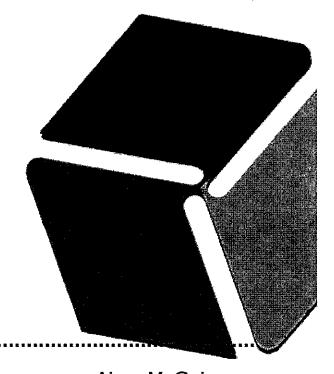
The 2011 NCHEMS Report, "Increasing the Competitiveness of the Arkansas Workforce for a Knowledge-Based Economy" and Progress



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Toward 2025 Goals

EXCERPTS FROM 2011 REPORT



2011 Findings from Data Analysis

- Educational attainment lags far behind not only the U.S. but also many nations
- Low educational attainment relates strongly to the state's per capita personal income.
- Any strategy must address all regions, not only those that are current most competitive.
- State make significant improvements in student success
 - At every stage of the educational pipe
 - Both you and adults.



2011 Findings (Continued)

- State cannot reach competitive levels of educational attainment only by educating recent high school graduates
- State must:
 - Get more adults to complete postsecondary education—at least to the level of a certificate necessary to make a living wage.
 - Make dramatic improvements in college participation, retention and completion across the system to be able to double the number of degrees and certificates produced annually by 2025.
 - Develop an economy that will attract and retain an educated, high-skill workforce



2011 Conclusions

- Arkansas has already taken impressive actions to increase the global competitiveness of its workforce and economy, but much work remains to be done
- Need for a clear statement of long-term goals for competitiveness in educational attainment that are:
 - Linked to the future competitiveness of the state's economy,
 - Reflecting the realities of the current workforce
- Significant gap remains between policy intent and the realities of implementation at the classroom level—both school and college.



Conclusions (Continued)

Arkansas has:

- A number of promising initiatives intended to improve college and career readiness and student success leading to a certificate or degree.
- But the state faces major challenges in moving from isolated good practice to system-wide implementation and sustainability.
- State finance policies (the actual allocation of state appropriations to institutions and student financial aid, including the lottery) are not fully aligned with state priorities and provide few incentives for increased degree production and college completion.



Conclusions (Continued)

- State policies regarding alignment of K-12 and higher education standards and assessments and remedial education must be fundamentally redesigned.
- Arkansas needs a targeted strategy to serve adults who have serious deficits in the basic skills needed for further education leading to a living wage job.



CONTEXT FOR CHANGES: ARKANSAS COMPARED TO US AND SREB STATES



The National Goal

"By 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world."

President Obama, February 24, 2009

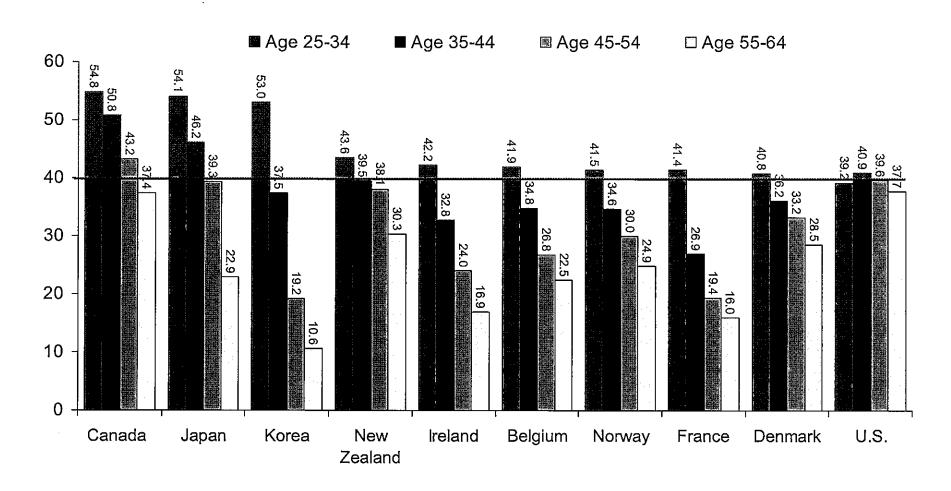


The Big Goal - Lumina

"Increase the proportion of Americans with highquality college degrees, certificates, or other credentials to 60% by 2025."

