EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA IS GROWING.

448K 518K

2010 2020

JOB REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGING.

IN 2014-15

55% of job postings required an associate’s degree or higher

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOLS MUST STEP UP.

TOO MANY STUDENTS DROP OUT:

1 IN 6 STUDENTS
1 IN 4 LATINO STUDENTS

do not graduate with their class

TOO FEW GRADUATE COLLEGE-READY:

All students

American Indian students (AM. IND.)

ENGLISH 68%

ENGLISH 18%

MATH 49%

MATH 8%

MOST GRADUATES GO ON TO COLLEGE:

2/3

of graduates enroll in some form of postsecondary education

BUT MANY REQUIRE REMEDIAL COURSES:

need remediation in math

need remediation in English

22%

14%

AND TOO FEW FRESHMEN COMPLETE DEGREES:

Students in 2-year colleges

Students in 4-year colleges

58%

51%

THIS LEAVES SOUTH DAKOTA’S ADULT WORKFORCE FAR SHORT OF WHAT’S NEEDED TO BE COMPETITIVE.

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BUT ONLY 43% of adults have an associate’s degree or higher

43% OVERALL

46% OF WHITES

18% OF AM. IND.

And remember: Degrees alone don’t guarantee that workers have the other skills—the teamwork, the analysis, the problem-solving—that are so necessary in today’s and tomorrow’s economy.

For detailed source information on South Dakota’s data, visit: xqsuperschool.org/future