

Summary of Follow-Up Results

The Graduate Follow-Up Study of 2007-2008 graduates was conducted from October 2008 through February 2009. One thousand, six hundred and ninety-seven (1,697) individuals who graduated from associate degree, one- and two-year technical, and short-term technical programs during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 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 1,697 graduates included in the study, responses were obtained from 1,427 individuals for a response rate of 84%. Included in the survey were 138 graduates from Ashland, 434 from New Richmond, 710 from Rice Lake, and 415 from Superior. (These numbers include graduates from programs offered on campus and at outreach locations.) Response rates by campus were Ashland – 91%, New Richmond – 86%, Rice Lake – 86%, and Superior – 77%.



Table I
Number of Graduates Surveyed and Number Responding by Campus

Campus	Number Surveyed	Percent of Total	Number Responding	Percent Responding
Ashland	138	8%	125	91%
New Richmond	434	26%	372	86%
Rice Lake	710	42%	611	86%
Superior	415	24%	319	77%
TOTAL	1,697	100%	1,427	84%

The number of graduates employed total 1,060 or 91% of the 1,164 that are available for employment. Of those employed, 790 or 75%, are employed in jobs related to their training at WITC.

One-hundred and four graduates, or 9%, 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	99	91	92%	69	76%
New Richmond	306	277	91%	220	79%
Rice Lake	507	465	92%	337	72%
Superior	252	227	90%	164	72%
TOTAL	1,164	1,060	91%	790	75%

*Includes graduates who are employed or seeking employment.

The percent of graduates employed does not vary much from campus to campus—92% for Ashland and Rice Lake, and a slight drop to 91% for New Richmond and 90% for Superior campus graduates.

are working in training-related jobs as well as 76% of Ashland, and 72% of Rice Lake and Superior campus graduates.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) of New Richmond employed graduates

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