

Graduate Follow-up Survey
TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2006 – 07 Graduates

INTRODUCTION

A one-year follow-up survey was mailed to TMCC students receiving associate degrees or certificates of achievement during the 2006 – 07 academic year. (This includes Fall 06, Spring 07, and Summer 07 terms.) The goal of this survey is to gain insight regarding graduates opinions of TMCC, their employment status and location as well as the degree to which students attribute the attainment of their job and/or advancements within an occupation to the education they received at the college. Results of this survey also contribute to the measurement of Perkins III Core Performance Indicators.

METHODOLOGY

Population: The target population of this study was the unduplicated number of TMCC graduates from the 2006 – 07 academic year (i.e. students receiving multiple degrees are only sent one survey). Students with undeliverable addresses were removed. This cohort comprised 600 graduates. From this group of students, 326 useable surveys were returned, producing a 54% response rate. Please note, the total number of graduates surveyed may be different from the number of degrees and certificates conferred published in the *FactBook* for the corresponding year.

Instrumentation and Procedure: The survey and a postage-paid return envelope were sent to the graduates. The population was offered a choice of a \$10 gift card at Terribles (formerly Winner's Corner) convenience stores and gas stations, a \$10 gift card from Keva Juice, a \$10 gift card from Raley's, or a \$15 gift card from the TMCC Bookstore for the return of the survey. This is an annual survey that is mailed out during the summer term each year.