

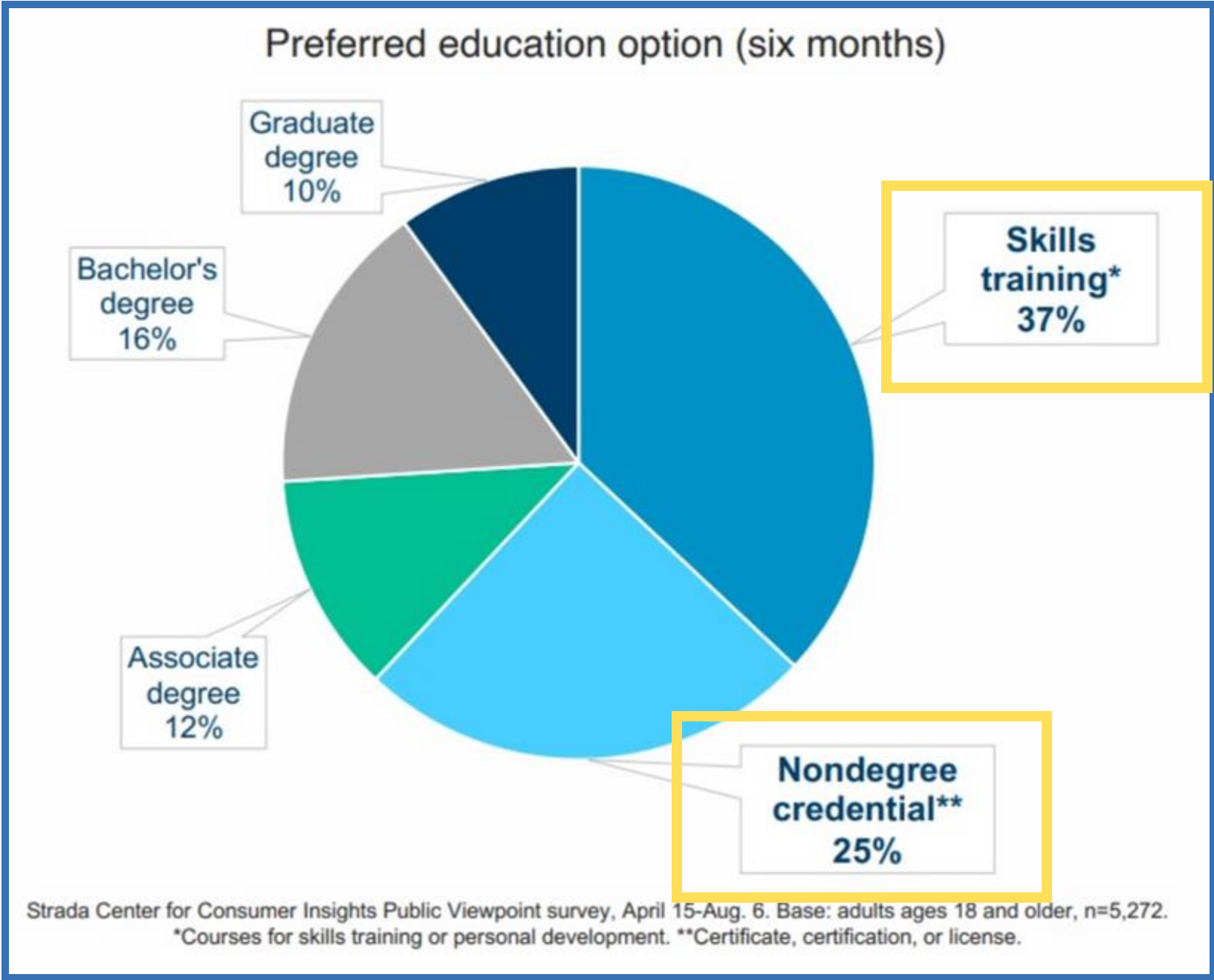


State-Level Strategies to Build Economically Mobile Pathways from Noncredit Education and Training

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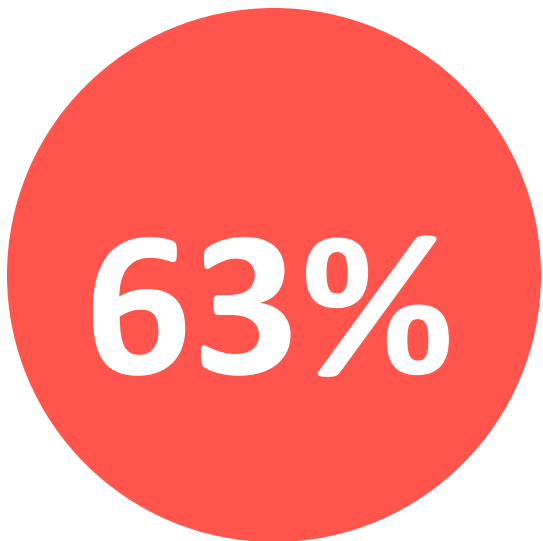
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Interest in short-term credentials is on the rise among learners



