

# NORTHWEST WASHINGTON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL




## Youth Council Survey of Youth

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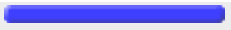


The Youth Council is collecting feedback on which services are needed to help you and other youth get and keep jobs. We need your feedback to assist us in identifying areas that are getting in your way and how important these issues are to you personally.

Please answer each question as it applies to you. All information will be confidential and used for the purpose of finding ways to help youth in the job market. Please complete the survey by close of business on February 6, 2004.










### 1. Are you:

Male		41.1%	(23)
Female		58.9%	(33)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>56</b>

### 2. Your age:

14–16		17.9%	(10)
17–18		53.6%	(30)
Over 18		28.6%	(16)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>56</b>

### 3. Your race or ethnicity:






White		71.4%	(40)
Latino/Hispanic Origin		7.1%	(4)
African American		1.8%	(1)
Asian/Pacific Islander		7.1%	(4)
American Indian		7.1%	(4)
Bi-Racial		1.8%	(1)
!other			(0)
Alaska native		1.8%	(1)
asian/white		1.8%	(1)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>56</b>

4. Your zip code:






#	Response
1	98059
6	98225
11	98226
5	98229
1	98230
1	98232
1	98233
1	98239
2	98240
2	98247
5	98248
4	98250
3	98264
3	98284
1	98290
1	98295
1	98408
2	987624
1	98840
1	98943

What do you think affects your ability to get and keep a job? Please select the box that shows how important each area is to you.

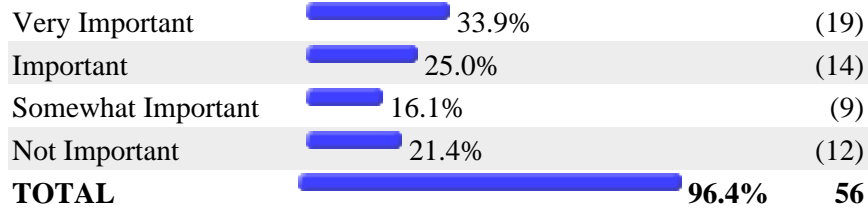
5. **Basic Skills Knowledge** (i.e. reading, writing, math)

Very Important		60.7%	(34)
Important		26.8%	(15)
Somewhat Important		7.1%	(4)
Not Important		3.6%	(2)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>98.2%</b>	<b>56</b>

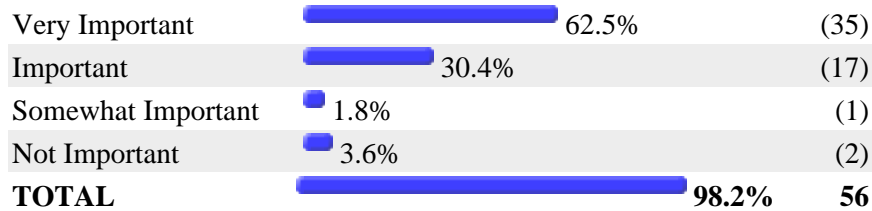
6. **Education for Employment** (i.e. knowledge of resume writing, interviewing skills, applications, paycheck issues, customer service skills)

Very Important		60.7%	(34)
Important		26.8%	(15)
Somewhat Important		7.1%	(4)
Not Important		3.6%	(2)
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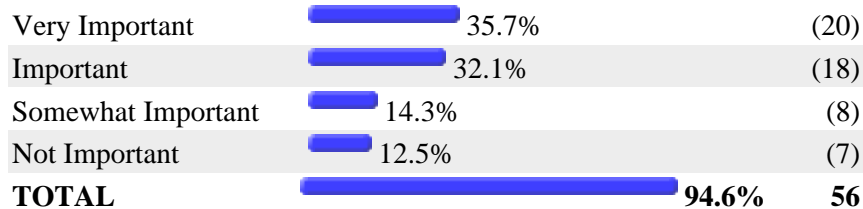
## 7. Having a Criminal Record



