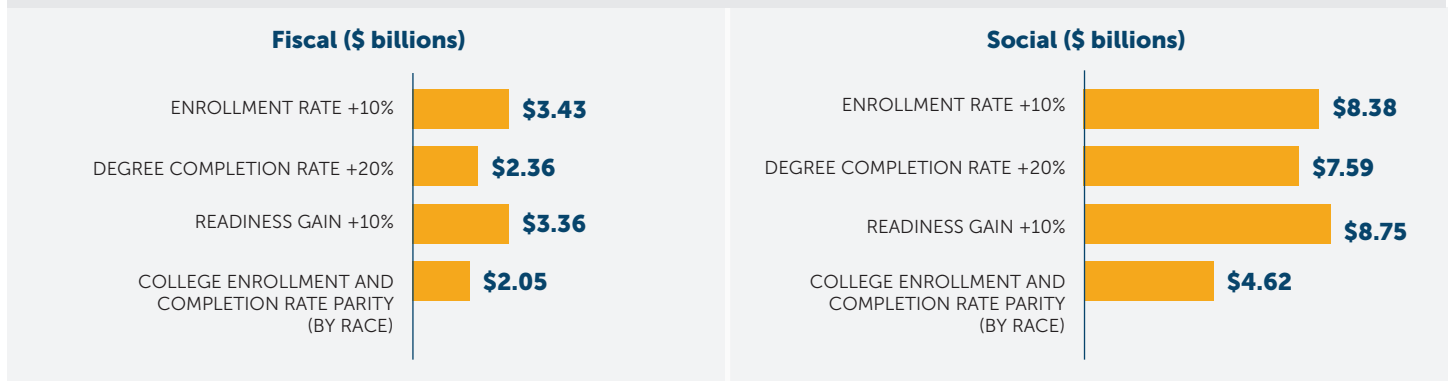


# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Volusia County

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## Understanding the County-Level Economic Benefits of Postsecondary Education

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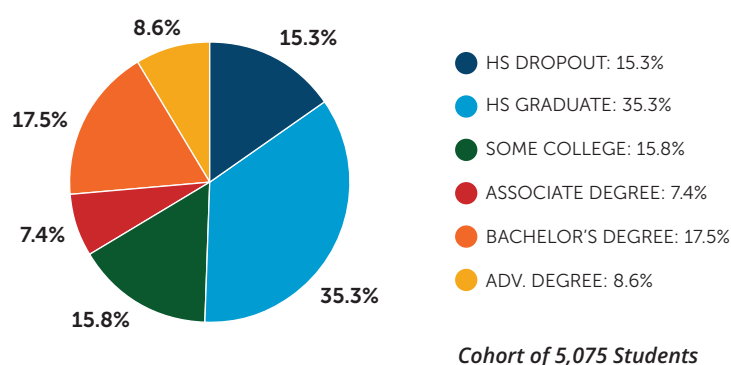
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# Volusia County

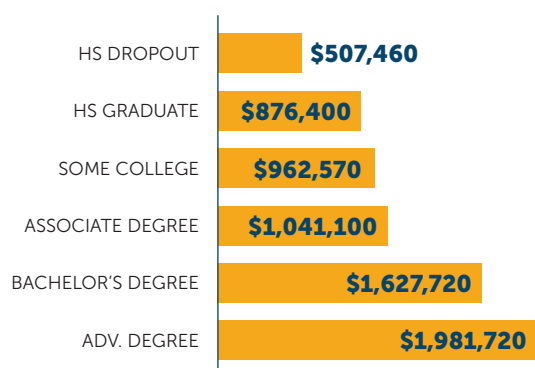
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- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Volusia County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$94	\$41	\$80	\$31
	Per HS Grad	\$21,900	\$9,640	\$18,560	\$7,330
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$215	\$142	\$205	\$90
	Per HS Grad	\$50,160	\$33,060	\$47,680	\$20,860