Source: Strada Education Foundation

The majority of Gen Z students are receptive to shorter-term, stackable credentials.



are open to credential options other than a 4-year program



would rather learn skills over a lifetime than all at once

Source: Survey of 14-18 year olds; ECMC

State and federal policymakers are investing

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Governors mentioned workforce development in their state of the state addresses

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State aid programs across the U.S. that support short-term training, inclusive of non-credit



Bipartisan agreement for Workforce Pell is receiving attention at the federal level

Certifications, often noncredit, are an important part of attainment strategy

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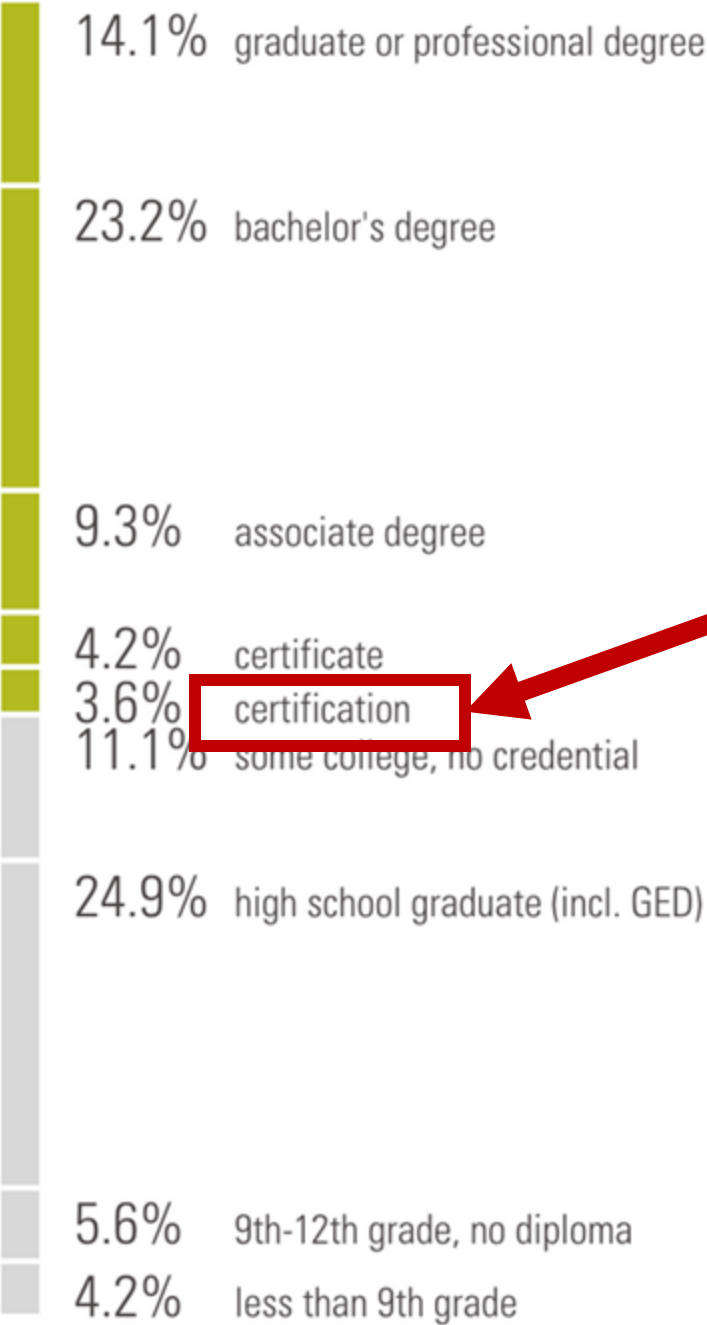
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Source: Lumina, Stronger Nation

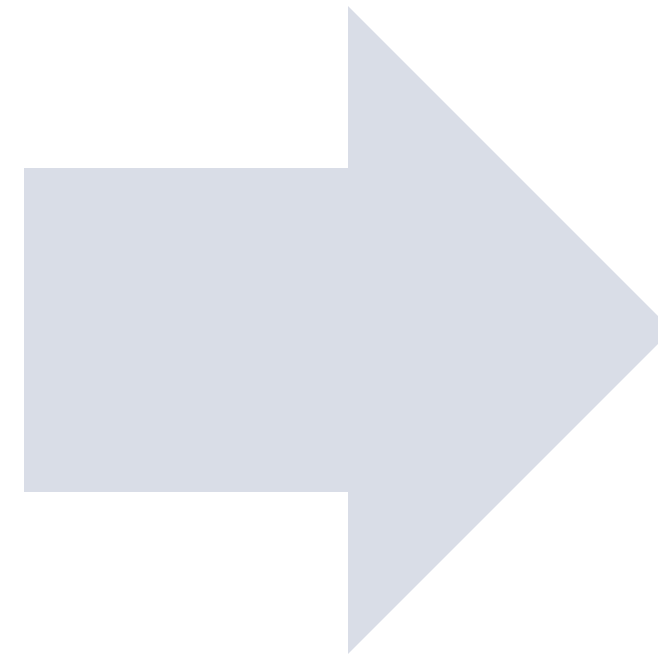
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We don't know much about learners in noncredit programs



