The Truth About: Ohio's Educational Attainment

Ohio's Educational Attainment Rate Over Time

[Graph showing educational attainment rates over time with a goal of 65% attainment by 2025.]

*Since 2014, workforce-relevant certificates have been included in the total of post-secondary credentials.

In 2016, Ohio established an education attainment goal of 65% of Ohioans aged 25 and older having some form of post-secondary credential. The goal of the initiative is to ensure Ohio’s workforce supply will be able to meet demand, because in 2020, 64% of all jobs in Ohio will require some form of post-secondary education. AICUO members are committed to reaching the attainment goal and the association is a member of the Ohio Attainment Goal Steering Committee. This public-private partnership informs policymakers, education, business, and philanthropy and community leaders about the importance of and potential solutions for closing Ohio's attainment gap.

Ohio's 2017 Median Annual Earnings by Educational Attainment

Not All Post-Secondary Credentials or Degrees Are Equal

While any form of post-secondary education will net increased earnings compared to just a high school degree, a bachelor's degree or higher continues to have the largest return-on-investment in post-secondary education. By starting but not finishing a degree, you are more likely to have increased debt and receive minimal earnings returns on your investment.

Ohio 2017 Unemployment Rates by Education

[Graph showing unemployment rates by education level.]

Unemployment Rates Drop with Increased Education

Focusing on increasing Ohio's educational attainment rates not only will ensure Ohio has a labor supply that matches its labor needs, but will help reduce poverty and provide peace-of-mind to more Ohioans that they are much less likely to face unemployment.