Postsecondary Access & Completion Network

• Goal: 65 percent of working age adults to have a high quality credential by 2025

• Initiating Regional Action Plans
  • Expand partnerships among key institutions and industry
  • Strengthen culture of education
  • Enhance residents’ understanding of options and resources
  • Enhance preparation of high school students
  • Address needs of adults

• www.65by2025.org
McDowell Group

- Support and coordination role
- Multidisciplinary research and consulting firm since 1972
- Education is cornerstone of firm’s practice
  - University of Alaska
  - Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
  - Early education and K-12 school districts
  - Plus studies on workforce development
- Additional areas of expertise: resource development, transportation, seafood, tourism, health care, social services
Why Focus on Educational Attainment?

• *Alaska’s economy to be driven by Alaskans*

• Economic benefits
  • State
  • Community
  • Individual

• Societal benefits
How Do States and Communities Do This?

- Identify the issues to address
- Identify stakeholders and develop relationships around aligned interests
- Develop a structure
- Gather and understand baseline data
- Envision the future, set metrics accordingly
- Develop and implement strategies
- Regularly review progress and adjust plan as necessary

- **Communicate, Develop Champions, Repeat**
Baseline Data Snapshot

• Demographics
• Employment
• Educational attainment
Southeast Population Trends

Source: AK DOL&WD
Population Trends by Age Group

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Source: AK DOL&WD
Working-Age Population by Ethnicity (25-64)

- White: 70%
- Alaska Native/American Indian: 20%
- African American: 2%
- Asian: 7%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 1%
- Hispanic origin (any race): 5%

Source: 2015; AK DOL&WD (Alone or in Combination ethnicity data)
Southeast Employment by Sector

- All workers: 32,962
- Top sectors by %:
  - Trade/Transportation/Utilities: 20%
  - Local Gov’t: 20%
  - State Gov’t: 16%
  - Education: 11%
  - Leisure & Hospitality: 9%

Source: AK DOL&WD
Average Wages/Employed Residents

- Southeast: $38,164
- Juneau: $42,374
- Ketchikan: $37,812
- Sitka: $36,470
- Skagway: $34,566
- Wrangell: $32,506
- Petersburg: $31,510
- Haines: $31,090
- Yakutat: $30,438
- POW-Hyder: $29,593
- Hoonah-Anoog: $24,412

Source: AK DOL&WD
Educational Attainment
Southeast Educational Attainment

Less than high school diploma, 7%
High school, 27%
Some college, <1 year, 8%
Some college, no degree, 20%
AA, 7%
BA or higher, 31%

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates
High School Graduation Rates, 25-64

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates
AA+ Attainment Rates, 25-64

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates
BA+ Attainment Rates, 25-64

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates
Ed. Attainment by Race and Area

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

Table with data showing education attainment by race and area.
Ed. Attainment by Race and Area

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

Less than high school  | High school  | Some college or AA  | BA or higher

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Main Take-Aways

• Regional population projected to inch up over next decade
  • Working age population is expected to decrease
  • Some SE Census areas are facing double-digit decrease in working age population

• Southeast demographics differ significantly by area
  • Population
  • Ethnicity
  • Income

• Southeast has high percentage of some college, no degree

• High school graduation rates are fairly high, consistent across region
  • Disparities in AA and BA attainment between areas
  • Significant disparities in educational attainment by race
Get Involved

- Review summary from initial conference
- Volunteer for regional steering committee
- Volunteers also welcome for Network board
- Teleconferences to develop Regional Action Plan
- Attend second regional conference (Nov/Dec)
- Help implement plan
- Encourage family, employees, and community members to pursue education beyond high school