3.7M
community college students are
enrolled in noncredit education and
training



And at the state level, sound data and policy strategies are needed



There is not a singular understanding of what “noncredit” is



Data on noncredit offerings are insufficient to drive policy change



Funding for noncredit is often disparate and provisional



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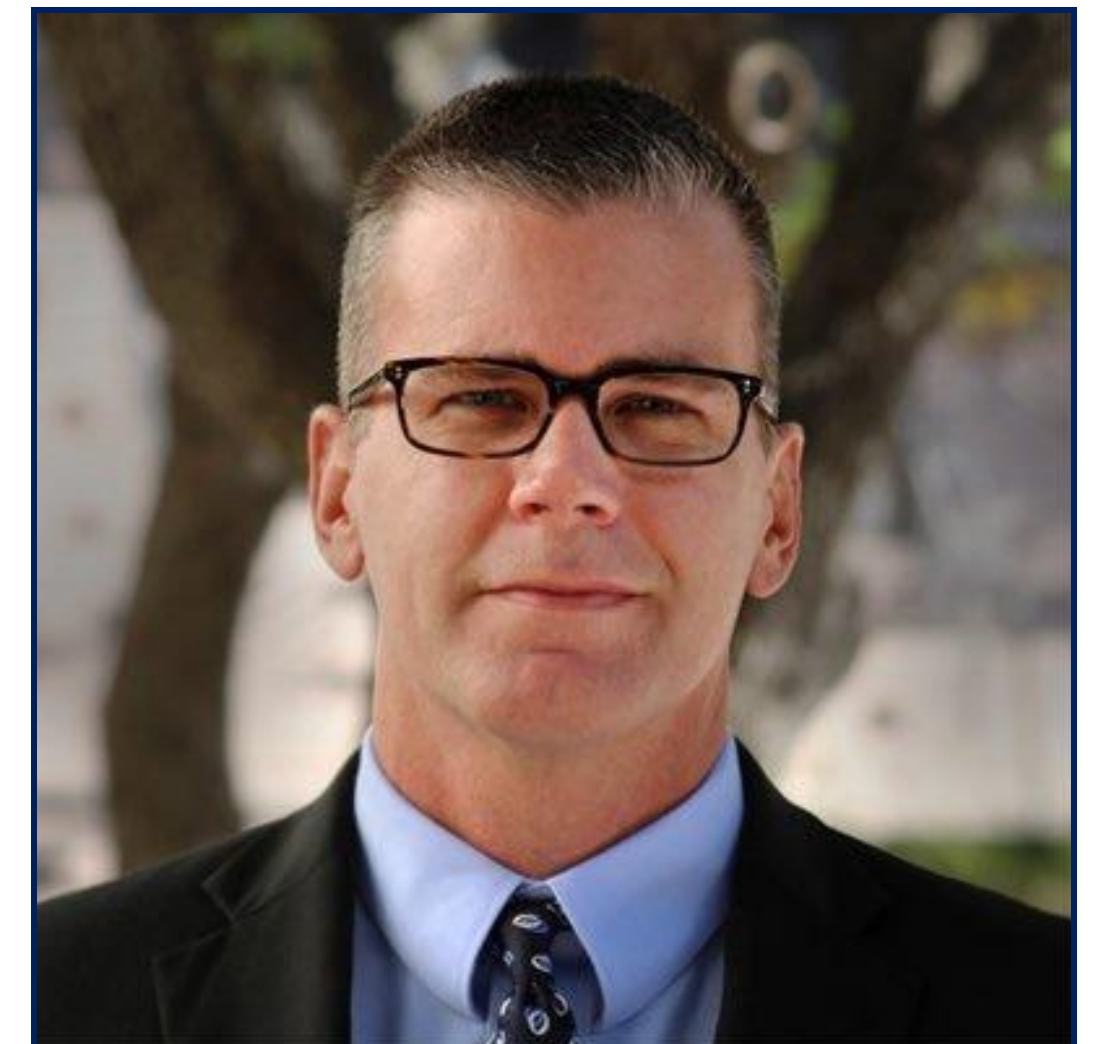
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