

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE HELPING TO
SOLVE THE DROPOUT CRISIS

32 MILLION AMERICANS
OR 13% OF THE POPULATION AGED 18 AND
OLDER ARE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA¹



HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO:



LIVE IN
POVERTY²



BE
UNEMPLOYED³



GO TO
PRISON⁴



BE A BURDEN
ON TAXPAYERS⁵



PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE GRADUATING ADULTS THROUGH
CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
(NOT A GED) AND CAREER CERTIFICATE IN ONE OF TEN GROWING FIELDS.

HELPING JUST

25

**ADULTS EARN
THEIR DIPLOMAS
COULD TRANSLATE INTO⁶**



**\$8.27
MILLION**

INCREASE IN
GRADUATES'
EARNINGS

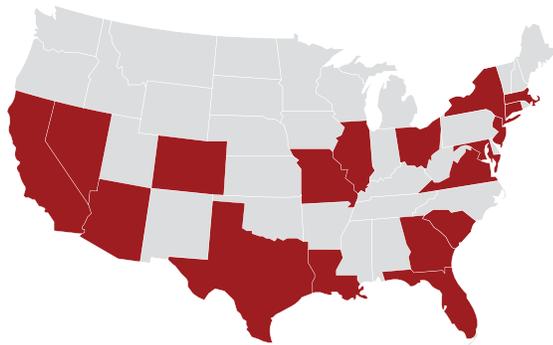
**\$1.82
MILLION**

INCREASE IN LOCAL,
STATE, AND FEDERAL
TAX REVENUE

**\$7.3
MILLION**

IN TAXPAYER SAVINGS—
MOST OF THAT BORN AT THE
LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL

HOW LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE MAKING AN IMPACT



120+
LIBRARIES

ACROSS THE U.S. OFFER
CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL



1,500+
ADULTS

HAVE EARNED THEIR H.S. DIPLOMA
THROUGH THEIR LIBRARY



THE RESULTS

Increasing the high school graduation rate from the 2015 figure of 83.2% to a more acceptable 90% would **ADD JOBS** and **INCREASE TAX REVENUES**.⁷

14,260
NEW JOBS

\$3.1
BILLION
IN GRADUATE
EARNINGS

\$159
MILLION
IN STATE & LOCAL
TAX REVENUES

\$504
MILLION
IN FEDERAL TAX
REVENUES

79% OF PROGRAM
GRADUATES
PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE⁸



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