

Workforce

Our universities support economic development across the commonwealth by preparing and graduating students in high-priority areas and partnering with businesses and industries that fuel our economy. And yet, Pennsylvania has a pressing need for more employees with some form of higher education. The proportion of jobs requiring a college degree is also growing.

State System universities provide relevant degrees:

Of all State System graduates employed in Pennsylvania three years after graduation, 82% majored in high-priority program areas (based on high-growth occupations).

Business • STEM • Health • Education • Social Sciences

State System students are more focused than ever:

Over the past 10 years, the share of students majoring in high-priority areas increased from 72% to 77%.

Most State System graduates stay in Pennsylvania to live, work, and support their communities:

Three years after graduating, 71% of bachelor's degree recipients are working in Pennsylvania—contributing to local and regional economies. Ten years after graduating, median annual earnings are \$57,311.

State System universities are providing flexible paths for working adults:

In addition to increasing the number of bachelor's and master's degree recipients to meet workforce needs, the State System's initiatives to offer stackable credentials, non-credit training, and certifications can help prepare Pennsylvania's talent. PASSHE and Google partnering to offer Google Career Certificates is an example of a new online initiative open to students and the community.