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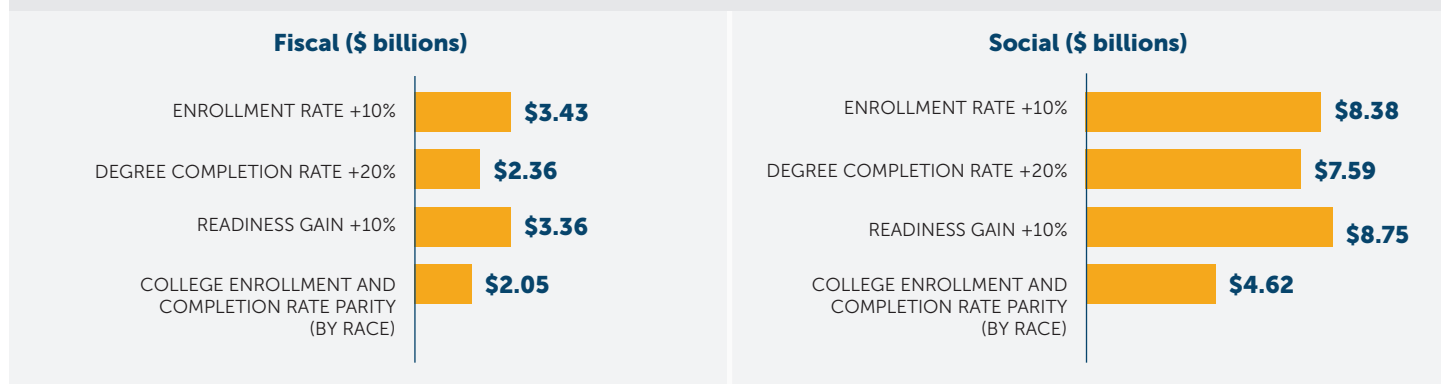
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# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Lake County

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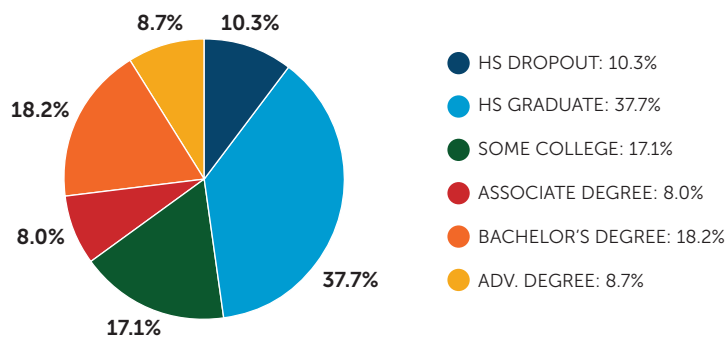
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# Lake County

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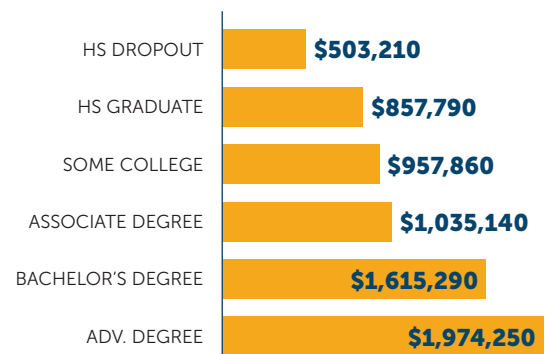
- A 10 percent increase in college enrollment for high school graduates
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- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 3,274 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Lake County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$57	\$24	\$48	\$27
	Per HS Grad	\$19,400	\$8,280	\$16,200	\$9,240
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$139	\$89	\$129	\$82
	Per HS Grad	\$47,230	\$30,140	\$43,860	\$27,960

