

Graduating Student Survey Summary of Results for the 2015-2016 Class

Each year, a survey is given to all graduating students of Eastern WV Community and Technical College for the year's graduating classes. Of the 145 graduates during the 2015-2016 academic year, 93 responded. This translated to a 65% completion rate, which is an increase from the 35% achieved the previous year. Over the survey's life, we have achieved an average completion rate of 48.8%. The following is a summary of those results from the 2015-2016 graduate surveys along with a comparison to the prior year's results and the institutions' average rating over-all years of results.

THE RESULTS

1. What access center(s) have you attended?

Current Year

Of the 93 respondents, 79, 84%, had at some point attended an access center. Of those who had taken advantage of access centers, 13% had classes at South Branch Vocational Center, less than 1% have used the Hampshire Discovery Center and the WV School for the Deaf and Blind, and 14% visited the discovery center at Petersburg High School. Less than 1% for Pendleton County and Tucker County were visited by this group of graduates.

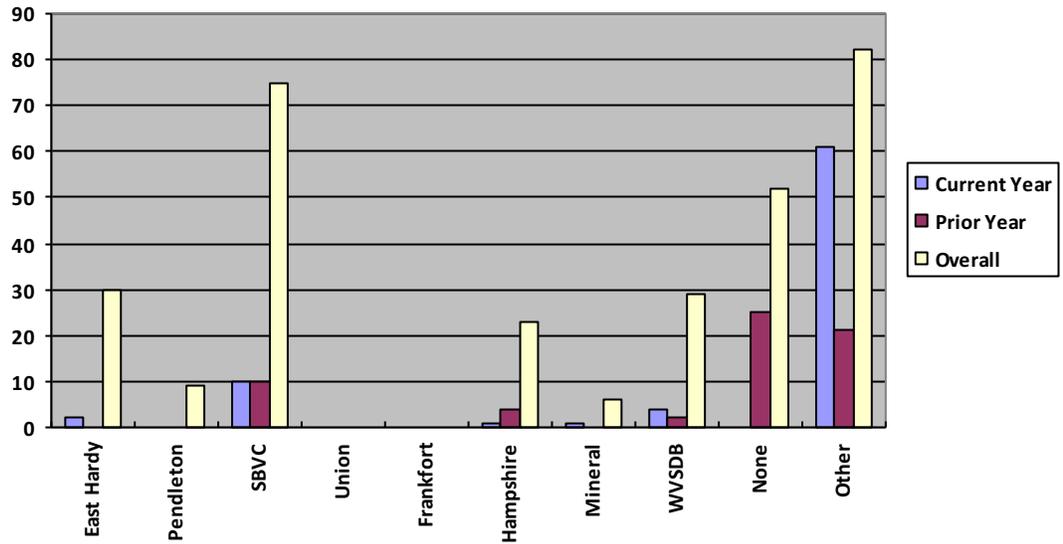
Comparison

Between the two graduating classes, usage of the access centers increased from 19% to 60%. Eastern Technology Center continues to be the top center with utilization.

Overall

Over the nine years of surveys, 53% of graduates have attended classes in at least one discovery center. Eastern Technology Center saw the most students with SBCTC and Petersburg High closely following. WVSDB and Tucker sites were utilized. Unused by students in either class were the centers in Pendleton, Union and Frankfort.

Access Centers Attended



2. What is your age?

Current Year

Of the 2015-2016 graduates, 1 was younger than 18 years old. 50% of them were between 19 and 29, 18% were in their thirties, 20% ranged between 40 and 49, and 1% were 50 or above in age.

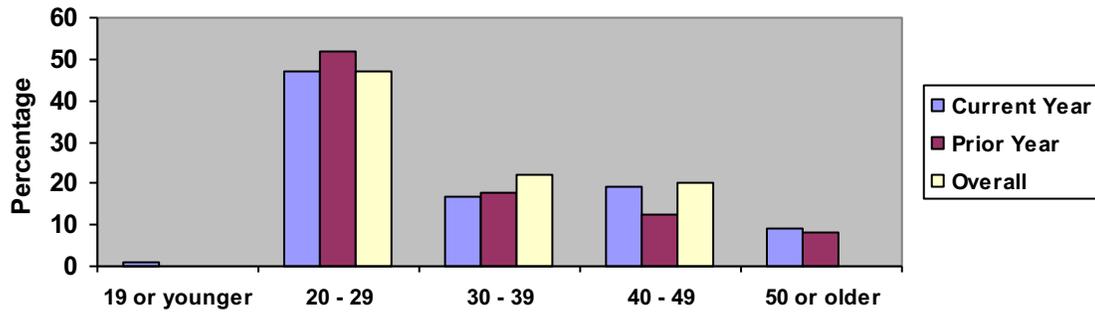
Comparison

The 19-29 age group increased the most from prior year. All other categories increased at a smaller amount. The 50 or older group decrease slightly.

