EMPLOYABILITY AT A GLANCE

1980: 12.1 million
2009: 19.6 million

On-time Completion Rates are alarmingly low:
- of jobs in 1973 could be obtained without a high school diploma, now only 11% jobs can be obtained without a HS diploma
- 11% of college grads are unemployed or underemployed
- 32% of jobs in 1973 could be obtained without a high school diploma, now only 11% jobs can be obtained without a HS diploma
- 53% of college grads are unemployed or underemployed
- 7,000 students drop out of high school each day; 1.2M per year

Since 1973, jobs that require at least some college education have exploded while the number of opportunities for those with just a high school education has shrunk dramatically.

HIGHER ED AND BUSINESS COLLABORATION

13% think there is a ‘great deal’ of collaboration between higher ed and businesses
88% favor an increased level of this kind of collaboration
77% say businesses should do more to increase their collaboration with higher ed institutions

THE EMPLOYABILITY GAP

60% of jobs (and growing) require at least an Associate’s Degree, but only...
40% of Americans obtain an A.A. or B.A.
62% more students are enrolled in postsecondary degree-granting institutions now than 30 years ago.
1980: 12.1 million
2009: 19.6 million

On-time Completion Rates are alarmingly low:
- 56% complete four-year schools within a six-year window
- 29% complete two-year schools within a three-year window

Source: Pathways to Prosperity Report (Harvard Graduate School)

96% of Chief Academic Officers rate their institution as either very or somewhat effective at preparing students for the world of work
14% of Americans agree that college graduates in this country are well-prepared for success in the workplace
11% of business leaders strongly agree graduating students have the skills and competencies that their business needs

Source: Raising Our Game to Raise Learning Outcomes (Brandon Busteed, Exec. Director, Education & Workforce Development, Gallup)

Source: Alliance for Excellent Education. About the Crisis. [Online] www.all4ed.org/publications

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