

Title	A Skilled and Educated Workforce		
Challenge area:	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Readiness <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Capacity & Student Success <input type="checkbox"/> Capturing the Potential of Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Stable and Accountable Funding	Staff lead:	Daryl Monear
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Synopsis:	<p>A preliminary presentation of the data and findings in the forthcoming Skilled and educated Workforce Report. This report provides an overview of the current status of workforce preparation in Washington, identifies high employer demand occupations, describes fields in which there are gaps between academic degree production and employer demand, and highlights occupation fields in which students may find expanding employment opportunities. The analysis is an update to the biennial report on the status of workforce education and training in the state, which is prepared jointly by the Washington Student Achievement Council, the State board for Community and Technical Colleges, and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, as required under RCW 28B.77.080.</p>		
Guiding questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key skills gaps Washington will face • What are high employer demand fields of study • What progress has been made addressing these gaps. 		
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