

# Kentucky Skills U

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET

## PROFILE

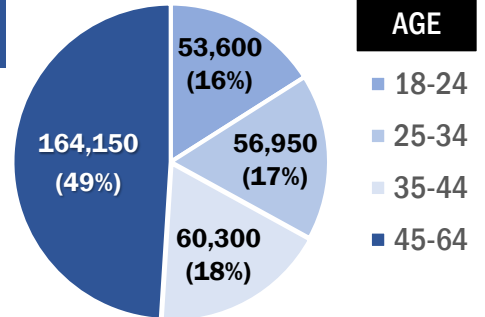


The vision of **Kentucky Skills U** is that **Kentuckians** will experience a **higher standard of living and quality of life** through increased educational attainment.

### OUR CHALLENGE

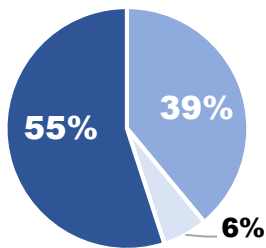
# 335,000

Kentuckians ages 18-64 without a high school diploma or equivalency.



# 62%

of all Kentucky jobs will require some level of postsecondary education or training by 2020.



#### Labor Force Participation

- Employed
- Unemployed
- Not In Labor Force

#### Functional Grade Level at Enrollment without HSE



## 2X

MORE LIKELY TO BE UNEMPLOYED



## 3X

AS LIKELY TO BE IN POVERTY



## 4X

AS LIKELY TO BE IN POOR HEALTH



## 8X

AS LIKELY TO BE INCARCERATED



“Adult illiteracy is a fundamental barrier to every major **challenge** facing Kentucky, including early childhood education, **education reform, economic development**, and improving the **health and well-being** of Kentucky’s families and communities.”

- *The Adult Education Act of 2000*

A skills gap survey of advanced manufacturing executives reported the percentage of those who indicated current employees are not sufficient in the following key skills:



**70%**  
TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER SKILLS



**67%**  
BASIC TECHNICAL TRAINING



**60%**  
MATH SKILLS



**69%**  
PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS



## OUR PROGRESS

# 38%

Decline in the number of working-age Kentuckians without a HS/GED® credential between 2000 and 2017.

# 4<sup>th</sup>

**BEST** in the Nation!

# 17,845



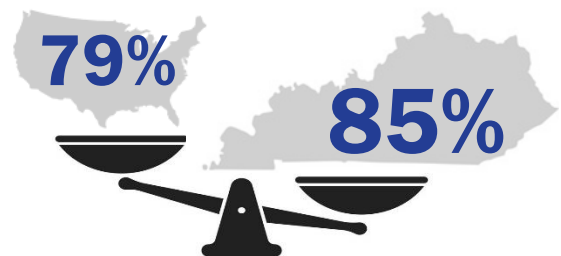
Certificates and GED® credentials awarded to Kentuckians from 2017 - 2019.

# \$9,600

Increase in income after obtaining a HS/GED® credential.



Kentucky's GED® pass rate for 2018-19 exceeds the national pass rate!



## OUR INNOVATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

# GED+PLUS

▶ ACCELERATE YOUR PATH TO A CAREER ▶

In partnership with KCTCS, eligible Kentuckians can earn a GED® plus a college certificate at the same time.

# WORK READY

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship provides free tuition for certificate and diploma programs in five career paths that are considered high-wage, high-demand in Kentucky like Advanced Manufacturing, Business Services/Information Technology, Construction, Healthcare, and Transportation/Logistics.

Ready. Set. Work.

### Strategic Partnerships

KYSU partners with employers and agencies across Kentucky to connect students to GED® programs.



### College and Career Navigators

Remove barriers to education by identifying learning challenges, connecting with support services, and developing a career pathway plan to transition students to college and career success.

RECRUIT • RETAIN • REFER • RESULTS

### Justice Cabinet Partnership

KYSU and the Department of Corrections (DOC) have agreed to a unified referral process for DOC clients who do not possess a high school equivalency and need to obtain a GED® in order to pursue employment and/or postsecondary education, thereby reducing recidivism.