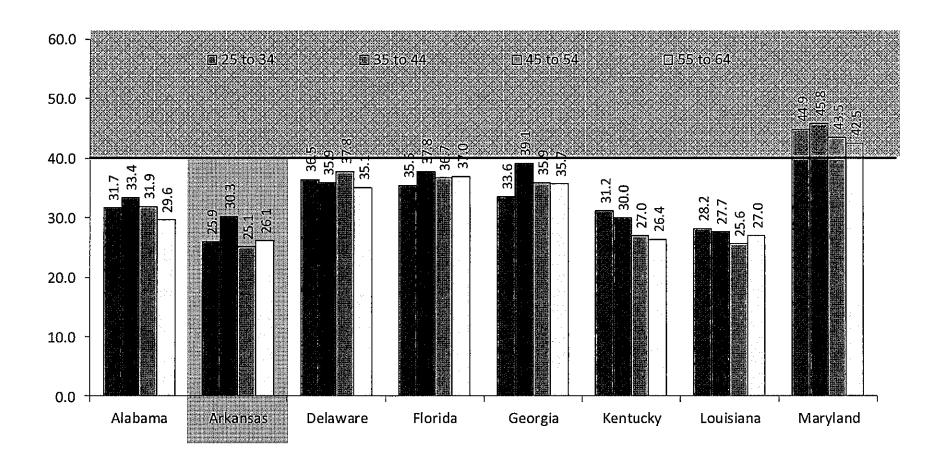


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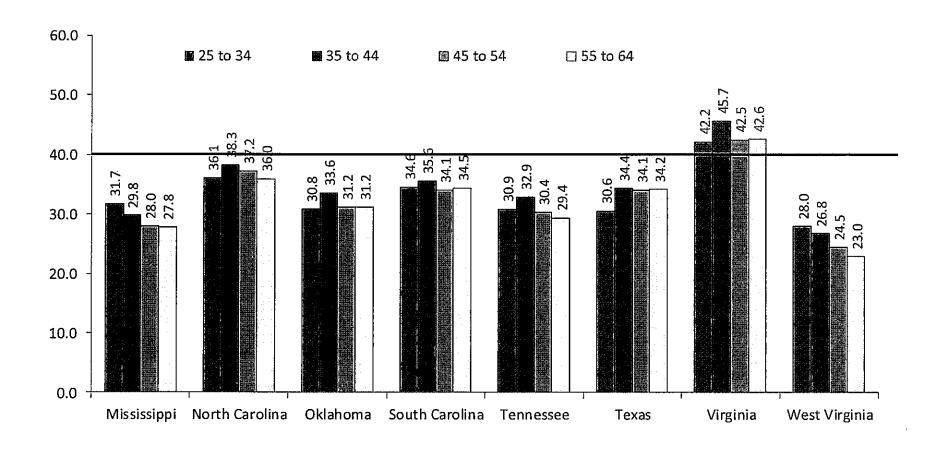
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Source: OECD, Education at a Glance 2009

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Lots of Action Since

- State Goals 38 states have some form of attainment goals Governor Beebe: We can and must double the number of college graduates in Arkansas by 2025 if we are to stay competitive. This is a lofty goal aimed at the future but we must begin implementing it today.
- Numerous initiatives focused on:
 - Completion generally e.g. Complete College America
 - Adults particularly returning adults (PLA, etc.)
 - Community Colleges (Gates, Aspen, etc.)
 - Developmental Education
 - Production of Certificates value in employment market
 - Outcomes-Based funding formulas
 - Increased attention to workforce needs



Actions (Continued)

- NCHEMS Modeling Work Focused On Identifying the Policy Levers with Most Impact. Results Were:
 - Retention
 - Focus on adults



PROGRESS OVER PAST DECADE

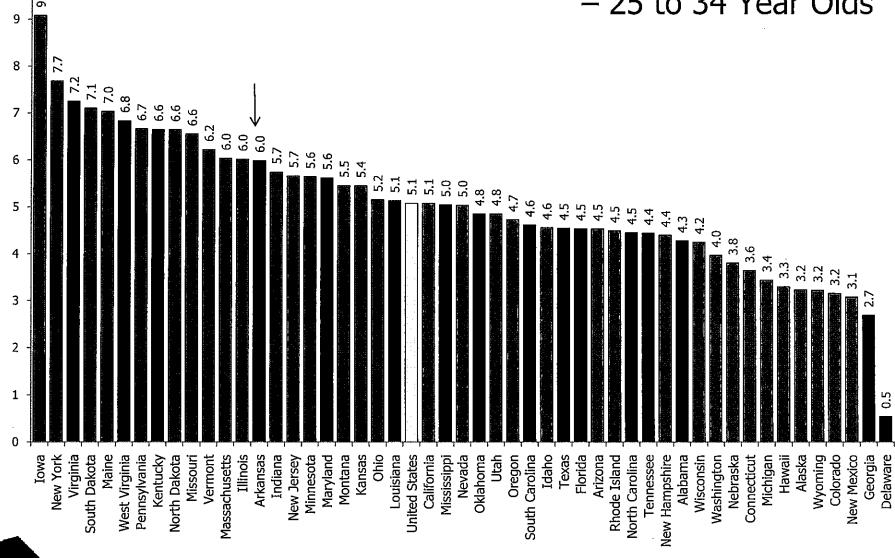


What Have We Accomplished?

