Completer and skills-building students at Mendocino College 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 446 students were surveyed and 132 (30%) students responded: 6% by email, 73% by phone, and 21% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 49.2%
- Satisfied: 46.2%
- Other: 4.5%

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

- Very Close: 44.1%
- Close: 31.4%
- Not Close: 24.5%

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

- 40+ hours: 12.0%
- > 20 hours: 24.0%
- < 20 hours: 64.0%

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

- 0: 11.1%
- 1-3: 38.9%
- 4-6: 47.2%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

What was the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars?

More Key Results

$6.50 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars.

42% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain.

82% of respondents reported being employed for pay.

30% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university.

95% 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.