

2007 Wisconsin Statewide Post High School Outcomes Survey of 2005 - 2006 Exiters with Disabilities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The statewide status report of the Post High School Outcomes Survey of Individuals with Disabilities is summarized below. The status report focuses on youth with disabilities who exited high school the 2005-2006 school year and are now out of high school one year. The results of the survey are organized around three areas of interest. The outcomes for youth with disabilities for each area are summarized below.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Assesses residential arrangements and general community participation.

- 68% of respondents continue to live at home with their parents.
- 28% of respondents live independently.
- 84% of respondents report participating in some kind of leisure activity within the last six months.
- 54% of respondents have a valid driver's license.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Includes any type of formal education program after high school.

- 46% of respondents are or have participated in some type of postsecondary education or training since leaving high school.
- 6% of respondents attend a 2-year college or community college.
- 12% of respondents attend a 4-year college or university.
- 26% of respondents of youth with disabilities attend a public technical college.

EMPLOYMENT

Includes competitive employment outside the home and compensation.

- 33% Are or have been competitively employed (in the community, working 35 or more hours per week and earning minimum wage or more) since leaving high school.
- 68% of respondents are currently working for pay.
- 83% of the respondents are currently working for pay or have been employed since leaving high school.

Of those who are or have been employed for pay:

- 89% of respondents are employed in the community.
- 48% work 35 hours or more per week.
- 18% work 21 to 34 hours per week.

- 6% earn below minimum wage.
- 36% earn between current minimum wage and \$7.99 per hour.
- 42% earn between \$8.00 and \$12.00 per hour.
- 6% earn above \$12.00 per hour.

Of the currently employed respondents:

- 48% have received a raise in pay.
- 33% receive benefits at their place of employment.

Indicator 14

- 65% of respondents who had IEPs, and are no longer in secondary school, have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of postsecondary school or both, within one year of leaving high school.