- How have the U.S. and 50 states improved?
 - 25 to 64 Year Olds
 - 25 to 34 Year Olds
 - Racial/Ethnic Gaps
 - Credential and Degree Production



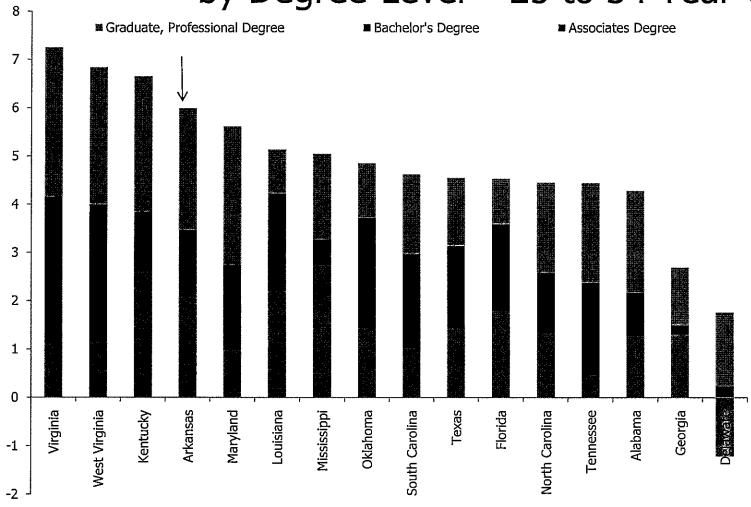
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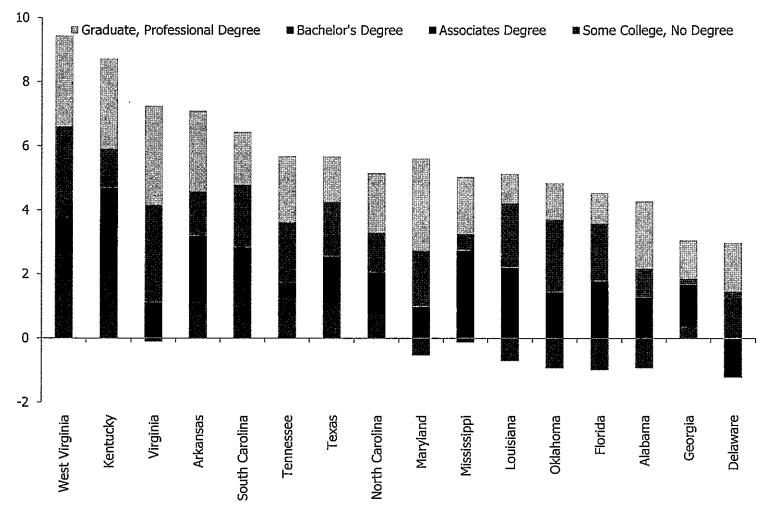
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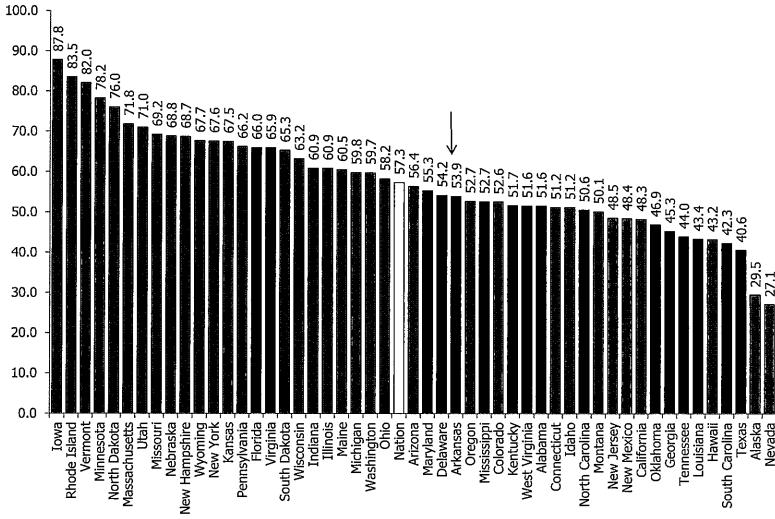


