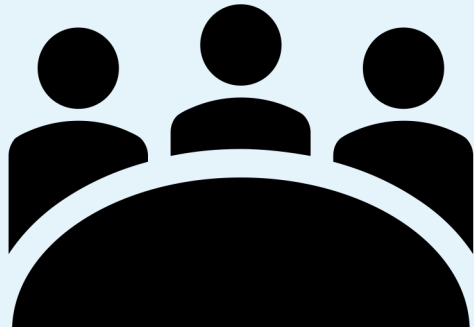


Out of the 11.6 million jobs created in the post-recession economy,  
11.5 million went to workers with at least some college education

More than a High School Education

99%

11.5 million jobs



High School Diploma or Less



80,000 jobs

# Beyond Graduation: A Quality Diploma

## College- and Career-Ready (CCR) Diploma:

A diploma that satisfies a state's content standards for English/language arts (ELA) and mathematics by twelfth-grade graduation, generally requiring students to complete, at minimum, four years of grade-level ELA and three years of math through Algebra II or Integrated Math III.



# ILLINOIS

## The Graduation Effect: Every Student's Potential to Impact a Community

What are the short- and long-term benefits to Illinois of a 90% high school graduation rate? The findings below are based on the Class of 2015, which reported 131,180 high school graduates—a graduation rate of **85.6%**.

If Illinois's high school graduation rate had reached **90%**



The state would have gained **6,740** additional graduates



Of these additional graduates, **53%** likely would have enrolled in higher education



These graduates would have earned **\$80.4 million** annually in additional income

Within **10** years

a new graduate in Illinois who completes at least an associate's degree likely will earn \$16,000 more a year than a high school dropout

**This additional income means more money flowing into state and local economies annually ...**