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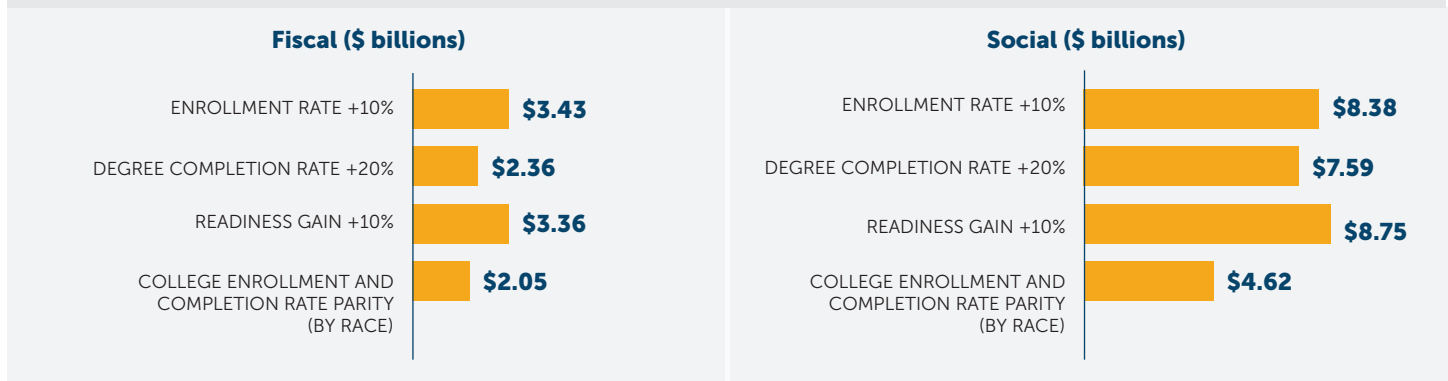
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# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Sumter County

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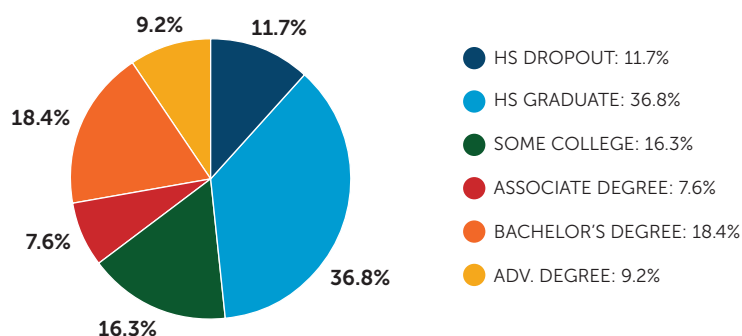
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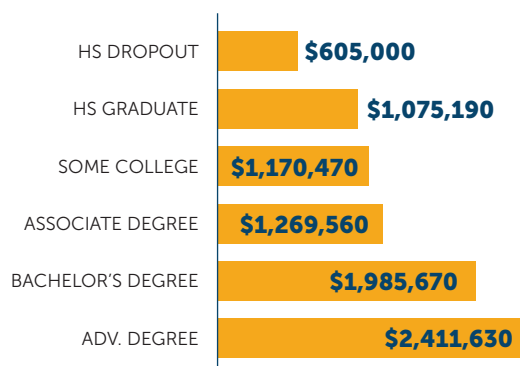
- A 10 percent increase in college enrollment for high school graduates
- A 20 percent increase in college completion rates (associate and bachelor's degree)
- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 656 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Sumter County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$13	\$6	\$12	\$4
	Per HS Grad	\$23,290	\$10,330	\$19,990	\$6,430
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$32	\$21	\$31	\$11
	Per HS Grad	\$55,640	\$37,020	\$54,170	\$19,080