Overall

Overall, most students fall into the 19-29 age group. The 30-39 years of age is the next most popular range. Those in their 40's are next in number. Fewest of the graduates fall into the 50 or above category.

Age of Graduates



3. What is your gender?

Current Year

70% of survey completers were female, while 30% male.

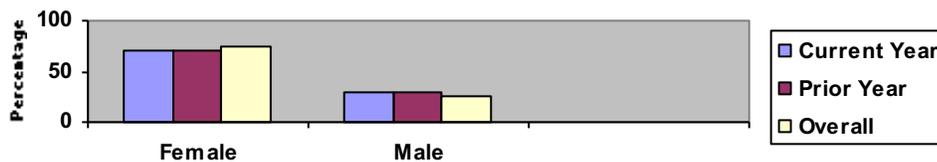
Comparison

The latest class of graduates saw an increase in the proportion of male students, but they are still greatly outnumbered.

Overall

Females tend to be the majority by a large margin. They comprise 75% of graduates.

Gender of Graduates



4. What is your marital status?

Current Year

Of the respondents, 52% were single and 37% were married. Divorced graduates were 10.75%. With 1.08% reported being widowed.

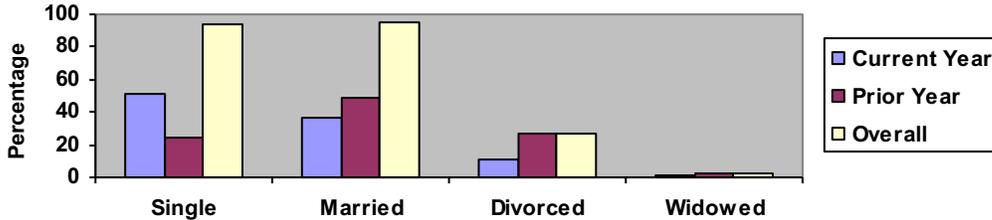
Comparison

Compared to the previous year, the number of single graduates greatly increased. The married and divorced population decreased.

Overall

The majority of Eastern graduates across years are married, but are followed closely in percentage by the single. 27% are divorcees and only 1.25% have lost a spouse.

Graduates' Marital Status



- 5. List the number of dependents under the age of 18 that live with you.

Current Year

55% have no dependents under 18 residing in their homes. 43% have 1 to 3. 1.08% of Graduates report having 4 or more dependents in their home.

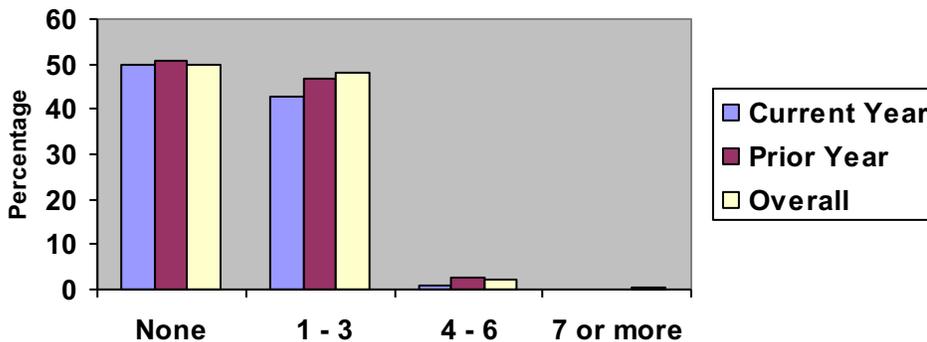
Comparison to last year

Compared to last year there was a decrease in all ages under the age of 18 with the exception of 7 or more and it remained at zero.

Overall

The majority of graduates have no children in the household, but is closely followed by 1-3 children. Few graduates have more than four.

Number of Children Under 18



- 6. While attending Eastern were you enrolled: full-time, part-time, or both?

Current Year

55.91% of the graduates attended on a full-time basis during their entire time at Eastern. 17.20% of the students attended Eastern only at part-time status. 24.73%, were enrolled at a mixed status of full- and part-time, varying by semester.

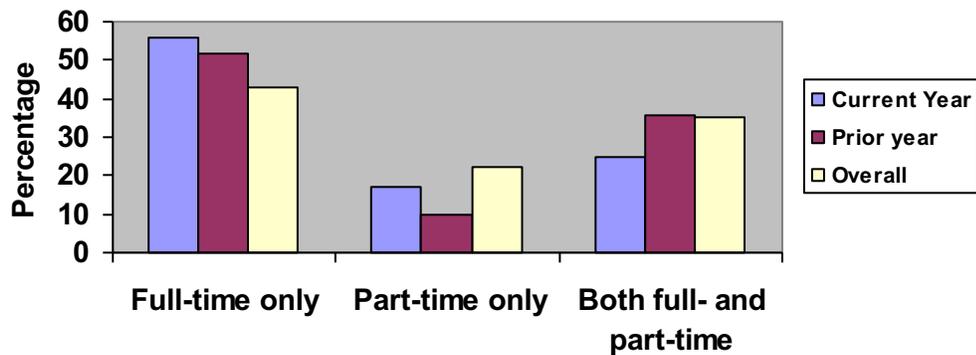
Comparison

Students attending full-time and part-time increased from previous year. Hybrid of both full and part time decreased from former year.

