

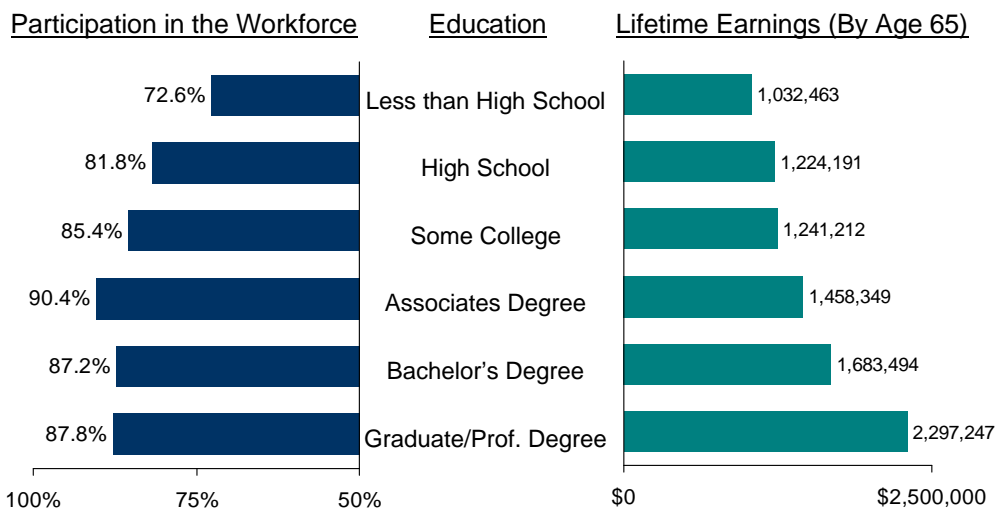


How Does Education Pay Off for North Dakota?

In North Dakota:

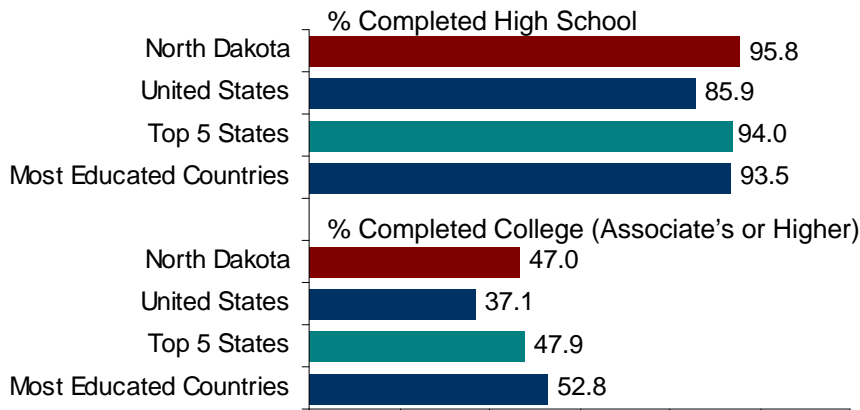
Working-age residents with college degrees are 20 percent more likely to participate in the workforce than those with less than a high school diploma.

And their earnings over a lifetime are more than one and a half times as much – a substantial personal benefit as well as a benefit to the state with respect to more taxable resources, fewer health problems, lower rates of crime, and greater levels of civic engagement.



How Does North Dakota Measure Up?

North Dakota's Young Adults Compared to the U.S. and Best Performing Countries (Age 25 to 34)



Note: The most educated countries in 2005 include Korea, Japan and Canada.

In North Dakota:

A higher percentage of young adults have completed high school than the U.S. average, close to the completion rates of the top educated countries.

A higher percentage of young adults have earned college degrees than the U.S. average, approaching the completion rates of the most educated countries.

The Challenge: North Dakota's Working-Age Adults (18 to 64) with No College Degree



- ... **250,051** have not completed college (associate's degrees or higher) — **62.6** percent of all working-age adults in North Dakota. Of these:
 - 25,597** have not completed high school (or equivalent)
 - 118,146** have completed just a high school diploma but have not entered college
 - 106,308** have completed some college but no degree
 - 1,254** speak little or no English
 - 43,546** are living in families whose combined incomes are less than a living wage (twice the level of poverty)



How Well Does North Dakota Serve Adult Learners?

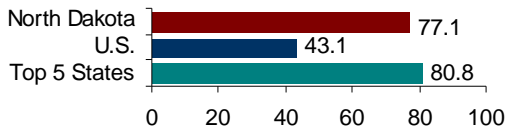
Addressing Basic Skills in North Dakota:

State-administered adult education programs serve adults without a high school diploma at a lower rate than the U.S. average, and at a much lower rate than the top performing states.

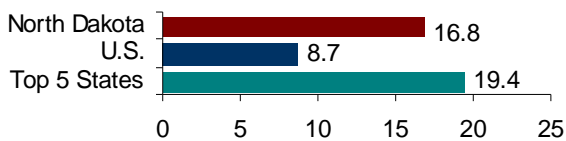
ESL programs serve the adult population lacking English proficiency at a higher rate than the U.S. average, along with other top performing states.

GEDs Awarded per 1,000 Adults:

18 to 24 Years Old with No High School Diploma



25 to 44 Years Old with No High School Diploma



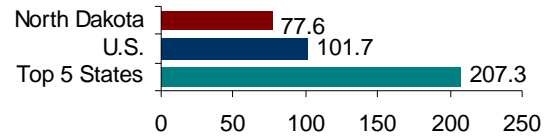
Pursuing Higher Level Skills in North Dakota:

Postsecondary institutions serve young adults (25 to 39 year olds (who only have a high school diploma) at a higher rate than the U.S. average, along with other top state performers.

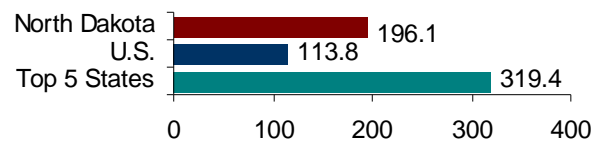
Institutions serve older adults (40 to 64 year olds with only a high school diploma) at a lower rate than the U.S. average.

Adults Served per 1,000 Adults Age 18-64:

Enrolled in State-Administered Adult Education Programs with Less than a High School Diploma



Enrolled in English as a Second Language Programs with Little or No English Proficiency



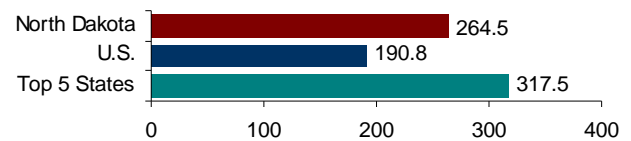
Helping High School Dropouts in North Dakota:

Adult education providers award GEDs to young adults without a high school diploma at a higher rate than the U.S. average, along with other top state performers.

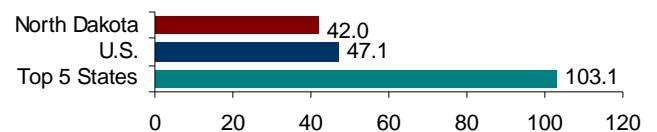
Compared with the younger age group, GEDs are awarded to older adults without a high school diploma at a much lower rate. State performance is higher than the U.S. average for this age group, along with other top state performers.

College Participation per 1,000 Adults:

Age 25-39 with Only a High School Diploma



Age 40-64 with Only a High School Diploma



For the full report and access to the detailed state-by-state data, visit www.cael.org/adultlearninginfocus.htm

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