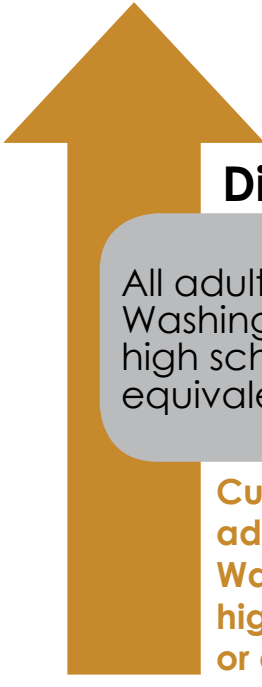


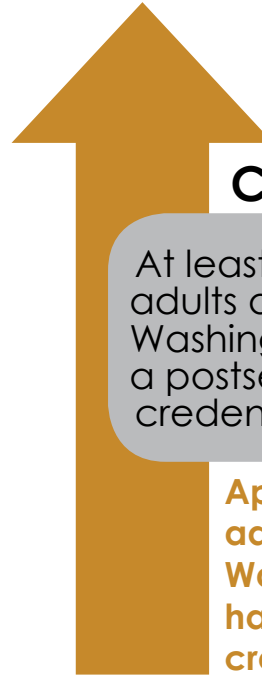
ATTAINMENT GOALS: DIPLOMA & CREDENTIAL BY 2023



Diploma

All adults ages 25-44 in Washington will have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Currently 89% of adults ages 25-44 in Washington have a high school diploma or equivalent.



Credential

At least 70% of adults ages 25-44 in Washington will have a postsecondary credential.

Approximately 50% of adults ages 25-44 in Washington currently have a postsecondary credential.

Legislature must follow WSAC education Roadmap

"The WSAC has provided state lawmakers with bold goals and a thoughtful plan to achieve them. It proves, if nothing else, that we're getting better at talking about an education system aligned with the workforce and all phases of student development. Now it's up to state lawmakers to follow the plan."

- The Olympian
January 16, 2014

It's time to start reinvesting in higher education

"The Student Achievement Council recently released a road map for success that includes practical, achievable goals...It will require a long-term perspective and a lot of political courage to meet the challenges ahead for higher education and for basic human services."

- The Wenatchee World
January 18, 2014

Overcoming Challenges:

- Too many Washingtonians - especially persons of color, individuals from low-income families, English Language Learners, and those with disabilities - do not participate in postsecondary education.
- Washington faces underlying capacity and access challenges as more students enroll in high-cost programs that prepare them for high-demand jobs.
- More than 30,000 eligible students are unable to receive the State Need Grant because the program is underfunded.
- Student loan debt has increased for students at our public and private institutions.

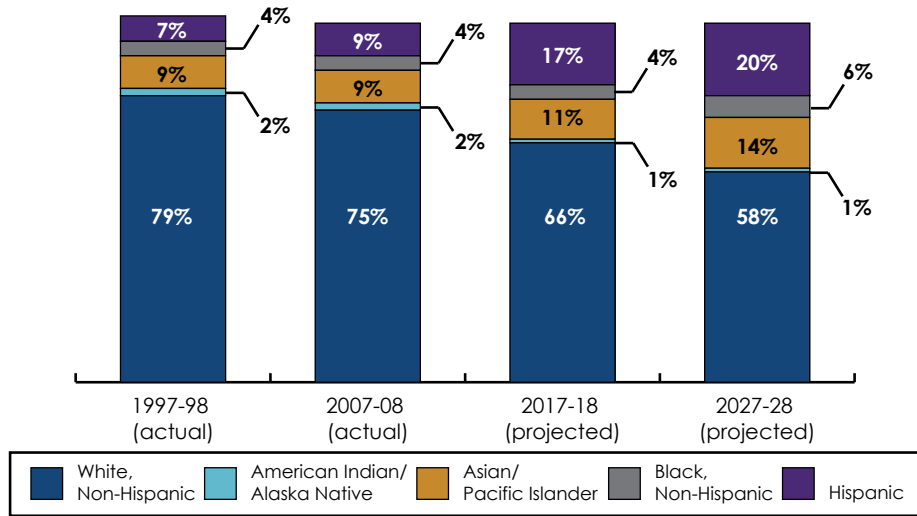
Building on Strengths:

- Washington is expanding access to the Early Childhood Assistance Program.
- Our public school system - which serves more than 1 million students annually and employs more than 53,000 teachers - will provide its students all-day kindergarten by the 2017-18 school year.
- The State Need Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, and other state need-based programs have allowed thousands of Washingtonians to attend a postsecondary institution.
- Our public and private non-profit baccalaureate institutions student graduation rates are among the highest in the nation.
- Each year, our community and technical colleges prepare nearly 500,000 Washingtonians with the skills and knowledge necessary for careers or further education at public and private baccalaureate institutions.
- We have more than 300 private career schools that provide training in a diverse array of fields to support employer and community needs for skilled workers.

THE DEMOGRAPHIC & ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES

Most of Washington's future population growth is expected to come from under-represented groups who experience a persistent gap in educational opportunity.

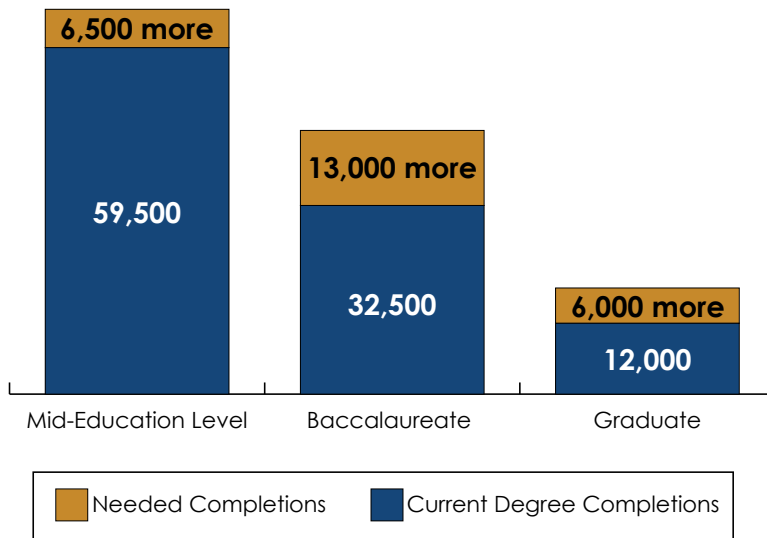
Washington Public High School Graduates



Note: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Source: Longanecker, D. (2012). *Knocking at the college door*. Retrieved from <http://www.wiche.edu/info/knocking-8th/profile/wa.pdf>

Workforce Demand & Attainment



At the same time, projected workforce demand for critical job openings exceeds current and projected degree production.

Source: Washington Student Achievement Council, State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, and the Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board. (2013). *A Skilled and Educated Workforce: 2013 Update*. Retrieved from <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2013.11.16.Skills.Report.pdf>

Closing the opportunity gap is the key to meeting demand for a skilled workforce.

