The Truth About: Degree Attainment

Graduation Rates and Student Success
More students at independent colleges graduate and they do it faster. In Ohio, more than half of those that enter a nonprofit college full-time graduate from that college in four years or less. Students entering public universities need an extra year to achieve similar success.

The Independent College Advantage: Graduation
Regardless of college readiness, students are more likely to graduate on time at an Ohio independent college.

Success for Students with Need
Success carries over to students with a high level of need at Ohio independent colleges. Pell grant eligible students are 10% more likely to graduate from an Ohio independent college than a public university.

Time to Degree Makes a Big Difference
That extra year to finish a bachelor's degree at a public campus costs more than just tuition.

Cost of Delayed Graduation
The extra year to complete a degree costs the average student over $15,000. This cost derives from lost wages, added tuition, and more student loan interest to students, in addition to lost tax dollars to the state.