

# Where Are They Now?

## Educational Pathways in Oregon

Students in Oregon travel many different paths through the K-12, GED®, postsecondary, and employment systems. **This illustration highlights the outcomes for all students who were freshmen in an Oregon public high school in 2006-07, regardless of which path they take after leaving high school.** This report illuminates the many paths students take to earning educational credentials and what their wage outcomes are. All data listed reflect the enrollment and education credentials as of the end of the 2019-2020 academic year and wages earned in 2019. Future reports will investigate how this progress varies across the state and where equity gaps exist.

### EXITING K-12

**Entered high school in 2006-07**  
49,689 students

#### High school students in this report include:

- 72% Graduated high school**
- 7% Completed high school** (including adult high school diploma and GED®)
- 21% Did not complete** (these students are included in the following metrics)

**34%** took college level courses in high school

**90%** of those students later enrolled in college/university

### POSTSECONDARY

**16%** transfer from Oregon community colleges to four-year institutions nationwide

- 22% Oregon public university**
- 5% Oregon private university**
- 51% Oregon community college**
- 18% Out of state college/university**

(students may attend more than one, totals may not sum to 100)

**68%** of high school students enrolled in college/university at some point after high school

**21%** of all high school students first entered the workforce with no college/university

#### HIGHEST CREDENTIAL EARNED

- Graduate 4%**
- Bachelor's 19%**
- Associate 6%**
- Career Certificate 2%**
- HS Diploma 44%**
- HS Completer 6%**
- None 20%**

**85%** of these college-bound students first enrolled within 16 months after high school

**15%** of these college-bound students first enrolled more than 16 months after high school

### EMPLOYMENT

(includes part-time wages)

Median Wages by Educational Credential	Number in workforce	Years in workforce	
Graduate	\$44,455	1,101	2-4
Bachelor's	\$40,210	4,376	4-6
Associate	\$32,199	1,860	6-8
Career Certificate	\$32,467	513	6-8
State Median Wage	\$30,747		
HS Diploma	\$30,233	13,052	10
HS Completer	\$24,420	1,674	10
None	\$23,419	4,023	10+

**56%** of K12 Cohort had an Oregon job in 2019

**68%** of those students had a job in 2019 and did not have a postsecondary credential

**32%** of those students had a job in 2019 and attained a postsecondary credential