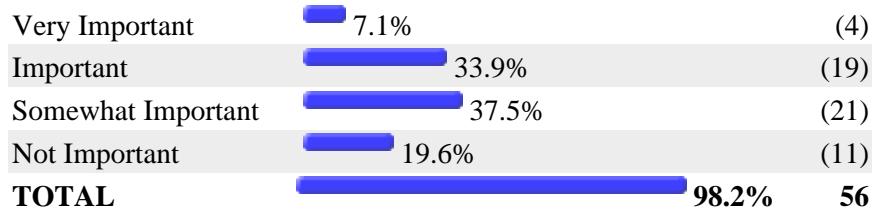
## 8. Transportation (ability to get to work)



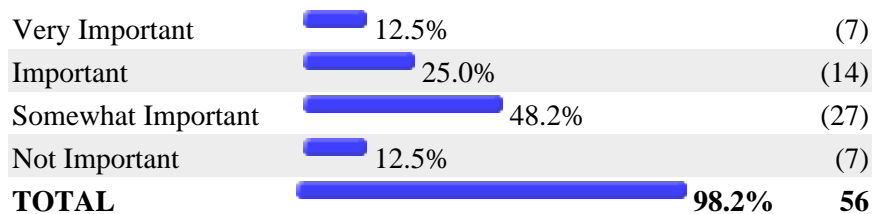
## 9. Substance Abuse



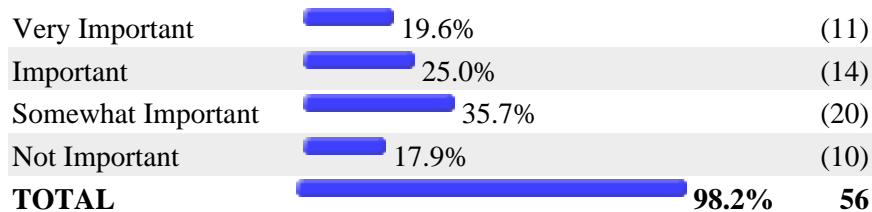
## 10. Age



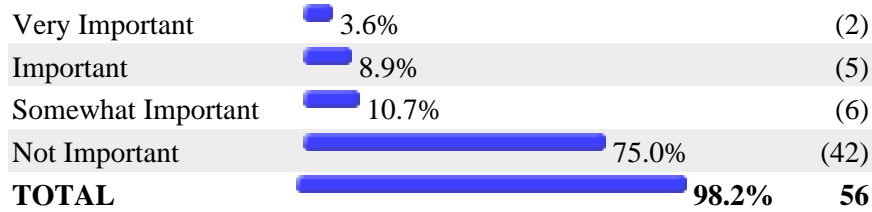
## 11. Peer Influence (i.e., friends support)



