

2009 Wisconsin Statewide Summary of Post High School Outcomes Survey of 2007-2008 Exiters with Disabilities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The major outcomes of the 2009 Wisconsin Post High School Outcomes Survey are summarized below. This survey focuses on youth with disabilities who exited high school with a diploma, a certificate of attendance, reached maximum age of eligibility for services, or dropped out of high school during the 2007-2008 school year and have been out of school for one year. The results are organized around three areas of interest.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Assesses living arrangements and general community participation and supports

- 70% of respondents continue to live at home with their parents.
- 26% of respondents live independently.
- 87% of respondents report participating in a leisure activity within the last six months.
- 67% of respondents have a valid driver's license.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Assesses participation in any type of formal postsecondary education or training since leaving high school.

- 53% of respondents are or have participated in some type of postsecondary education or training since leaving high school.
- 13% of respondents attend a 2-year college or community college.
- 13% of respondents attend a 4-year college or university.
- 31% of respondents of youth with disabilities attend a public technical college.

EMPLOYMENT

Assesses participation in full and part-time employment, job setting, wages and benefits

- 33% of respondents are or have been competitively employed leaving high school. (This means they are working in the community, working full-time and earning minimum wage or more).
- 68% of respondents are competitively employed and work either full or part-time.
- 63% of respondents are currently working for pay.
- 22% of respondents are not currently working but have been employed sometime since leaving high school.
- 13% of respondents have not been employed since leaving high school.

Of the respondents who are or have been employed for pay:

- 91% of respondents are employed in the community.
- 46% work 35 hours or more per week.
- 22% work 21 to 34 hours per week.
- 7% earn less than minimum wage.
- 37% earn between current minimum wage and \$7.99 per hour.
- 39% earn between \$8.00 and \$12.00 per hour.
- 10% earn above \$12.00 per hour.

Of the currently employed respondents:

- 42% have received a raise in pay.
- 31% receive benefits at their place of employment.

Indicator 14

- 70% 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.