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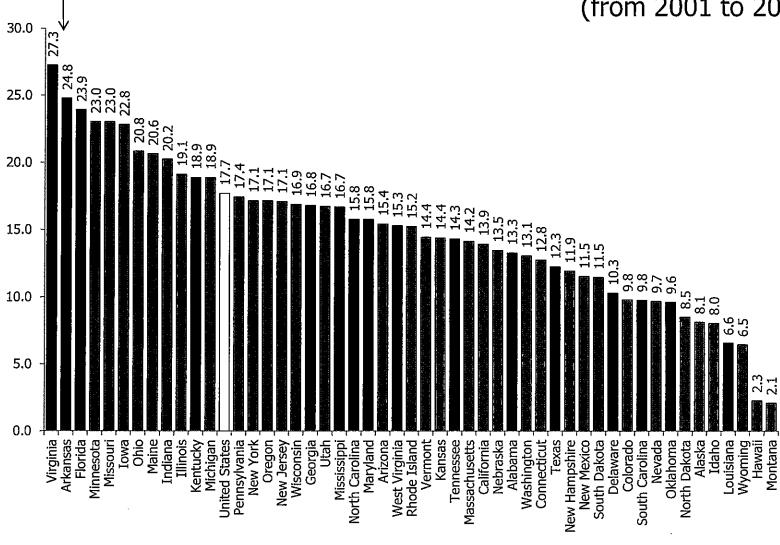


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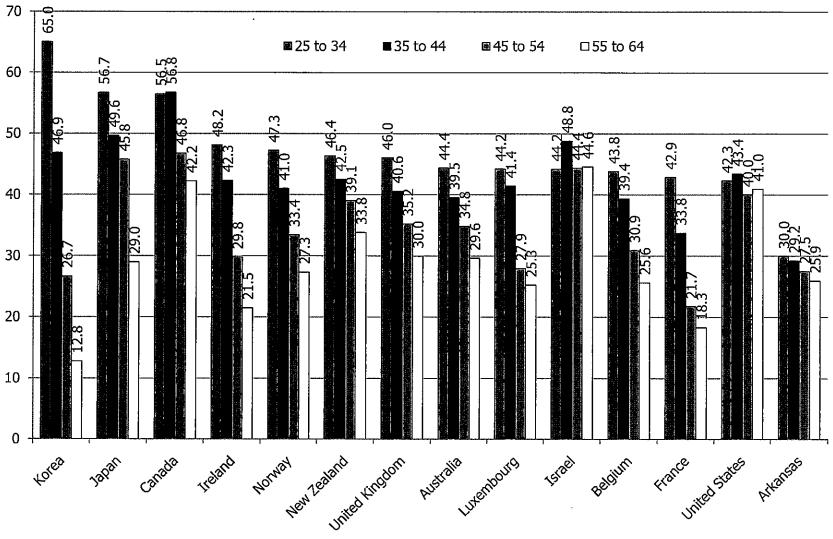


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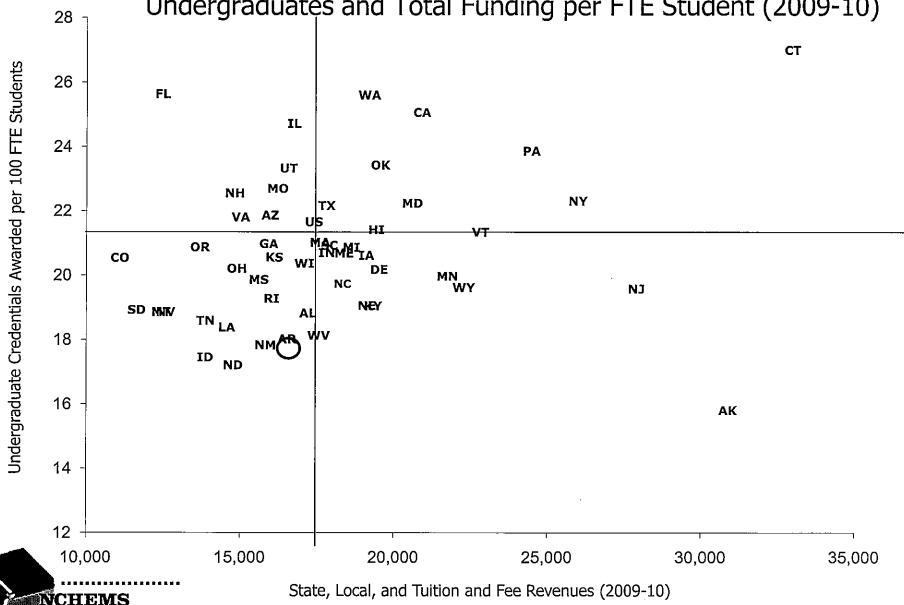


Percent of Adults with an Associate Degree or Higher by Age Group – Arkansas, U.S. & Leading OECD Countries, 2010





Public Research Institutions: Undergraduate Credentials per 100 FTE Undergraduates and Total Funding per FTE Student (2009-10)