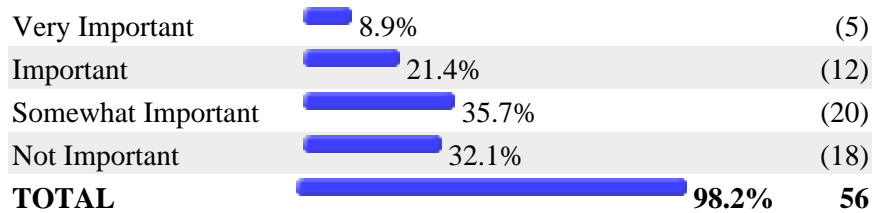
## 12. Family Problems/Obligations



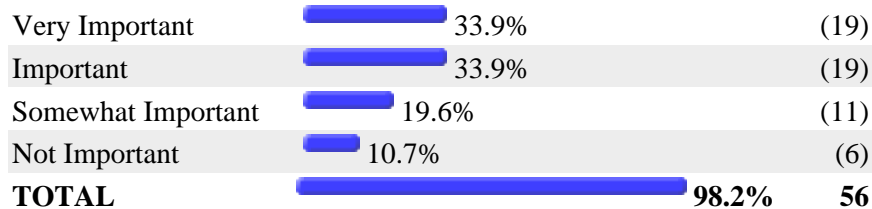
### 13. Race/Ethnicity



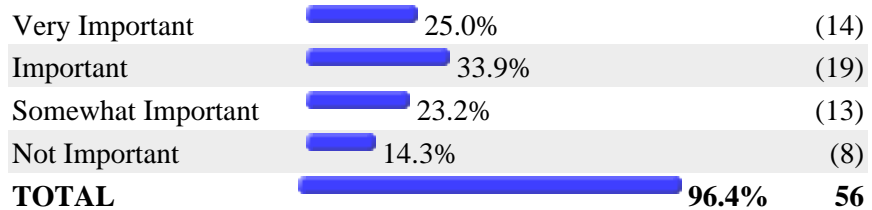
### 14. Disability



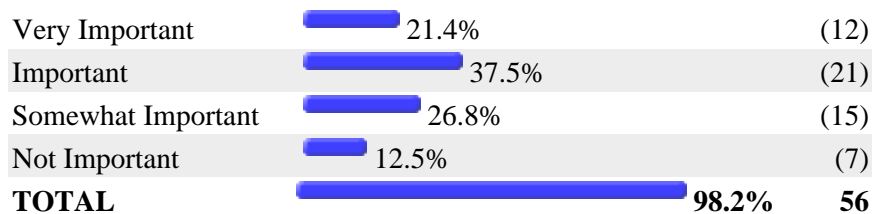
### 15. Employer Expectations of Appearance



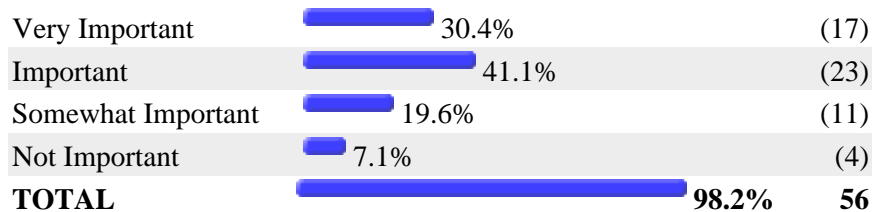
### 16. Affording Proper Attire



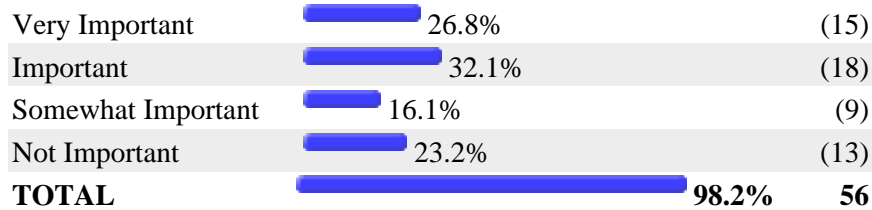
### 17. Language Barriers (for limited-English speakers)



