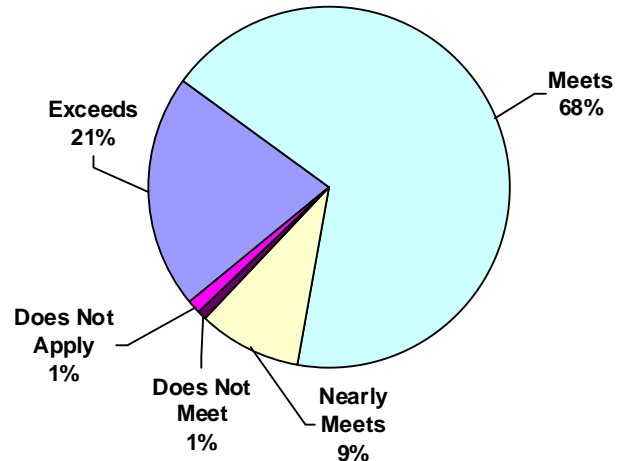


MASTERY OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD

Employers were asked how well the technical college programs prepared the graduates with the knowledge needed for their field of employment. Five hundred thirty one employers (21%) stated the graduates exceeded their expectations, 1,719 (68%) said the graduates met their expectations, 238 (9%) thought they nearly met the expectations. Only 38 employers (1%) said the graduates did not meet their expectations, and 20 (1%) felt this question did not apply.



ABILITY TO PERFORM TECHNICAL SKILLS

When employers were asked how well the technical college programs prepared graduates to perform the technical skills of their job, ninety percent (90%) of the employers responding indicated that the graduates met or exceeded their expectations while nine percent (9%) nearly met the expectations and one percent (1%) were unsatisfied or didn't believe the question applied to their business.

ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY

Of the 2,543 employer respondents, 32% felt the graduates exceeded their communication expectations, 57% met their expectations, 9% nearly met their expectations, 2% of the graduates didn't meet the employers' expectations and 1% didn't feel it applied to their field.

RELEVANCE OF GRADUATES SKILL/KNOWLEDGE

We asked employers how relevant the technical college graduates skills and knowledge was in relation to today's businesses. Six hundred fifty two (26%) of the responding employers said their expectations were exceeded, 1,542 (61%) stated their expectations were met, 284 (11%) said the graduates nearly met their expectations and 63 (2%) felt the students didn't meet their expectations or it didn't apply to their business.

MASTERY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

The mastery of science, technology, engineering, and math are becoming more integrated than ever in many 21st century careers. We asked our employers that if one or more of these areas applied to their field, how prepared were the graduates. Of the 2,507 employers who responded, 455 (18%) said the graduates exceeded their expectations, 1,605 (64%) met their expectations, 206 (8%) nearly met their expectations, 25 (1%) felt the graduates mastery did not meet their expectations. Interestingly, 216 (9%) of the employers didn't feel this question applied to their field.

OVERALL PREPAREDNESS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Within the group of 2,543 responding employers, 28% rated the graduates as exceeding their expectations for an entry-level employee. Sixty-one percent reported that the graduates were prepared, 9% thought the graduates were nearly prepared and 1% felt the graduates were not prepared for employment.