Overall

The majority of Eastern graduates have attended at full or mixed enrollment levels. The percentage of respondents attending part-time increased this year.

Enrollment Status of Graduates



7. What degree have you completed?

Current

Most students, 81.72%, graduated with an associate degree. 37.63% completed a certificate program. 2.15% graduated with other type of degree.

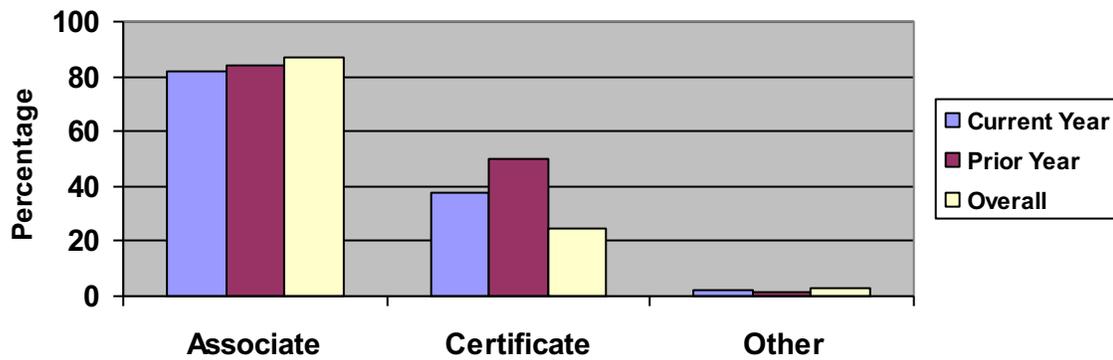
Comparison

The percentages of degrees attained varied little among the two years. The percentage receiving a certificates decreased with other increasing.

Overall

Collectively, the associate degree has the greatest percentage. While 25% graduate with a certificate.

Degrees Attained



8. What was your major?----Pull from BBDA

Current Year

In the current year, the most popular majors were as follows:

1. Business Management AAS/CP- 20%
2. Associate in Arts-8%
3. Wind Energy- 8%
4. Electromechanical Tech- 7%

Comparison

Prior Year:

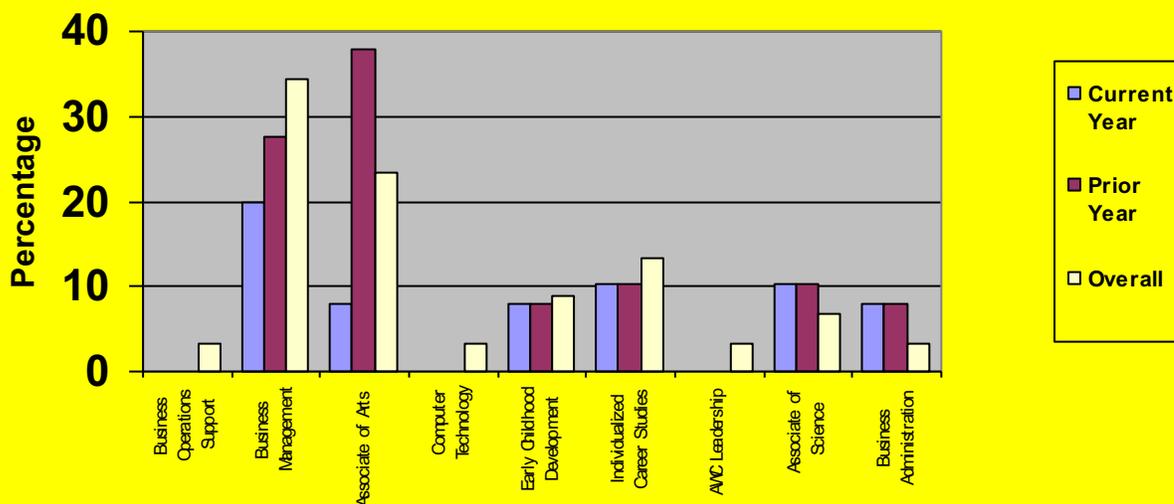
1. Associate in Arts—15%
2. Nursing----(2 year cohort) 13%
3. Business Management-8%
4. Wind Energy-7%

Overall

On average, below is the ranking of majors among graduates.

