

# Summary of Follow-Up Results

The Graduate Follow-Up Study of 2006-2007 graduates was conducted from October 2007 through February 2008. One thousand, six hundred and twenty-nine (1,629) individuals who graduated from associate degree, one- and two-year technical, and short-term technical programs during the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 were included in the study.

Graduate responses were obtained through three first-class mailings initiated within a two-month period from the Administrative Office. The survey instrument was also available to graduates via the Internet.

Staff at the Administrative Office made telephone contacts to obtain

additional responses from graduates who did not respond to the mailings.

The survey instrument used for the study was developed for statewide reporting of follow-up data and can be found in Appendix A.

Of the 1,629 graduates included in the study, responses were obtained from 1,397 individuals for a response rate of 86%. Included in the survey were 153 graduates from Ashland, 440 from New Richmond, 649 from Rice Lake, and 387 from Superior. (These numbers include graduates from programs offered on campus and at outreach locations.) Response rates by campus were Ashland –90%, New Richmond – 86%, Rice Lake – 88%, and Superior – 80%.

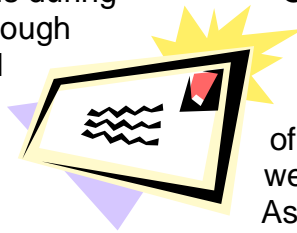


Table I  
Number of Graduates Surveyed and Number Responding by Campus

Campus	Number Surveyed	Percent of Total	Number Responding	Percent Responding
Ashland	153	9%	138	90%
New Richmond	440	27%	380	86%
Rice Lake	649	40%	571	88%
Superior	387	24%	308	80%
TOTAL	1,629	100%	1,397	86%

The number of graduates employed total 1,072 or 93% of the 1,156 that are available for employment. Of those employed, 794 or 74%, are employed in jobs related to their training at WITC.

Eighty-four graduates, or 7%, are unemployed and indicated they are seeking employment.

Table II below shows the number and percentage of graduates employed and the number employed in occupations related to their technical training.

Table II  
Number of Graduates in the Labor Market,  
Number and Percent Employed,  
And Number and Percent Employed Related by Campus

Campus	Graduates In the Labor Market*	Employed		Employed in Occupations Related to Training	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ashland	105	101	96%	63	62%
New Richmond	311	289	93%	212	73%
Rice Lake	489	451	92%	337	75%
Superior	251	231	92%	182	79%
TOTAL	1,156	1,072	93%	794	74%

\*Includes graduates who are employed or seeking employment.

The percent of graduates employed does not vary much from campus to campus—96% Ashland, 93% New Richmond, and a slight drop to 92% for Rice Lake and Superior campus graduates.

are working in training-related jobs as well as 75% of Rice Lake, 73% of New Richmond and 62% for Ashland campus graduates.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) of Superior employed graduates

For additional follow-up information by program and campus, refer to the charts in Appendix B.