

Study: Return on investment for associate degrees can be high for grads, taxpayers



The median earnings of associate degree holders during their careers is about \$259,000 more than for high school graduates, even after accounting for costs incurred while attending college, experts from AIR and the Nexus

Research and Policy Center find after conducting a national review of community colleges and their graduates' financial return on investment. Communities also benefit from associate degrees through the higher tax revenue graduates generate. Data on each of the 579 institutions studied are available with the report.

Papers examine difficulties of implementing teacher value-added measures



Three papers by AIR look at practical issues in the use of value-added measures for educator evaluation. Value-added measures use student test scores to measure educators' contributions to student academic growth. These papers

address decisions policymakers must make in implementing these measures, such as how to appropriately link students to teachers and how to combine information with measures of educator performance (for example, scores from classroom observations or student surveys).

"Blueprint" aims to reduce disparities in human services and behavioral health care



Created to help minimize disparities in human services and behavioral health care, a new guide assists states and communities develop and implement evidence-based strategies to broaden access for underserved groups. Step by step, the guide walks users through a process beginning with readiness assessment and ending with sustainability.

"Blueprint for Using Data to Reduce Disparities/Disproportionalities in Human Services and Behavioral Health Care" was created by AIR and SAMHSA's Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health.

Briefs delve into costs of science degrees

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[Los Angeles Times, 9/26/13](#)

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- “How Much Debt Do Science Bachelor’s Degree Recipients Accrue?”
- “How Much Debt Do Science Ph.D.s Accrue?”
- “How Much Does It Cost Institutions to Produce STEM Degrees?”

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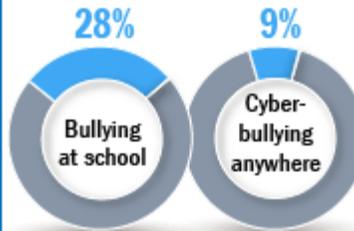
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Students ages 12-18 reporting being bullied during the school year in 2011



Source: *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2012*, American Institutes for Research, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics

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