

YES! Expo ^{2nd Annual}

Youth Employment Solutions

The Heart of Texas Workforce Development Board Inc.'s 2nd annual YES! Expo, held May 19th, 2009, at the Waco Convention Center, was an outstanding success with over 1,100 youth participants, 50 volunteers, and 71 interactive exhibitor booths.

Each of the three expected outcomes were achieved, including providing youth with a clear understanding of career opportunities in the region and the education required to succeed; access to high school, dual credit, and college courses ultimately leading to a chosen career pathway; and encouraging employers to "plumb the pipeline" for future workforce needs.

"The YES! Expo is exactly what we as students need. We can learn what's out there for us and what we need to do to get there."

—Kyndal, Student at West High School

"It was a great experience for me, and I know it was a great experience for the students."

—John Fry, NRG, LLC



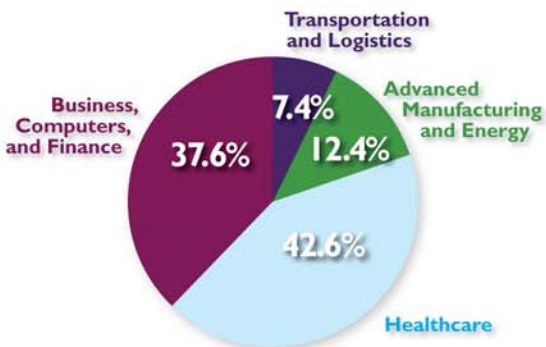
48%

48% of respondents stated that at least half of the careers they looked at were new to them.

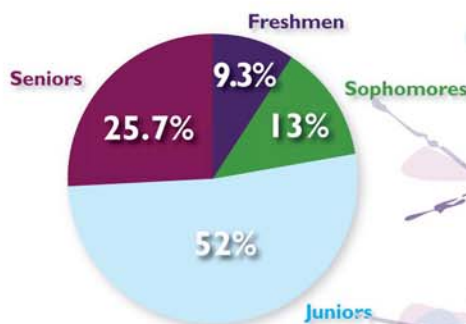
68.6%

Based on what they learned at the Expo, 68.6% of respondents will consider taking some dual credit courses from a community college while in high school.

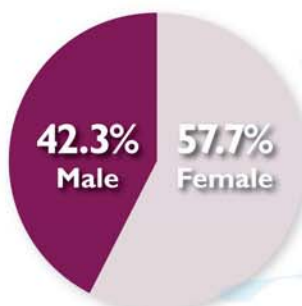
Favorite Career Exploration Areas



Class Level of Participants



Gender of Participants



Just because the 2009 YES! Expo is over doesn't mean that you can't access this valuable information! For resources such as Reality Check, high-growth in-demand Heart of Texas industry information, links to local colleges and financial aid assistance, as well as images and information from this year's YES! Expo, visit www.YESstoyouth.com.

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“My students were blown away by the sheer size of the event! Everything from the entertainment, snacks and goody bags to the flash drives was awesome and much appreciated.”

– Sharon Heatherington,
Career Counselor for WISD



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