1. Associate of Arts
2. Business Management
3. Wind Energy Technology
4. Board of Governors
5. Associate of Science
6. Nursing, Early Childhood, Admin Support

Graduate Majors



9. What was your approximate GPA?

Current Year

9.7% of the responding graduates reported a GPA of 2.0 to 2.5, while 23.7% reported having a 2.6 to 2.9. 46.2% maintained GPAs between 3.0 and 3.5. And the remaining 20.43%, achieved GPAs of 3.6 to 4.0.

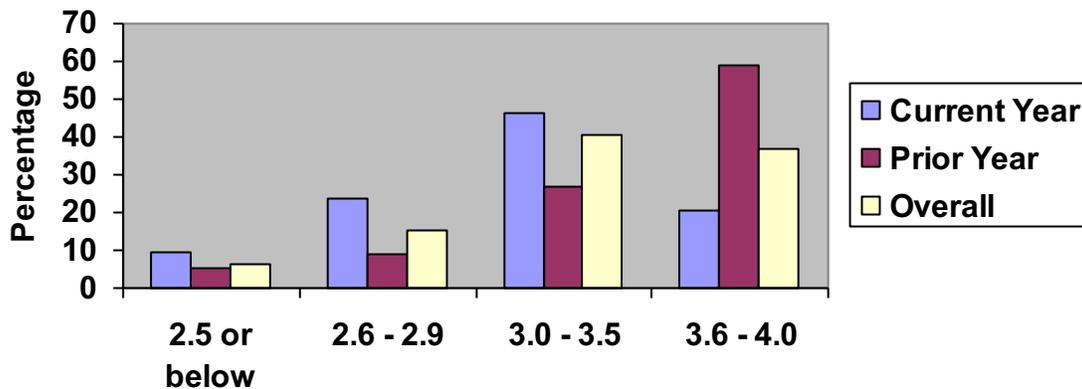
Comparison

The 2.6 to 2.9 and 3.0 to 3.5 GPAs increased impressively compared to the previous year. There was a slight increase in the 2.0 to 2.5 GPA. The 3.6 to 4.0 GPA decreased.

Overall

Most students, overall, report GPAs in the 3.0 to 3.5 range, with those in the 3.6 to 4.0 range following closely behind. Those with average grades of below 2.5 were fewest.

Graduate GPAs



10. Please rate the courses in your **COURSES IN THE FIELD OF STUDY** on a scale of 1 through 5, with 5 being the highest rating.

Current Year

45.7% of Respondents rated the Quality of instruction as outstanding, with 63% rating it Satisfactory or higher. 44.6% rated Grading and testing as outstanding, 55.4% rated it as satisfactory. 40.2% rated course content as outstanding, 58.7% rated it satisfactory or higher. 39% felt instructional materials were outstanding with 56% rating as satisfactory or higher. 38% rated laboratory facilities and equipment as outstanding, 51% rated satisfactory or higher, 8.7% rated as poor, and 4.3% had no basis for rating. 38% felt instruction was outstanding preparation for future employment, 47.8% rated as satisfactory or above with 9.8% giving unsatisfactory rating and 5.4 had no basis for rating.

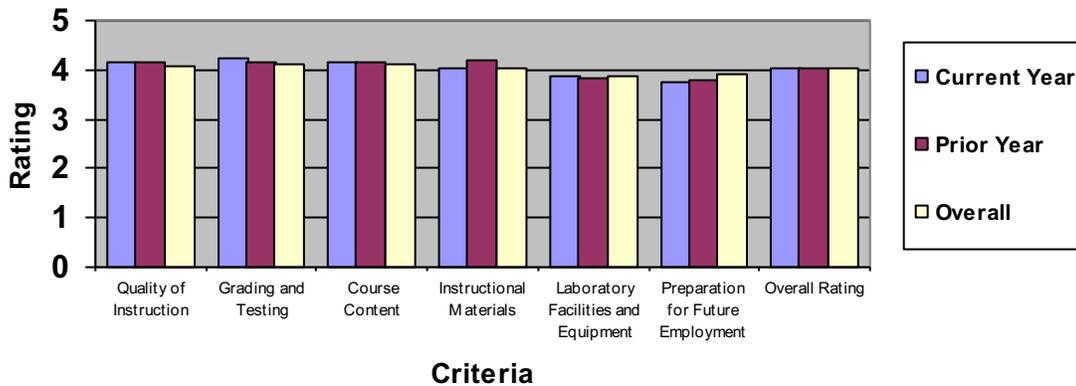
Comparison

All areas received satisfactory or higher scores which was similar to the results of 2014-2015.

Overall

While the 2015-2016 cohort averages overall increased from 2014-2015 results, the cumulative of all the areas are 4.2 or higher rating on a 5.0 scale. College staff and faculty should continue to monitor and make adjustments based on feedback.

