



Indiana's Educational Attainment Status

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Overview

- Indiana's Goal
- How is it measured?
- Ensuring that educational opportunities lead to workplace opportunities



Indiana's Goal

By 2025, 60% of all working-age* Hoosiers will have a high-quality postsecondary credential**

*25-64 years old

**Bachelor's, associate, or high-quality certificate



How is the Goal Measured?

- Attainment Rate vs. Graduation Rate
 - Attainment Rate: The percentage of the overall population with a credential
 - Graduation Rate: The percentage of students who graduate
- The attainment rate is the result of graduations, migrations, aging, and even deaths



How is Progress Measured?

- U.S. Census Bureau estimates state-level and county-level attainment numbers for associates and up.
 - End of each year
- Lumina Foundation estimates attainment numbers for certificates and packages it with the Census data into *Stronger Nation*.
 - Early the following year



Census' "Some College, No Degree"

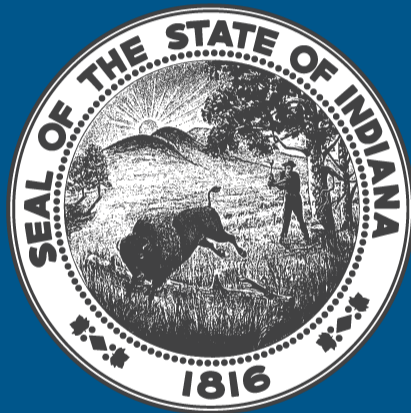
- Includes anyone who **went to college but never earned an associate or bachelor's**
- Includes certificates, which Lumina breaks out
 - 5% bump on par with national average and most of Midwest region
 - Some states benefit more than others (e.g., Kentucky, Louisiana move ahead of Indiana)



Connecting to Workforce

- The attainment goal is important for reasons beyond employment (quality of life, civic responsibilities, etc.)
- But CHE and education stakeholders must have a vocal interest in ensuring there are employment opportunities for graduates





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