

Congress should support better postsecondary education and workforce data

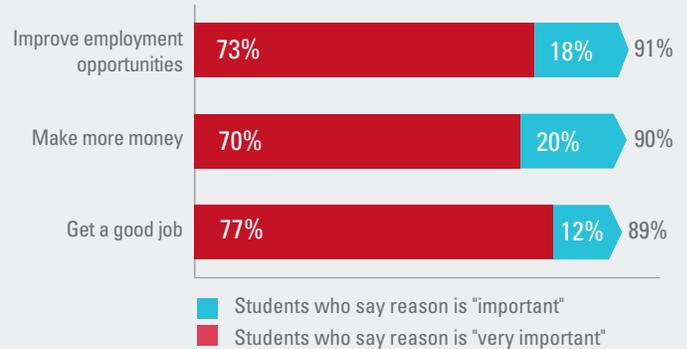
Employment outcomes matter to students, employers, educators and policymakers

Students want to know employment and earnings outcomes of their educational programs before investing time and money. Employers and educators need data on workforce results to see if education and training programs are aligned with industry needs. Policymakers want to support education and workforce programs that get real results.

Source: New America, 2015 College Decisions Survey.

Students, employers, and policymakers need employment data

Top 3 reasons students go to college

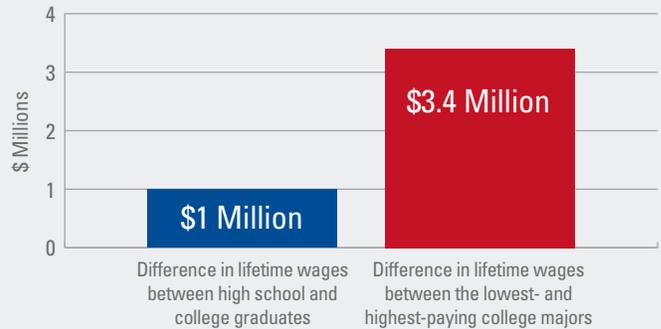


But the data we need isn't available

We don't have consistent data on employment outcomes for all students, for different programs at the same school, or for students who attend school in one state and then move to another state for work. With incomplete data, policymakers, educators, and employers can't make informed choices.

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of U.S. Census American Community Survey data, 2009-2013.

Choosing a program – not just a school – is important



Growing support for national student record system

Congress should ensure that students, employers, educators and policymakers have the data they need

A well-designed federal student record system would provide reliable data on employment and earnings, while still keeping sensitive information private and secure.



Twenty-seven national and higher education organizations signed on to a letter urging the creation of a well-designed, national student record system that would count all students while protecting student privacy and security.

Endorse the **Student Right to Know Before You Go Act** to provide better information about post-college workforce results.

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