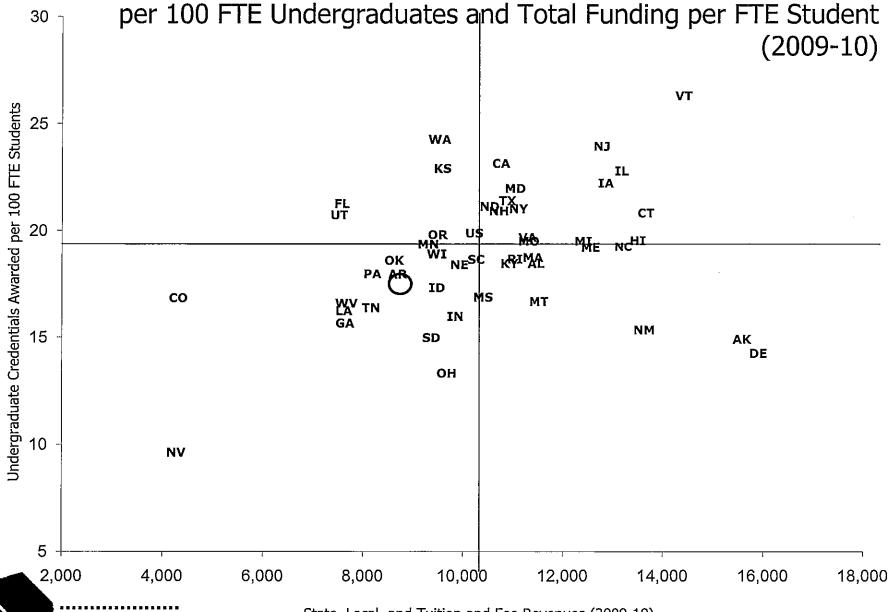


State, Local, and Tuition and Fee Revenues (2009-10)

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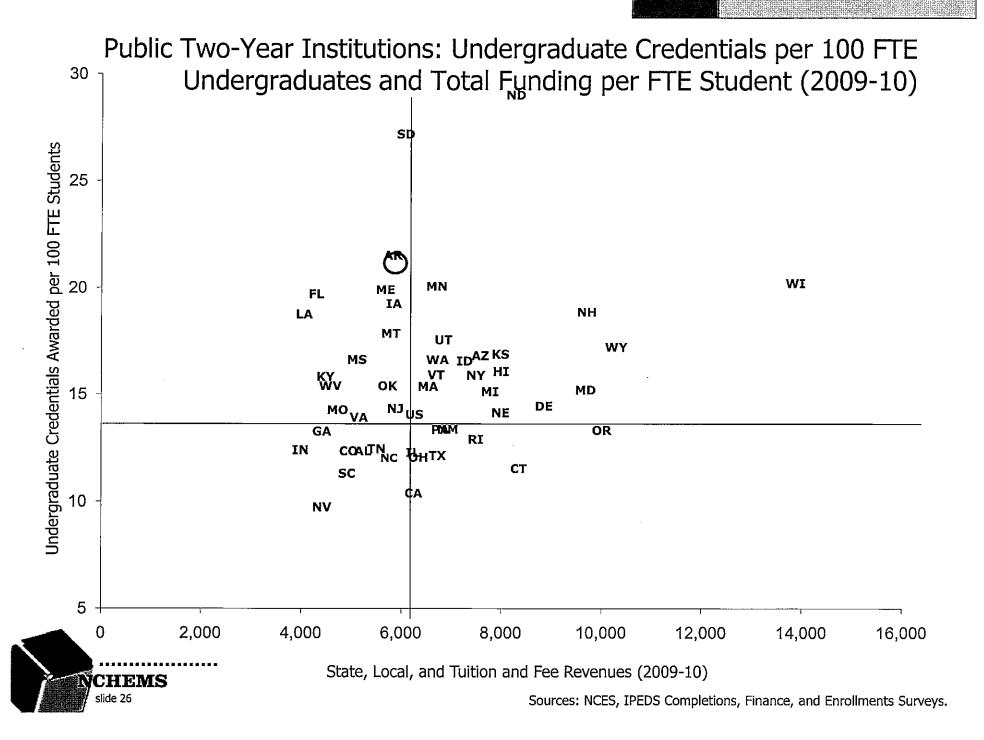




