Unemployment rate in 2016 for individuals with less than a high school diploma or equivalency: 8.2%

Unemployment rate in 2016 for individuals with some college or an associate degree: 5.5%

Unemployment status is greatly affected by level of education with a difference of 2.7 percentage points between those without a high school diploma or equivalency and those with some college or an associate's degree. The state annual average unemployment rate in 2016 was 5.5%.

Unemployment rate in 2016 for individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher: 3.6%

Unemployment rate in 2016 for high school graduates (includes equivalency): 7%

Percentage of the population aged 25 years and older that do not have a high school diploma or equivalency: 18%

Poverty rate for individuals without a high school diploma which is 10.3% higher than those with a high school diploma (15.7% poverty rate) and 15% higher than those with some college or an associate degree (11% poverty rate). 26%

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Percentage of new business founded in California that were founded between 2007-2011 (immediately following the Great Recession).

California leads the nation with 784,584 immigrant entrepreneurs making up 38.4% of the state's entrepreneurs. These immigrant-owned businesses represented $20.2 billion in annual business income in 2014.

Percentage of individuals aged 25 years or older without a high school diploma that are foreign born while immigrants make up only 36% of the population aged 25 years and older meaning immigrants make up a disproportionately large portion of individuals in need of adult education.

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$27,963 median earnings for an individual in California with a high school diploma and 41% increase in earnings as compared to an individual in California without a high school diploma.

$36,284
Individuals with some college or an associate degree, median earnings increase another 30% to $36,284.

80% of students entering Community Colleges enroll in at least one developmental course in math, English or both. Adult education programs focus on better preparing adults to enter college and successfully reach their educational goals.

Percentage of developmental students who earn a certificate or associate degree within 6 years - 16%
Percentage of developmental students who successfully transfer to four-year colleges - 24%

50% of jobs that are middle skills job in California requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year college degree.

11% gap in middle skill jobs as compared to middle skills workers. 39% of California’s workforce are middle skilled workers, while 50% of jobs require middle skills, leaving an 11% gap.

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