Very Close: 28.8%
- Close: 45.7%
- Not Close: 25.5%

How many hours per week are employed students working?

- 40+ hours: 10.9%
- >20 hours: 21.4%
- <20 hours: 67.7%

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

- 0: 28.5%
- 1-3: 12.5%
- 4-6: 16.5%
- 7+: 42.5%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Graph showing hourly wages before and after training.](image)

$15.00$ before training, $23.33$ after training.

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

![Graph showing wage changes for transfer and non-transfer students.](image)

Transfer:
- $14.00$ before training, $20.00$ after training.
- $8.33$ change in wages.

Non-Transfer:
- $16.00$ before training, $25.00$ after training.
- $9.00$ change in wages.

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

![Graph showing wage changes for similarity levels.](image)

- Not Close: $2.75$
- Close: $5.00$
- Very Close: $8.50$

What is your current employment status?

![Employment status bar chart.](image)

- Employed At One Job: 61.7%
- Employed At More Than One Job: 11.8%
- Unemployed, Seeking Work: 8.8%
- Self-Employed: 8.2%
- Unemployed, Not Seeking Work: 7.5%
- Unpaid Work, Not Seeking Paid Work: 1.1%
- Unpaid Work, Seeking Paid Work: 0.9%

More Key Results

- $8.33$ 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
- $82\%$ of respondents reported being employed for pay
- $41\%$ of respondents reported transferring to another college or university
- $92\%$ 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.