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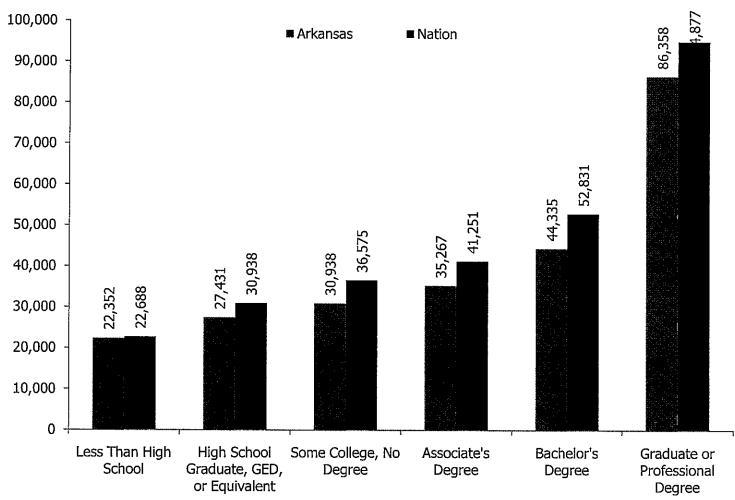
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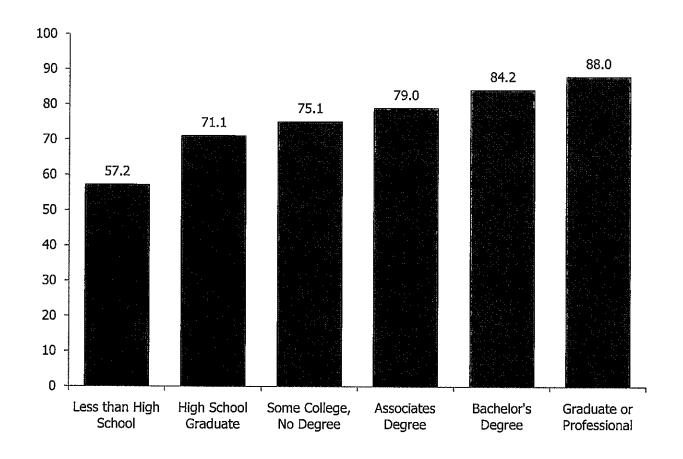


Median Annual Wages for Employed Workers Aged 25 to 64 – by Level of Education (Arkansas, 2010)



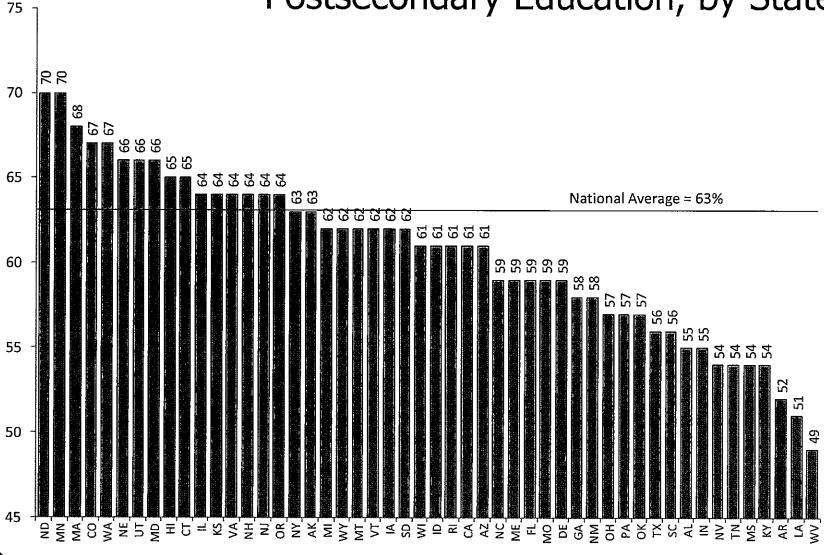


Percentage of Working-Aged Adults (25 to 64) Participating in the Workforce – by Education Level Attained (Arkansas, 2010)





Percentage of Jobs in 2018 that Will Require a Postsecondary Education, by State





Change in Jobs by Education Level: 2008 and 2018

Education Level	2008 Jobs	2018 Jobs	Difference
High School Dropouts	162,000	178,000	16,000
High School Graduates	472,000	519,000	47,000
Postsecondary	663,000	750,000	86,000



Arkansas' Rank in Jobs Forecasted for 2018, by Education Level

Education Level	2018 Jobs	Rank
High School Dropouts	178,000	9
High School Graduates	519,000	2
Some college, no degree	108,000	47
Associate's degree	334,000	17
Bachelor's degree	217,000	47
Graduate degree	92,000	51



Arkansas Jobs in 2018, by Education Level, Less Current Workers by Degree Level

	Rhode Island Jobs in 2018*	Current Workers**	Difference
High School Dropouts	178,000	111,708	66,292
High School Graduates	519,000	361,400	157,600
Some college, no degree	334,000	265,402	68,598
Associate's degree	108,000	82,944	25,056
Bachelor's degree	217,000	180,954	36,046
Graduate degree	92,000	94,602	-2,602



