
High-Stake Statistics Greatly Affecting Washington State Well-Being

Summary: Washington Roundtable's Washington KiDS 4 Washington JOBS

Approximately 80,700 Washington State students enter 9th grade each year:

- 20,100 students drop out between 9th and 12th grade
- 14,000 graduate from high school, but do not go on to post-secondary programs
- 21,000 enroll in post-secondary programs, but do not finish before age 26
- Only 25,500 obtain some level of post-secondary credential

Currently, only 31% of students are expected to earn the post-secondary credentials by the age of 26 that they need for pathway and career positions. (Roundtable/OSPI)

Washington Roundtable's Goal: By 2030, 70% of Washington students will attain a postsecondary credential by the age of 26. These students are predicted to be ready for a "Pathway" or "Career" Jobs and will earn an extra \$960,000 in earnings over their lifetime.

TODAY'S REALITY: 31% WASHINGTON ROUNDTABLE GOAL: 70%

Levels of Jobs: Based on median income and upward mobility.

Entry-Level Jobs: \$20-30,000 (150,000 jobs) These jobs build basic employment skills; ability to gain work experience and basics; 20% have post-secondary degrees.

Pathway Jobs: \$30 - \$45,000 (330,000 job openings) Many of these jobs require specific training or postsecondary credential; about 34% have attended college.

Career Jobs: \$60-100,000+ (260,000 job openings) Requires higher level of skill typically with postsecondary degree, certification or credential; 90% will have credential.

Jobs Available to Washington Students:

Between 2017 and 2021, Washington Roundtable estimates 740,000 new job openings. *This is nearly three times the projected national growth rate and better than Washington's historical average. At the present graduation rate only 1/3 of our students will have the skills to obtain CAREER and PATHWAY jobs.* Employers will go out of Washington state to fill those positions.

Benefits of increasing the number of students completing post-secondary learning for communities and state:

- 36% reduction in unemployment
- 48% reduction in poverty over time
- 3.5 billion a year savings in spending on social programs