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**

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<th>Entered high school in 2006-07</th>
<th>49,689 students</th>
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**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)

**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)

**HIGHEST CREDENTIAL EARNED**

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

**EMPLOYMENT**

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<th>Median Wages by Educational Credential</th>
<th>Number in workforce</th>
<th>Years in workforce</th>
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<tr>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>$44,455</td>
<td>1,101</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bachelor’s</td>
<td>$40,210</td>
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<td>Associate</td>
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<td>Career Certificate</td>
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<td>State Median Wage</td>
<td>$30,747</td>
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<td>HS Diploma</td>
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<td>HS Completer</td>
<td>$24,420</td>
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<td>None</td>
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- 34% took college level courses in high school
- 90% of those students later enrolled in college/university
- 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

**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