^{*}Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018; June 2010

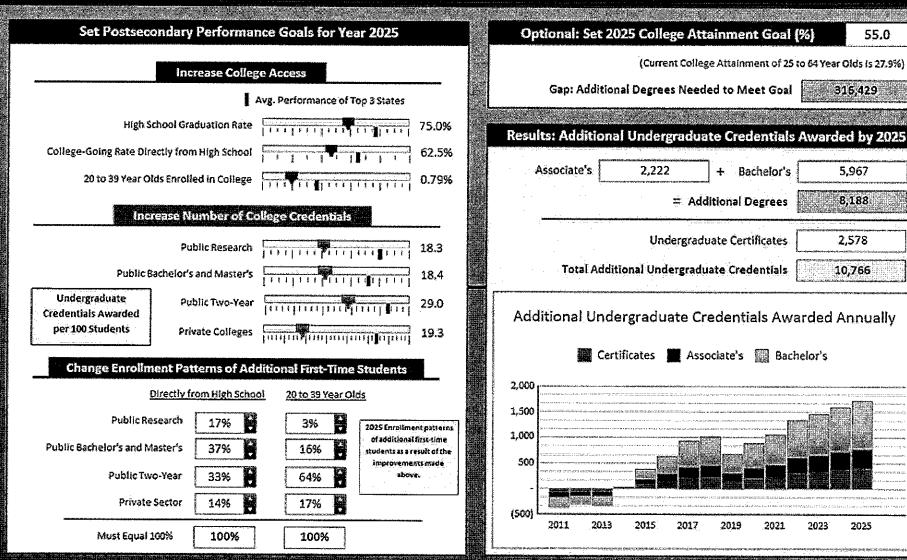
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WHAT IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE GOVERNOR'S 2025 GOAL?