Satisfaction: Rate of Course of Study



11. Please rate the following Skills on a scale of 1 through 5, with 5 being the highest rating.

Current Year

Thinking and communication skills rated the highest at 4.35. Appreciation of Diversity, Analytical thinking and Problem solving are scoring close with 4.3.

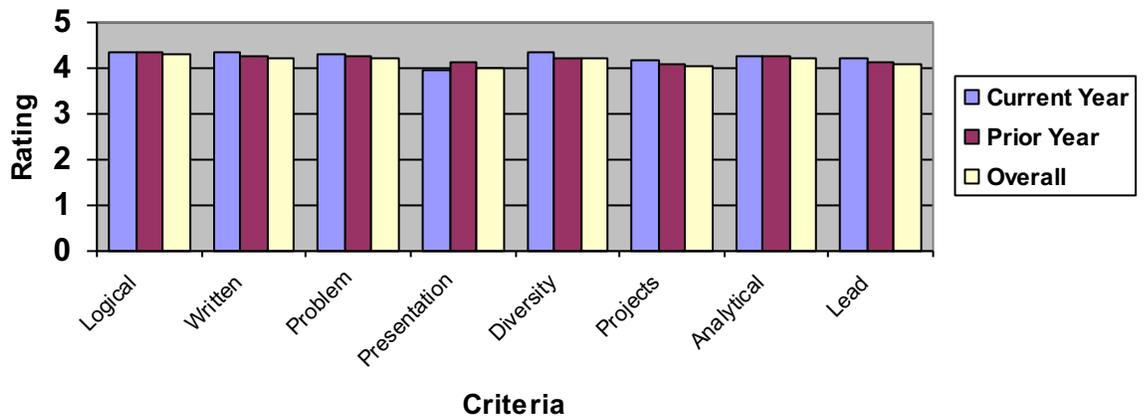
Comparison

Ratings in all the areas are extremely similar to those from the prior class.

Overall

The cumulative results are now similar to the last couple of years although our records are only for the last 5 years.

Satisfaction: Improved Skills



12. Please rate your experience with the following services provided by the college.

Current Year

- a. Admissions Services
89.25% of students have used these services and rated those 4.64.
- b. Orientation
79.79% have used the service and gave it a 4.41 rating. 2.17% said that they did not use this service. 2.17% was not aware of the service.
- c. Registration Services
95.70% did use this and rated it 4.31. 4.30% said they did not use this service.
- d. Academic Advising
79.57% reported using this service and rated it at 4.54. 20.43% indicated that did not use this service.
- e. Financial Aid Services
95.70% utilized these services and gave it a 3.66 rating. 4.30% did not use this office.
- f. Information for Transfer
48.39% requested this type of information and rated the service provided at 4.73. 51.61% never took part in this.
- g. Bookstore Services
87.10% took advantage of this and rated the service a 4.33. 12.90% never used the bookstore.

- h. Library Services
55.91% used the library and rated it at 4.48. 43.01% never used the service. 2.17% were unaware of the service.
- i. Personal Counseling
20.43% took advantage of this service and rated it at 5.63. 72.04% did not use the service. 7.53% did not know this was offered.
- j. Career Counseling
20.43% used this service and rated it 5.11. 68.82% did not take advantage of the service. 10.75% did not know it was available.

Comparison

Admissions, Orientation participation, Registration, Financial Aid use remained at the 90% to 100% rate. Academic Advising and Bookstore Services usage maintain at the 80% or higher.

Overall

Participation in these services can be ranked as follows:

1. Registration Services
2. Admissions Services
3. Financial Aid
4. Bookstore Services
5. Academic Advising
6. Orientation
7. Information to Transfer

