



Indiana's Adult Student Outreach and Support

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Our Mission and Goal

- Our **strategic plan** calls for a system of higher education that is *student-centered, mission-driven, and workforce-aligned*.
- **Indiana's Goal:** that 60 percent of Hoosiers hold a degree or credential beyond high school by 2025.
 - To meet the Big Goal: 200,000 adults must go back to higher education and complete by 2020.



Higher Education's Role

- Promoting personal prosperity and well-being.
- Meeting employer and community needs – especially in high-demand areas.
- Helping the State economy grow.

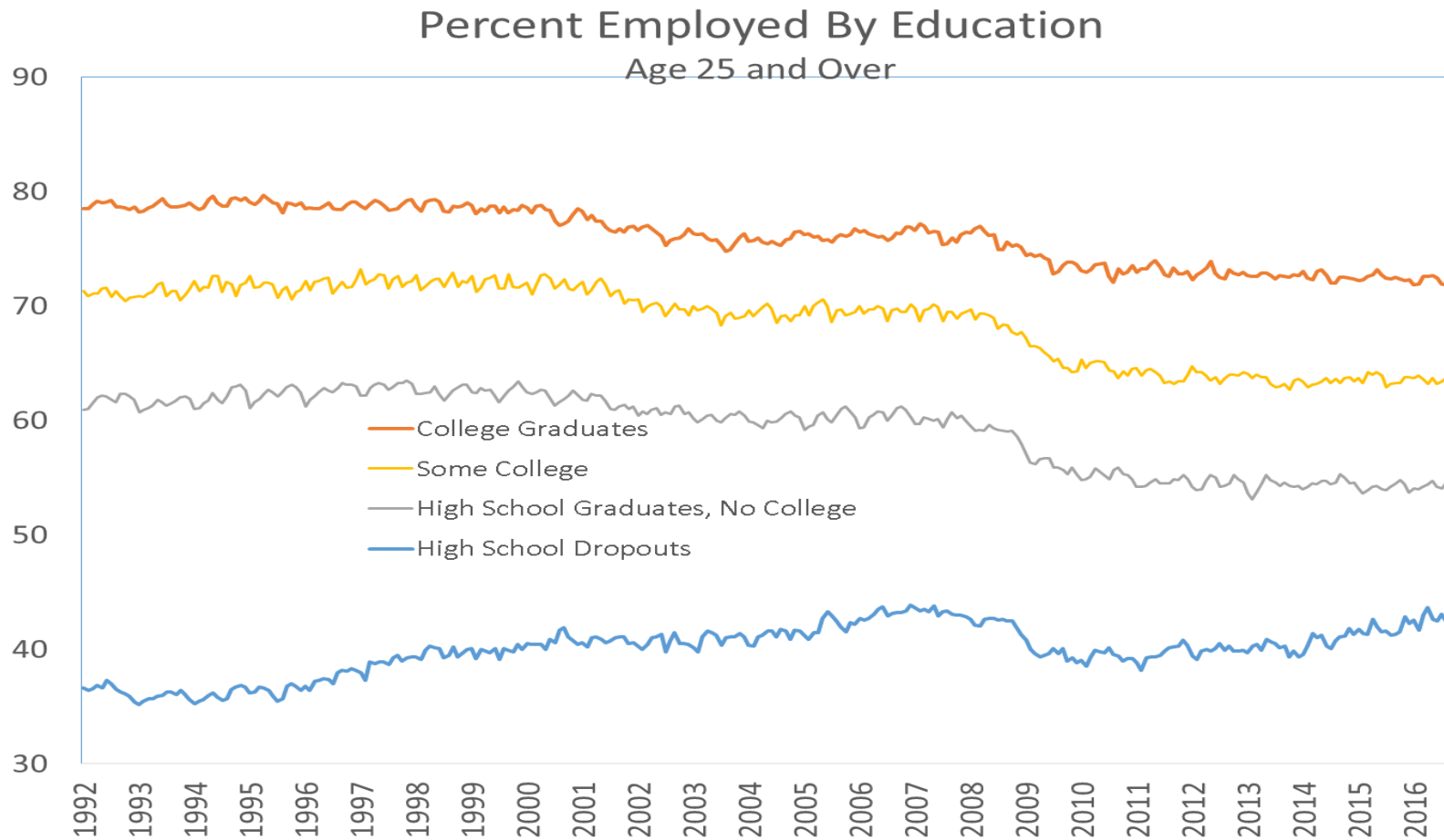


Educational Attainment in Indiana

- **1.4 million** Hoosiers between the ages of 25 and 64 have a high school education or less.
- **750,000** have some college credit, but do not have an associate or bachelor's degree.
 - (Of these, about **170,000** have a high-quality certificate.)
- In total, **more than half** (59.1%) of working age adults do not have a high-quality certificate, associate, or bachelor's.

