

# Student Perspective

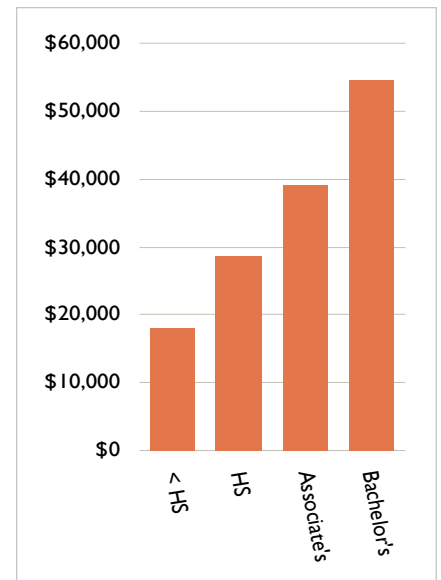
## Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime



- Students enjoy an attractive 15.8% rate of return on their LCCC educational investment.
- Over the course of his or her working career, the average LCCC student's lifetime earnings will increase \$5.20 for every dollar invested in their LCCC education (in the form of tuition, fees, and forgone earnings).
- The average annual income of the typical associate's degree graduate in Luzerne County at the midpoint of his or her career is \$39,000, 36% more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Over the course of a working lifetime, associate's degree graduates in Luzerne County earn \$405,600 more than someone with a high school diploma.<sup>1</sup>

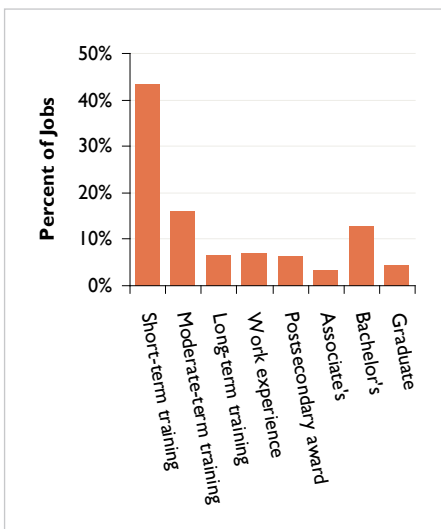
<sup>1</sup> This is an undiscounted figure that does not account for the time value of money.

Average Earnings in Luzerne County



## Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

Luzerne County Jobs by Education Level



- By 2019 it is anticipated that there will be about 52,700 new and replacement jobs available in Luzerne County.
- About 20% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate's degree or greater.
- Another 6% of available jobs in 2019 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.

