

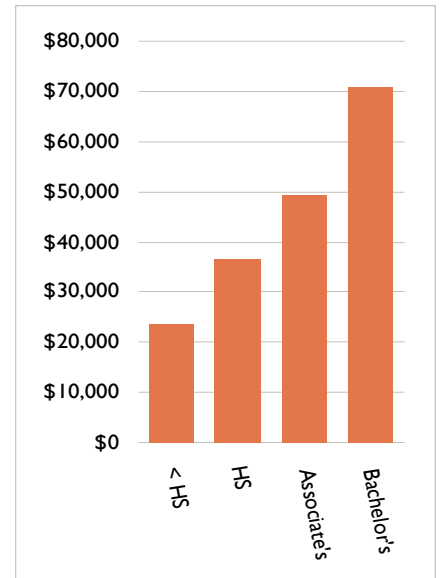
# Student Perspective

## Education Will Pay Back—For a Lifetime



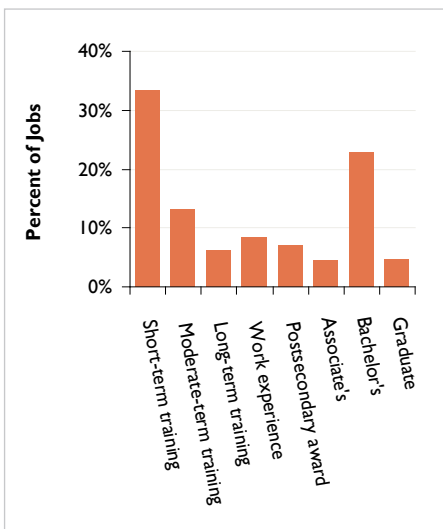
- Students enjoy an attractive 20.8% return on their investment in Washington's community and technical colleges.
- The lifetime earnings of the average student from Washington's community and technical colleges will increase \$5.90 over the course of his or her working career for every dollar invested in the colleges (in the form of tuition, fees, and forgone earnings).
- The average annual income of the typical associate's degree graduate in Washington at the midpoint of his or her career is \$49,400, 35% more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Over the course of a working lifetime, associate's degree graduates in Washington earn \$441,200 more than someone with a high school diploma (undiscounted).

Average Earnings in Washington



## Education Is a Ticket to a Better Job

Projected 2020 Jobs in Washington by Education Level



- By 2020 it is anticipated that there will be about 1.2 million new and replacement jobs available in Washington.
- About 32% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate's degree or greater.
- Another 7% of available jobs in 2020 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.