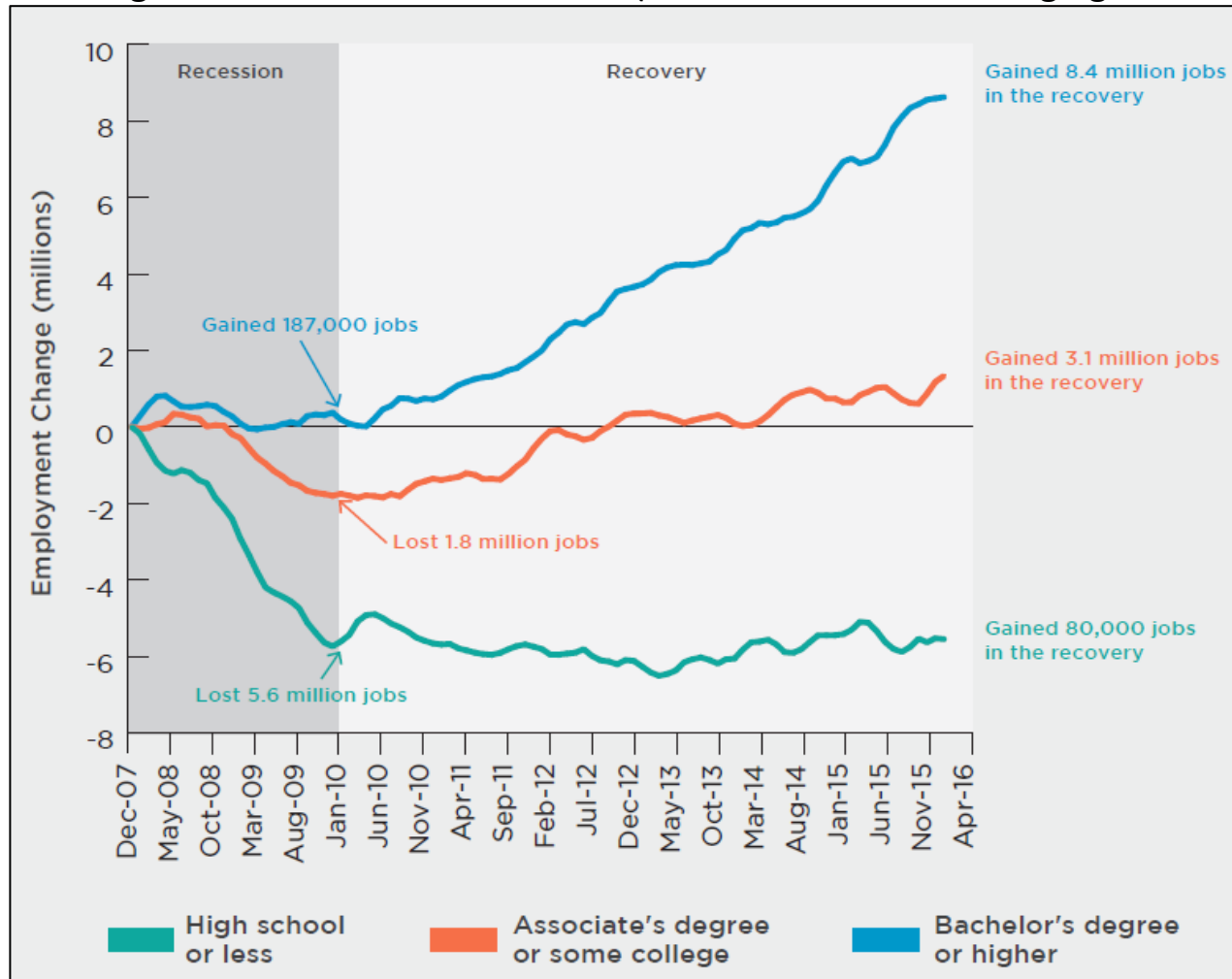


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After losing 5.6 million jobs in the recession, the economy has added only 80,000 jobs for workers with a high school education or below (and 8.4 million for college graduates).



Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of *Current Population Survey* (CPS) data. 2007-2016.

Note: Employment includes all workers age 18 and older. The monthly employment numbers are seasonally adjusted using the U.S. Census Bureau X-12 procedure and smoothed using a four-month moving average.

Workforce Training and the Commission

- Identify high-demand, high-paying skills.
- Remove affordability as an obstacle.
- Encourage student-friendly approaches.
- Engage and coordinate with partners.



Supporting Adult Students

- ***You Can. Go Back.***
 - Awareness campaign to encourage adults to return to higher education and complete their degree
- **Adult Student Grant**
 - \$1,000 grant available to qualifying students
- **Financial Aid for PLA**
 - State aid will cover Prior Learning Assessment fees
- **Flexibility for SAP**
 - Some adults can still receive aid if they don't meet SAP
- **Workforce Ready Grant**
 - Covers tuition and fees for high-value certificates



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- **Statewide campaign** that aims to help the 750,000+ Hoosier adults with some college but no degree finish what they started.
 - Direct Student Outreach
 - Partnership with Indiana Colleges
 - College Match Website
 - Employer Engagement
 - Community Engagement



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Adult Student Grant

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- Designed to assist adults starting or completing an associate degree, bachelor's degree, or certificate by providing a \$1,000 grant on a first come, first serve basis. **It is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of working adults.**



Flexibility for SAP

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- Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress to receive federal aid.
- Most states link state aid to SAP as well.
- Returning adults are often “sapped out” of aid due to their previous academic records.
- In 2017, the Indiana General Assembly partially decoupled the Adult Student Grant from SAP requirements.



Financial Aid for PLA

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- Prior Learning Assessments help experienced adults earn degrees faster and cheaper.
- State and federal aid often do not cover PLA fees. Students must pay out-of-pocket.
- In 2017, the Indiana General Assembly allowed state aid to be used for fees associated with PLAs.



Workforce Ready Grant

Workforce Ready Grant

- Designed to assist adults starting a high-value certificate by **fully covering tuition and fees** on a first come, first serve basis.
- **It is credit-agnostic:** it can be used for credit-bearing non-credit-bearing certificates and certifications.
- The State determines which programs are high-value.



Workforce Ready Grant

- A student-friendly, “one-stop shop” will help adults determine which program is right for them.
- This Grant ties together several new and existing funding sources and training programs in a cohesive manner.





Questions?





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