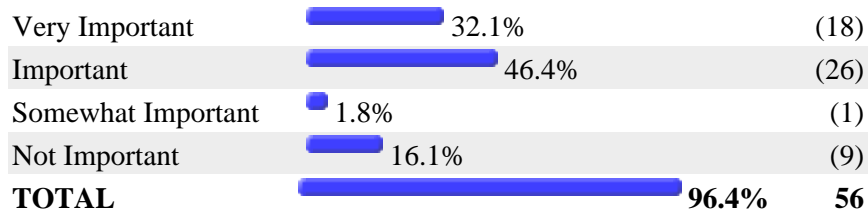
### 18. Minimum Wage/Low Salaries



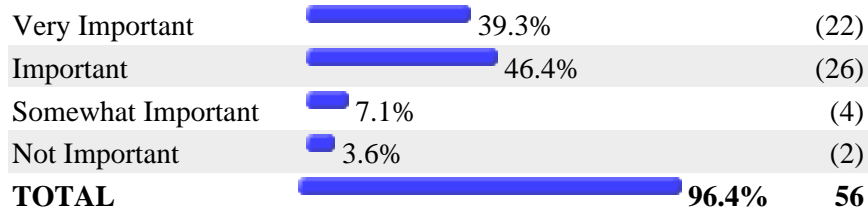
### 19. Being Pregnant/Teen Parent



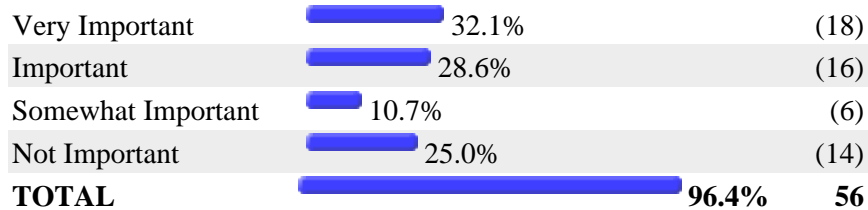
### 20. Child Care



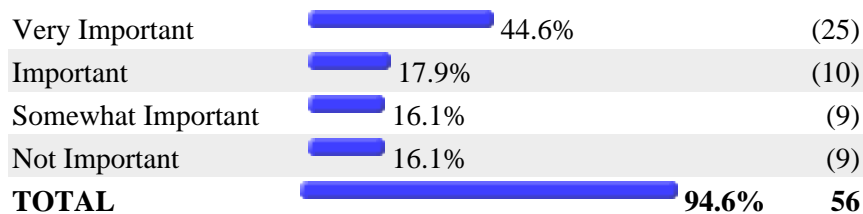
### 21. School Hours



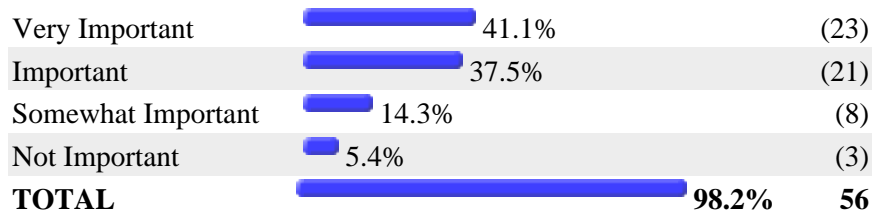
### 22. Work Permit (under age 16)



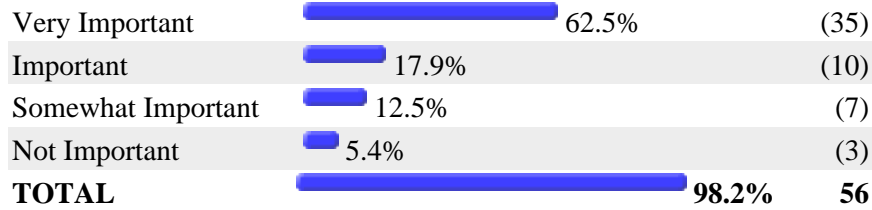
### 23. Working Papers (non-U.S.citizens)