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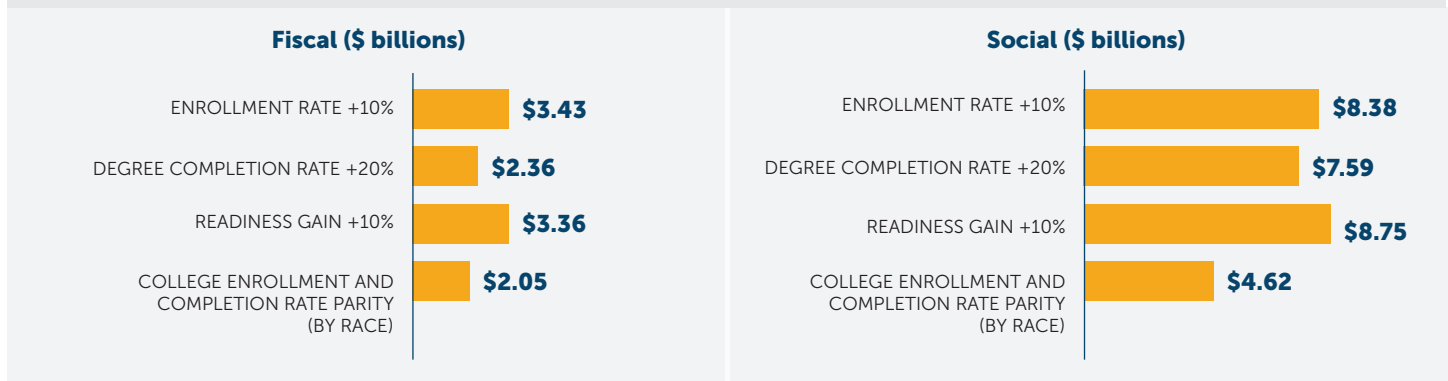
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# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Seminole County

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## Annual Benefits to Florida from Increased College Attainment



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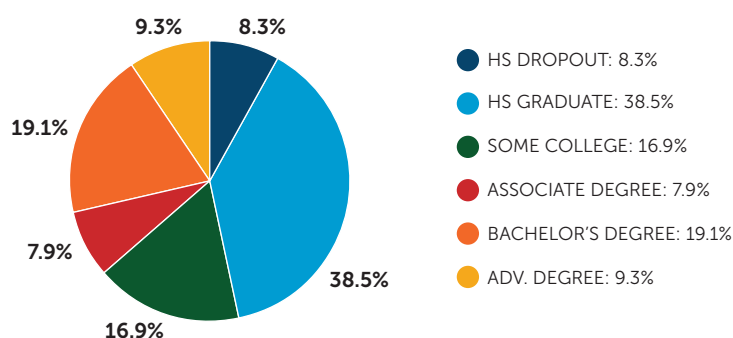
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# Seminole County

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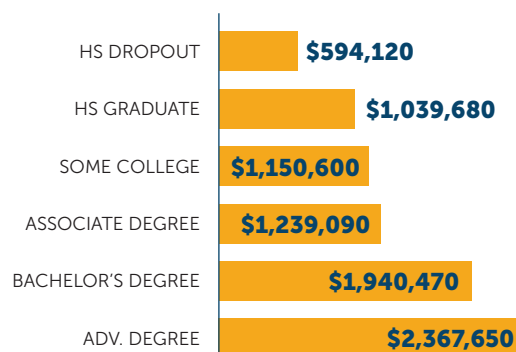
- A 10 percent increase in college enrollment for high school graduates
- A 20 percent increase in college completion rates (associate and bachelor's degree)
- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 5,080 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Seminole County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$105	\$46	\$89	\$41
	Per HS Grad	\$22,470	\$9,980	\$19,030	\$8,770
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$262	\$174	\$249	\$123
	Per HS Grad	\$56,330	\$37,270	\$53,520	\$26,380

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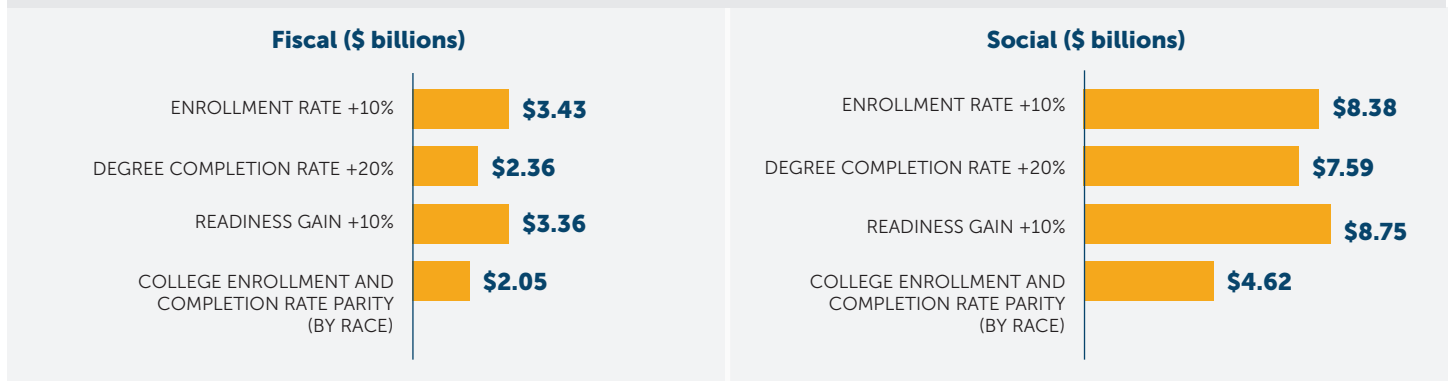


# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Orange County

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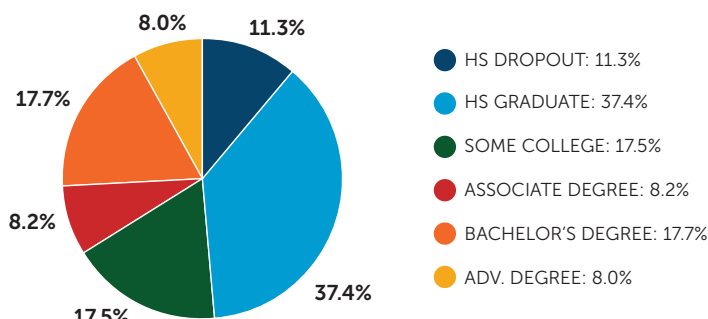
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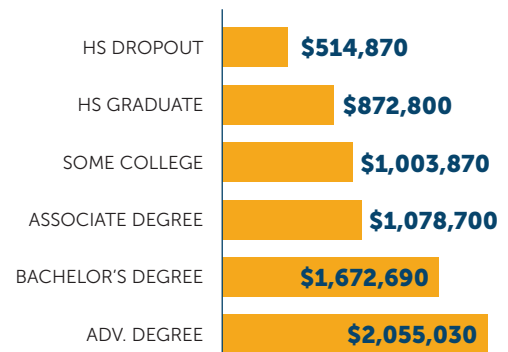
- A 10 percent increase in college enrollment for high school graduates
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- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 15,589 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Orange County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$307	\$125	\$258	\$203
	Per HS Grad	\$22,220	\$9,020	\$18,630	\$14,700
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$723	\$439	\$666	\$597
	Per HS Grad	\$52,290	\$31,770	\$48,170	\$43,190

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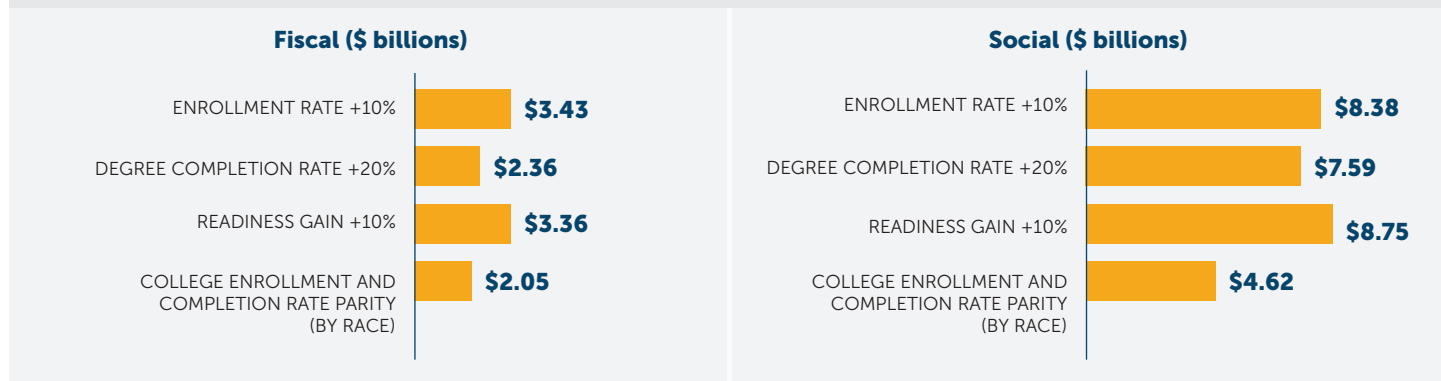
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# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Brevard County