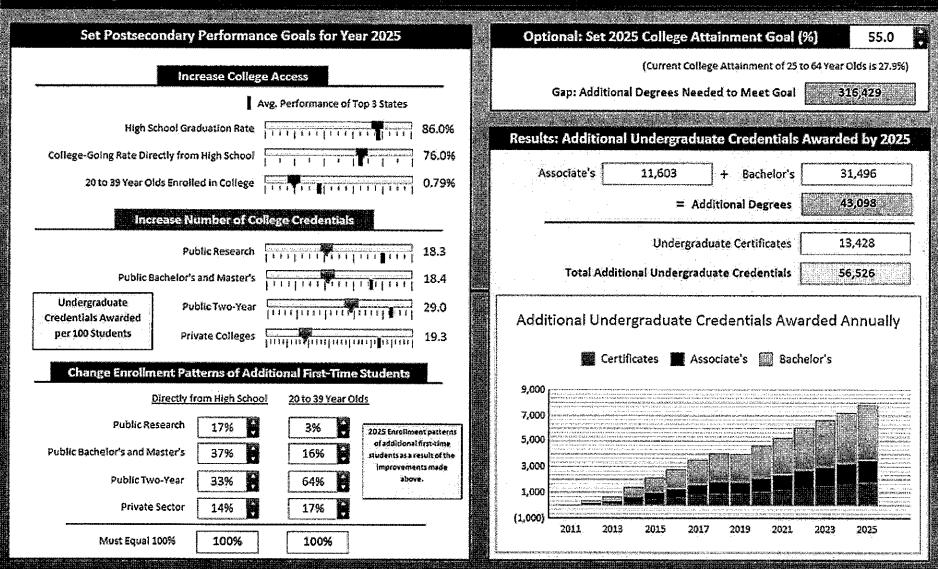
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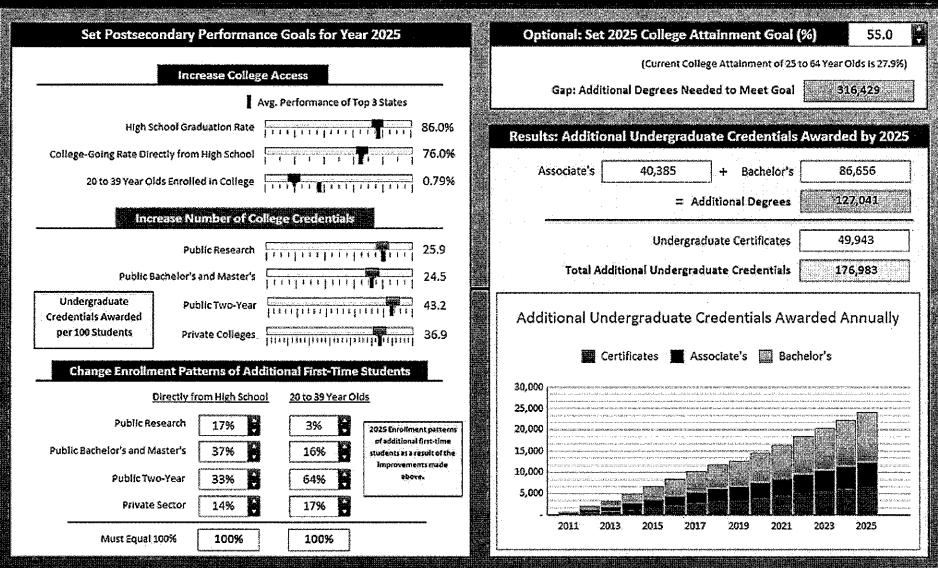
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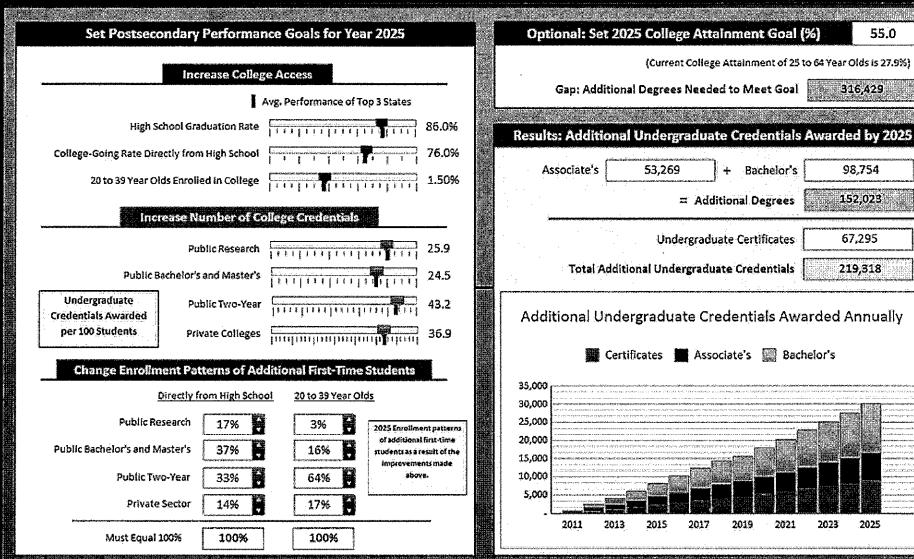
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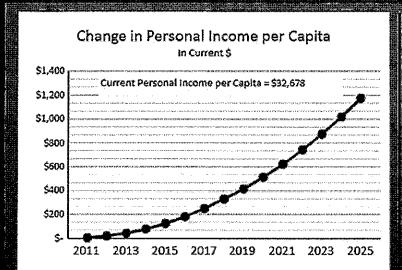
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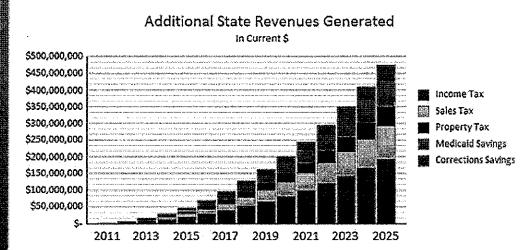
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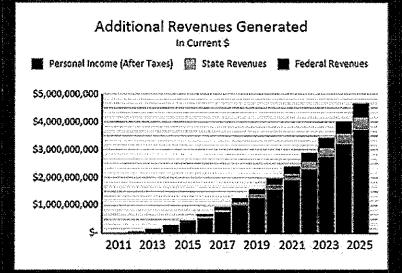
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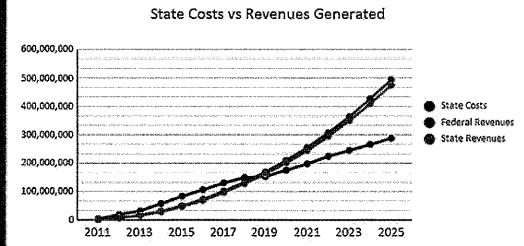
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What will it take to get there?



Next Steps Toward 2025

- Sustain Focus on the 2025 Goal
- Sustain and Bringing to Scale Existing Promising Policies and Initiatives, For Example:
 - College and Career Readiness:
 - Common Core and New Assessments (PARCC)
 - Redesign of Developmental Education/Remediation
 - Transfer Policies
 - Retention and Completion



Next Steps

- Focus on Areas of Greatest Impact
 - High Value Certificates Linked to Workforce Demands
 - Adults With Some College But No Certificate/Degree
- Increase and Sustain Collaboration Among Key Agencies and Sectors in Coordinated Strategy to Meet 2025 Goal:
 - Universities Two-Year Institutions
 - K-12 Education
 - Career Education, Adult Education,
 - Workforce Development, Economic Development



Next Steps to 2025

- Align Finance Policy with Goals
 - Funding Formulas; Performance Funding
 - Tuition Policy
 - Student Financial Aid: Need-Based Grants, Academic Challenge Scholarship
- Monitor and Report on Progress
 - Action Plans (e.g. Four-Year Plans)
 - Annual Reports



Doing It While We're Young Patterns of U.S. High School and College Participation and Completion by Age