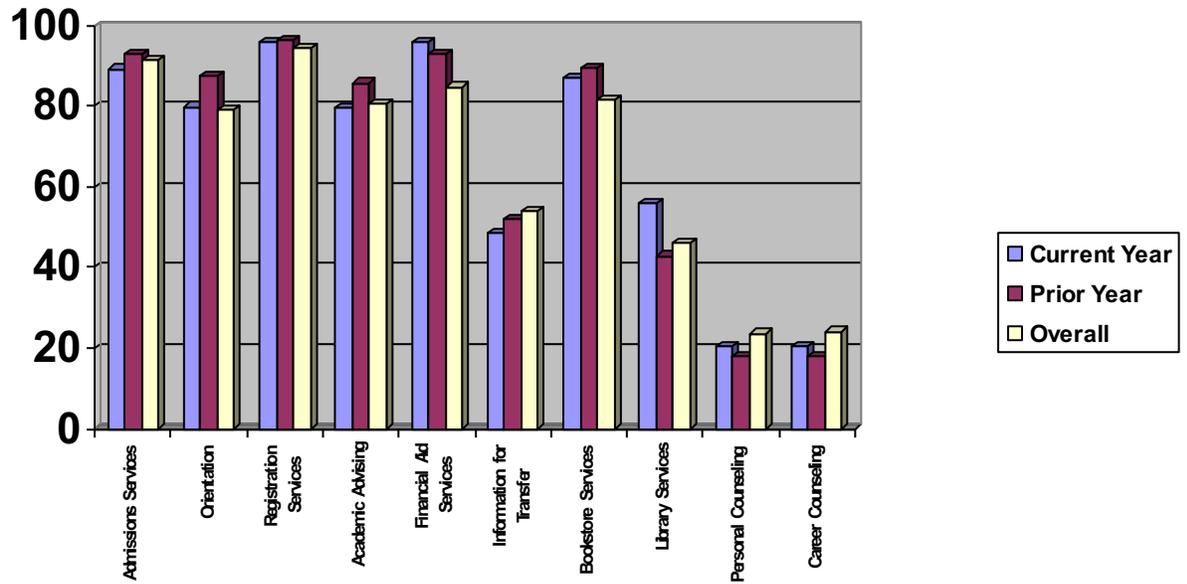
Students responded that they did not know that several of these services were even available. The following is a ranking of those, with 1 being the one known the least about.

1. Personal Counseling
2. Career Counseling
3. Library Services

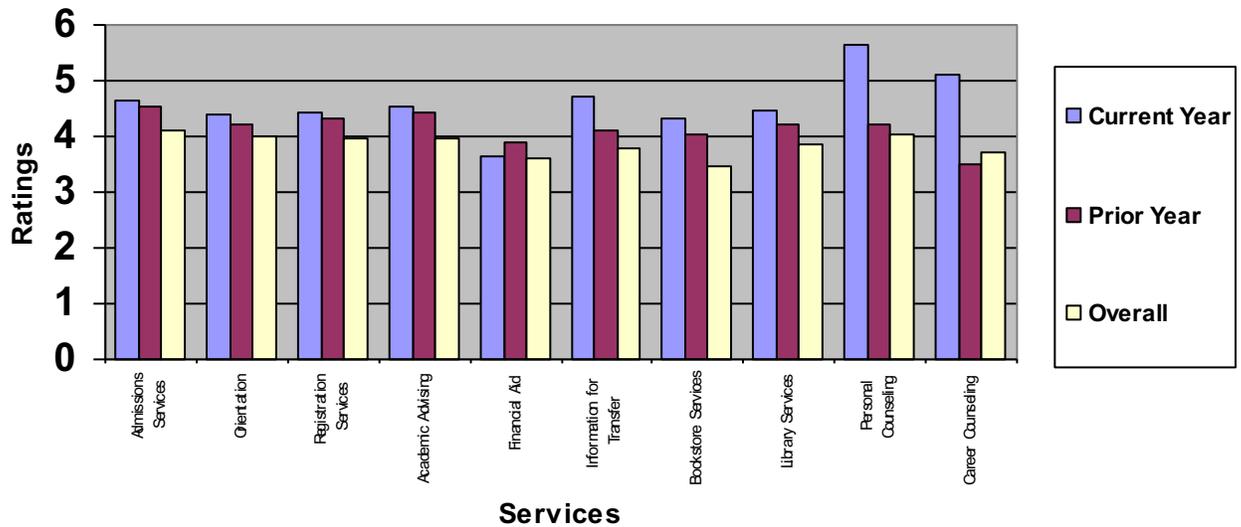
The College will have to make certain that students know all of these services are available. It is also important that students actually are able to identify that these services have been provided to them. All students of Eastern are given academic advising as a part of orientation and before registering for classes, so all students have received this at some point despite the results. Also Eastern does not offer an on-site bookstore, but does make one available on-line. It is likely that all or most students have used this service as well.

Highest score: Registration Services, Academic Services, and Financial Aid Services 4.80-5.0 (good to excellent)
 Lowest score: Parent Counseling and Career Counseling (satisfactory to good)
 Average score: 4.6 (good to excellent)

Percentage of Students Using College Services



Student Experience Ratings



13. What was your primary reason for attending Eastern?

Current Year

46.74% of respondents indicated “Preparation for a specific job” and 10.87 said “improvement of existing job skills” as being the main reason to attend Eastern. 16.30% answered “transfer credits earned at Eastern to a 4 year college”. 17.39%, responded with “personal development”. 8.70% responded with “other”, indicating a career change as the reason