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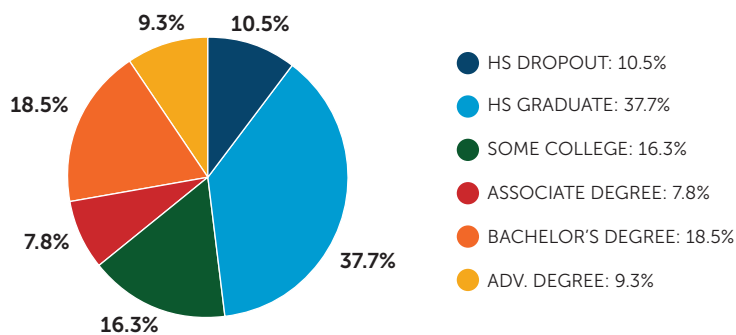
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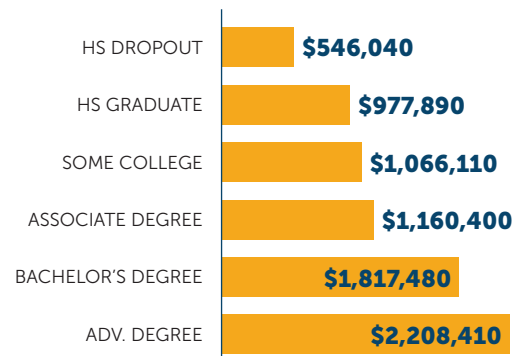
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- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 5,514 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Brevard County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$109	\$48	\$93	\$37
	Per HS Grad	\$22,160	\$9,810	\$18,920	\$7,480
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$264	\$175	\$256	\$106
	Per HS Grad	\$53,510	\$35,390	\$51,840	\$21,530

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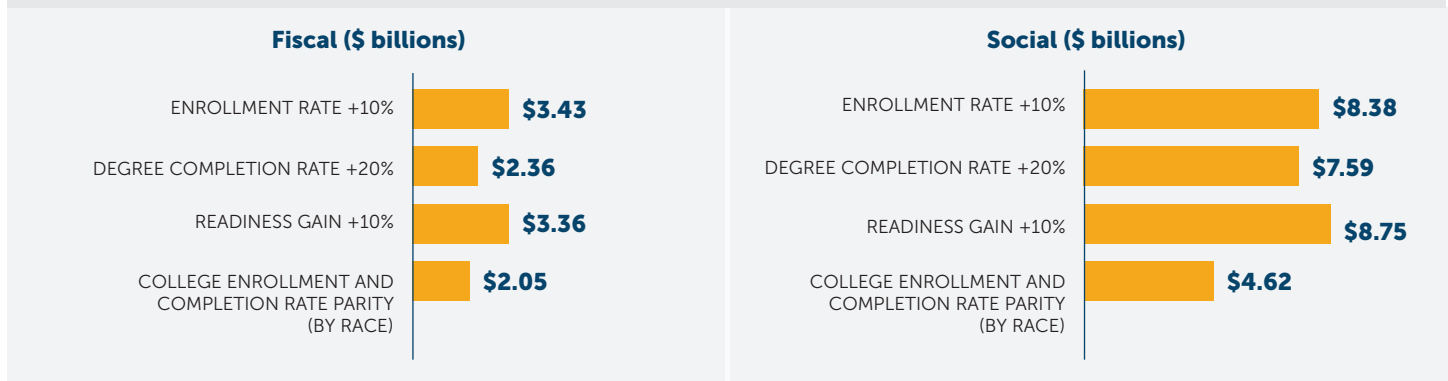
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# How Expanding College Access, Participation, and Attainment Will Increase Prosperity in Florida

## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Osceola County

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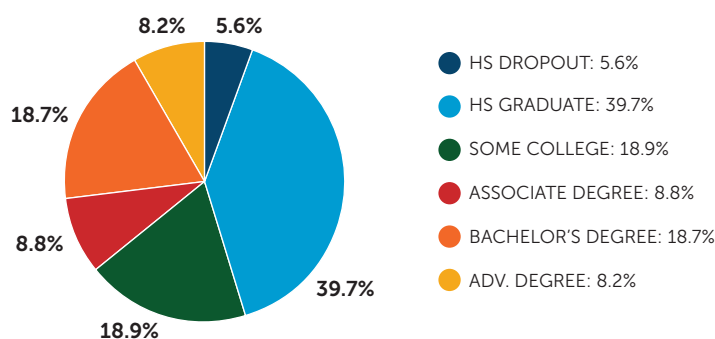
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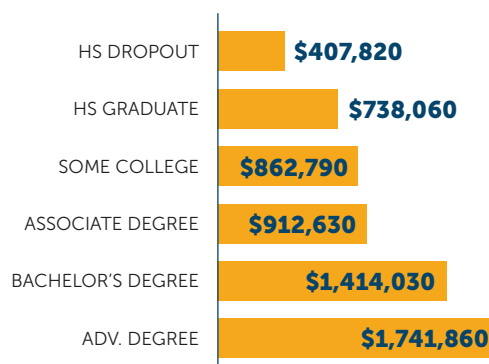
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- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 5,429 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Osceola County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$91	\$37	\$82	\$61
	Per HS Grad	\$17,820	\$7,290	\$15,960	\$11,830
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$222	\$136	\$222	\$187
	Per HS Grad	\$43,340	\$26,530	\$43,290	\$36,410

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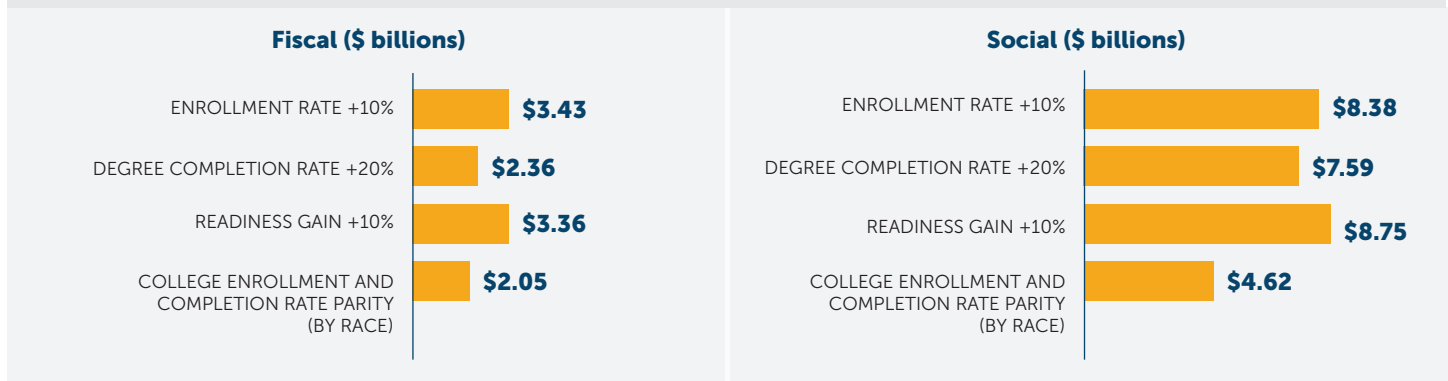
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## The Economic Value of Postsecondary Attainment in Polk County

Increasing the number of Floridians who go to college and earn a credential can unlock important annual economic gains for the state, improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Statewide, the economic gains that come from increased postsecondary attainment are projected to be in the billions annually.

## Annual Benefits to Florida from Increased College Attainment



Statewide and at the county level, increased postsecondary attainment provides businesses with a more skilled workforce ready to thrive in Florida's economy. Individual gains and successful businesses mean greater prosperity and higher quality of life for families, communities, the county, and the state.

