

Why Post-Secondary Education and Training is Important:

- ◆ Higher income and earning power
- ◆ Lower crime rates
- ◆ Lower unemployment
- ◆ Healthier economy
- ◆ Less dependency on social services



→ Example: African American Males

- Employment rates rose from 33% among high school drop outs, to 57% among high school graduates, to 86% among four-year college graduates.
- Employment gaps between young white and black males shrunk from 20% among high school dropouts to 2% of four-year college graduates.
- Over a lifetime, a college graduate earns more than twice the mean earnings of a high school graduate.

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