National Leaders in Transfer

National Leaders in the Completion of Bachelor’s Degrees for Transfer Students
Washington's public four-year sector ranks 2nd in the nation for the proportion of transfer students who begin at a community or technical college and earn a bachelor's degree. In fact, time to degree is not significantly different for transfer students than for students enrolled directly from high school.1

Destinations for Community and Technical College Transfer Students
Of the Washington community and technical college students who transfer to a Washington public four-year institution, 72% transfer with an Associates' degree. In fact, nearly 40% of the graduates of the Class of 2016 from Washington's public four-year institutions were community and technical college transfer students.2

Workforce Preparation for Career Success
Demand for a postsecondary credential continues to grow. While the COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainties for new and returning students, the value of a college education remains steadfast. Compared to workers with no more than a high school diploma, workers with at least some college increase their lifetime earnings, on average, by 14%; these earnings increase to 23% with an associate's degree, 66% with a bachelor's degree, and 123% with graduate education.3 Further, college degree holders experienced lower unemployment rates during the pandemic compared to those without.4

Sources:
2. Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.
3. Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.