## Understanding the County-Level Economic Benefits of Postsecondary Education

Postsecondary enrollment and attainment benefits are both private and public. In a private sense, individuals benefit through higher earnings, more stable employment, better health, and greater wealth accumulation. These individual benefits add up to large-scale public benefits for the county.

- **INDIVIDUAL.** The private benefits individuals gain from postsecondary attainment are expressed mainly in higher lifetime earnings, increased labor force participation, greater job security, and better health.
- **SOCIAL.** The social analysis shows how college enrollment and completion benefit communities and the state. It looks at increases in gross earnings and health status, as well as reductions in crime and other social consequences.
- **FISCAL.** The fiscal perspective specifically highlights the benefits for Florida taxpayers regarding higher revenues and lower government expenditures related to increased postsecondary enrollment and completion, such as health and crime. Fiscal gains contribute to the overall social value of postsecondary education.

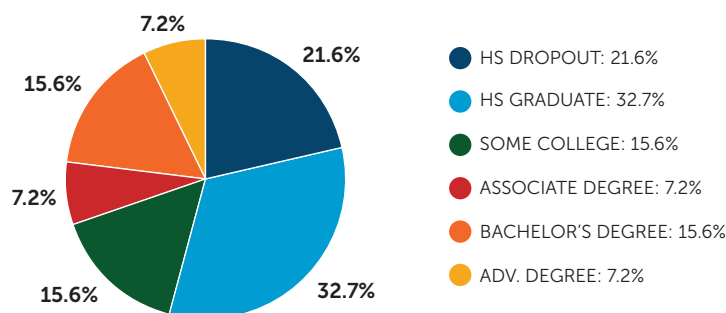
*This county-level report is based on research and analysis commissioned by Helios Education Foundation and conducted by Clive R. Belfield (Department of Economics Queens College, City University of New York and Center for Benefit-Cost Studies in Education, University of Pennsylvania). Upon request, Dr. Belfield's study is available from Helios Education Foundation.*

# Polk County

Counties can expect substantial economic gains from increasing postsecondary readiness, enrollment, and completion rates. Helios has modelled four possible scenarios for increasing attainment to demonstrate the extent of the economic gains that can be expected as a result. These gains are expressed as the expected increases in high school and college attainment multiplied by predicted increases in lifetime economic status by education level. The figures that follow show the economic impact of increasing college enrollment and completion rates among high school graduates in Polk County. Specifically, they show the economic gains that would result from:

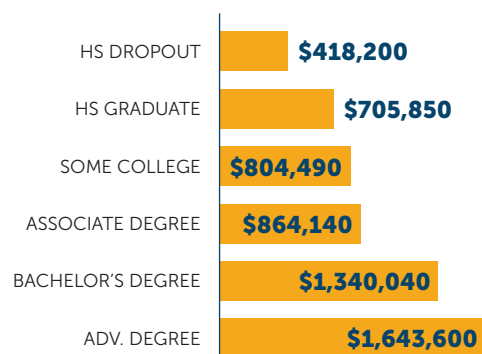
- A 10 percent increase in college enrollment for high school graduates
- A 20 percent increase in college completion rates (associate and bachelor's degree)
- A 10 percent increase in college readiness
- Equalization of college enrollment and completion rates by race

## Expected Attainment Rates for Class of 2024



Cohort of 8,181 Students

## Lifetime Economic Status, by Education Level



## Projected Economic Gains for Polk County

		College Enrollment Rate +10%	College Completion Rate +20%	College Readiness +10%	College Race Gaps Closed
FISCAL	Aggregate \$M	\$115	\$47	\$96	\$64
	Per HS Grad	\$17,940	\$7,340	\$15,000	\$9,990
SOCIAL	Aggregate \$M	\$269	\$165	\$248	\$192
	Per HS Grad	\$41,900	\$25,770	\$38,680	\$30,020

Notes: County-specific data is applied to educational attainment, college participation, earnings, labor markets, health status, and crime (adjusting for race-specific demographics per county).

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