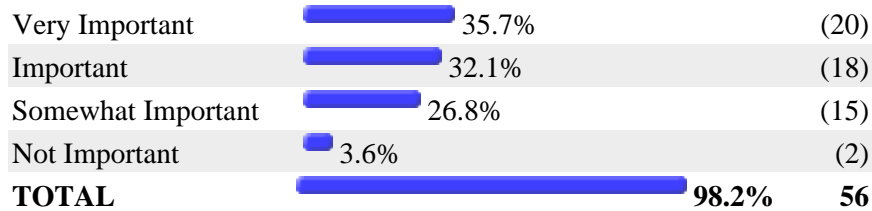
### 24. Money for Training



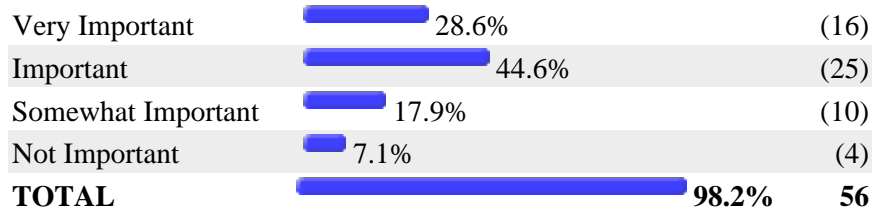
### 25. Money for College



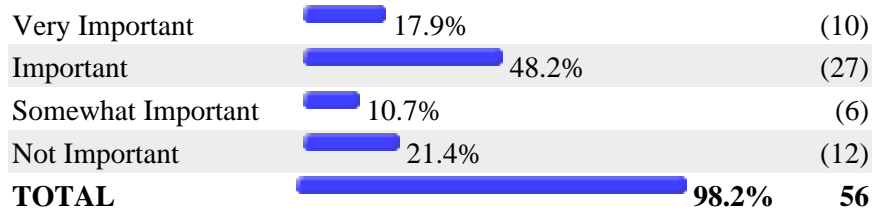
### 26. Lack of Work Experience



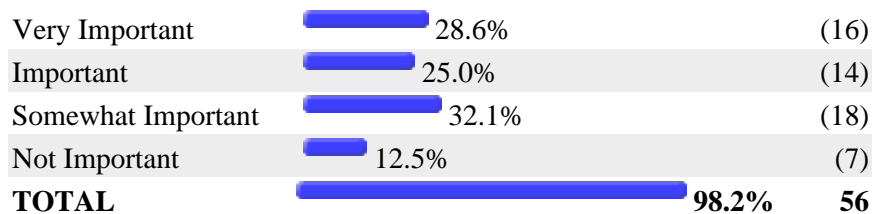
### 27. Available Internships



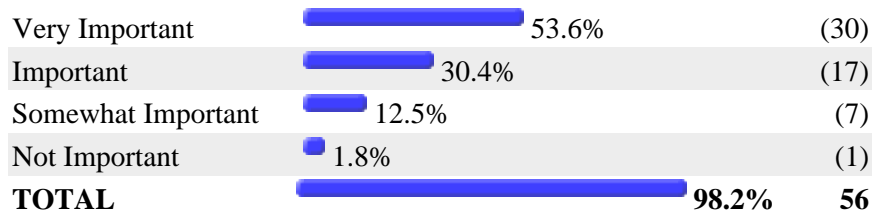
### 28. Employers Don't Understand Youth



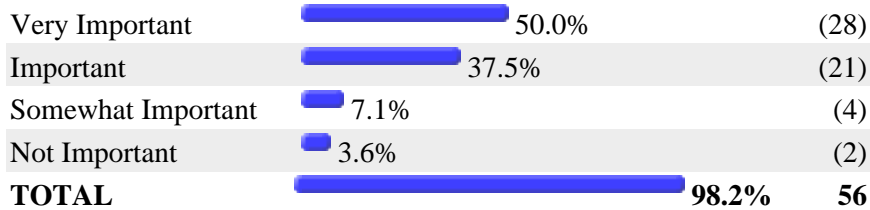
### 29. School Grades



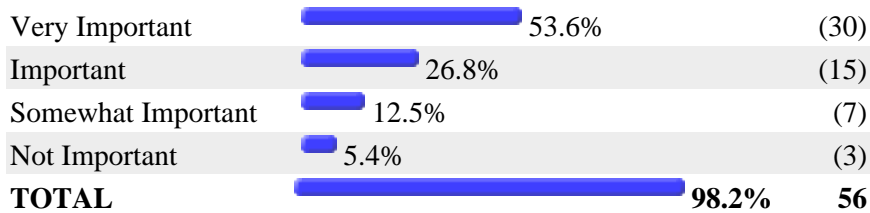
### 30. Knowing What to Do and What You're Good At