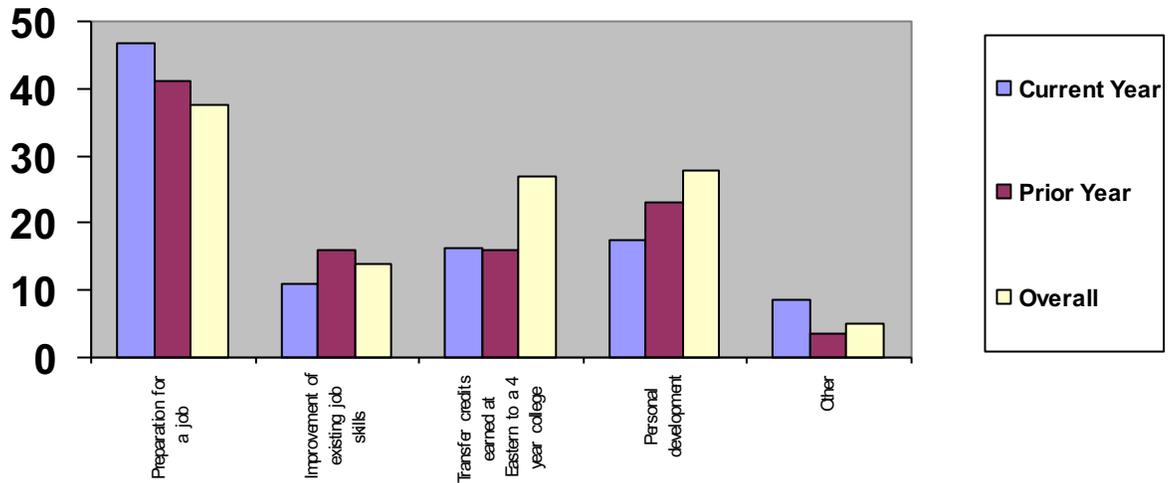
Comparison

There was an increase in all areas from last year except Improve Job Skills and Personal Development.

Overall

Top 2 reasons to attend Eastern, “Preparation for a Job” and “Personal Development”. “Transfer credits” is the next popular reason.

Reasons to Attend Eastern



14. Are you currently employed?

Current Year

65.22% of students are currently employed. 35.87% are not employed.

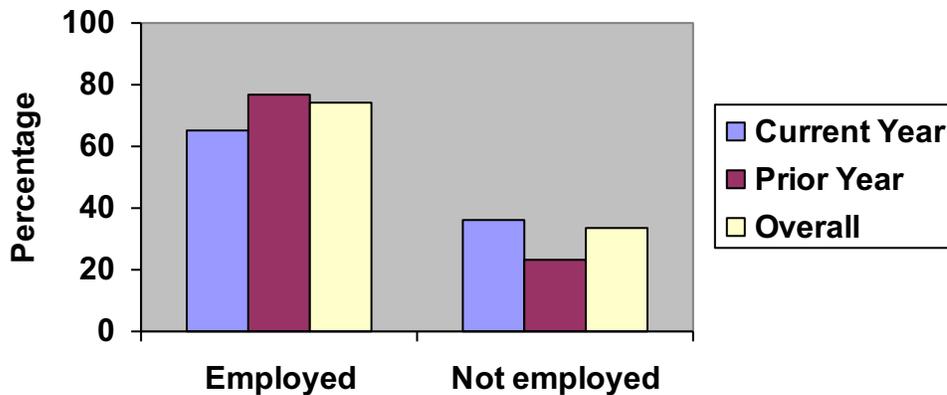
Comparison

More students from the 2015-2016 class are employed while at Eastern than those from the previous class.

Overall

Most, 73.98%, of Eastern graduates are employed while attending classes.

Employment Status



15. Is your current job related to your education at Eastern?

Current Year

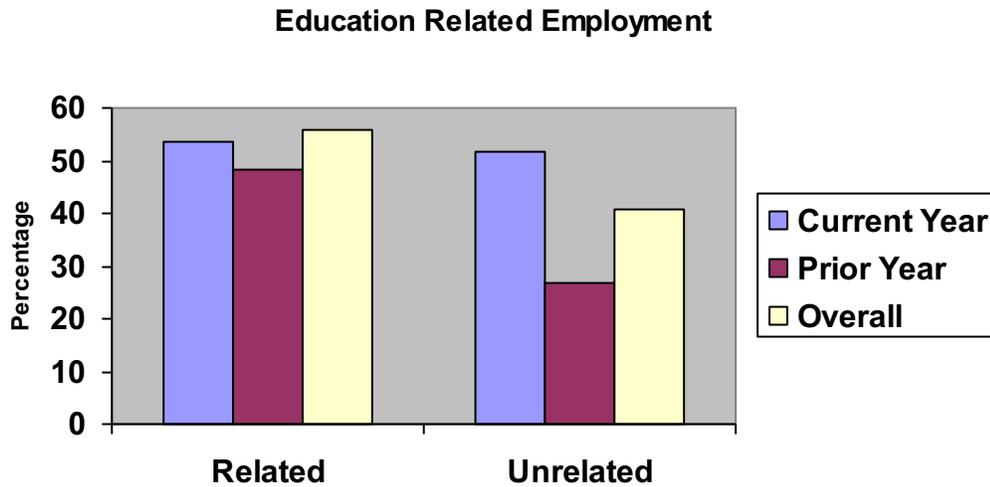
Of those that are employed, 53.57% of their jobs are related to their education and 51.79% said no.

Comparison

While the majority for respondents were working in a field related to their program of study, the percentages increased from the previous cohort.

Overall

Overall, most working graduates of Eastern, have jobs that directly relate to their field of study.



16. How many hours per week are you employed?

Current Year

Of those that are employed, 27.17% work 37 to 40 hours per week. 8.70% work 31 to 36 hours per week. 7.61% work 21 to 30 hours per week. 13.04% of those working work either 11 to 20 hours per week. 5.43% worked 1-10 hours and 39.13% working only occasionally.

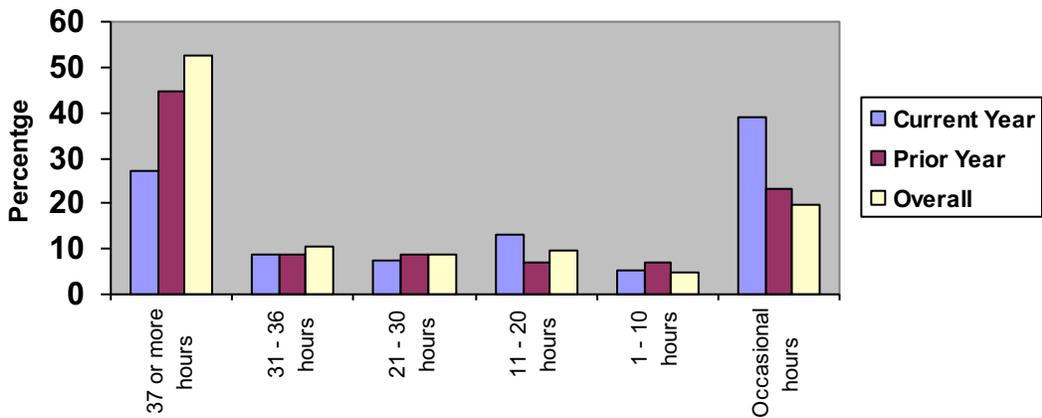
Comparison

The percentage of graduates working 37+ hours decreased from the previous year while occasional work had a large increase. Slight changes occurred in the other areas.

Overall

Most Eastern graduates are full-time employees working between 37 to 40 hours per week.

Hours Worked by Employed Graduates



17. What is your overall rating of Eastern?

Current Year

Students gave an overall rating of 4.35 which is an excellent rating.

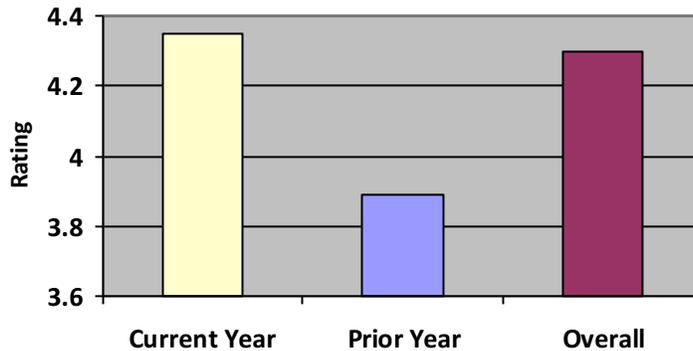
Comparison

The overall rating of Eastern graduates increased with the latest class.

Overall

Graduates across classes rate Eastern with a 4.30.

Overall Eastern Experience



18. Would you recommend Eastern to others?

Current Year

94.6% of respondents said that they would recommend Eastern to others.

Comparison

Comparing the previous year and this year there was a slight increase in “would you recommend Eastern to others”.

Overall

11.85% of previous years reported Eastern graduates indicated that they would not recommend Eastern to others, 98.68% would recommend Eastern to others.

THE AVERAGE EASTERN GRADUATE

With all of this information, we are able to form a picture of the average graduate of Eastern WV Community & Technical College for our 2015-2016 class. That graduate would typically be a single woman between the ages of 20 and 29. She does not have dependents under 18 living with her. She has a job related to her course of study at Eastern, which would be Associate Degree, and would work only occasional hours each week. This student attended full-time, and may have attended classes at our discovery centers. She came to Eastern to prepare for a job. When she graduated, she would earn an Associate’s degree and would have maintained a GPA of 3.0 to 3.5. She rates her overall experience at Eastern as positive and would recommend Eastern to others.