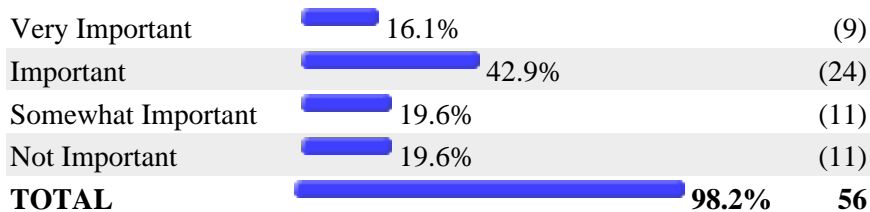
31. **Coping Skills** (i.e. ability to handle stress, anxiety, being tired, being depressed)



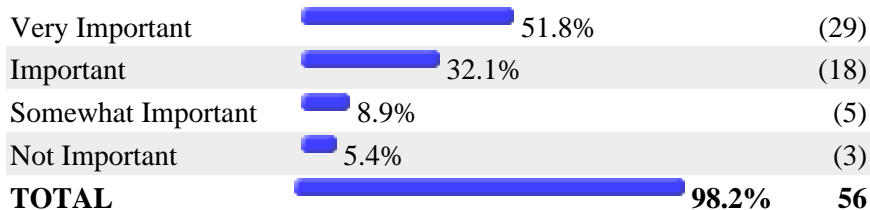
32. **Managing Your Anger**



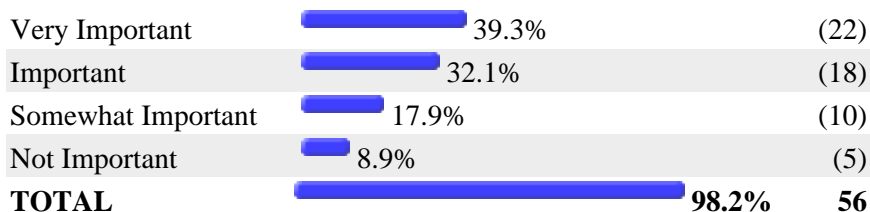
33. **Connections** (i.e., who you know)



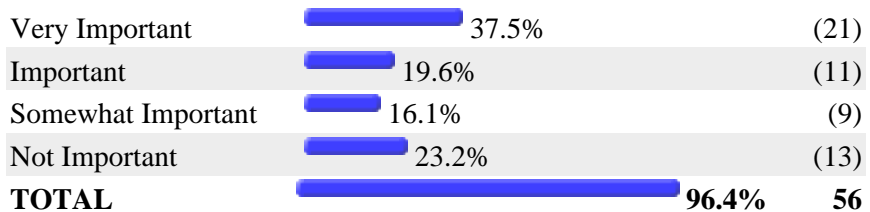
34. **Health Benefits** (i.e., whether or not employer provides them)



35. **Poor Health** (i.e., yours and/or other family members)



36. **Homelessness**



37. **Other** (please be specific):

#	Response
1	having shcolarships and free programs for me to go too.
1	I guess the main focus on why I can't keep or get a job is because I'm second generation in the family, and between full time school and transporting family members to and from appointments and translating and homework, I guess I couldn't really find a job or could get a job with the time available, as well as I know what I'm good at and could do, but my resume lacks experience in work as well as a job history
1	I think it is all about knowing where to get started. To know how to organize myself to get my first job.
1	passing a UA. CDL license if job req
1	passing the U.A and all the othere stuff
1	small gas engains
1	Trying to learn skills that will get a job at Anthonys homeport restuarant , Red Robin or a Restuarant that will pay high salary while you go to Bellingham Technical college part time and get a good pay (\$15.00) or more an hour.
1	work sux

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey