HIGHER RHODE ISLAND
A Roadmap for Postsecondary Attainment in the Ocean State

Our Goal
Governor Gina M. Raimondo has set an ambitious goal for postsecondary attainment in Rhode Island:

By 2025, 70% of Rhode Islanders will have a postsecondary credential.

Seven out of 10 jobs created in Rhode Island in coming years will require education beyond a high school diploma. Today, just 47% of Rhode Islanders have any kind of postsecondary degree or credential.

Our Trajectory
To get to 70%, we’ll need 390,000 Rhode Islanders with postsecondary credentials.

If we continue on our current trajectory, we’ll get to only 300,000 by 2025.

We must accelerate our progress and reach 90,000 additional Rhode Islanders.

Who will make up the 90,000?

Postsecondary Attainment in RI

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1/3 young adults

2/3 working-age adults

There are 53,000 Rhode Islanders ages 18-24 who are disconnected from educational opportunity.

There are 260,000 Rhode Islanders ages 25-64 who have high school equivalent only or some college, no degree.
Recommendations

With the support of the Governor’s Workforce Board and help from Education Strategy Group, we’ve engaged stakeholders from across the state to reflect on current practices, assess gaps in the state’s education and training pipeline, and develop recommendations:

1. Scale on-ramps to postsecondary attainment for adults

2. Strengthen investments in postsecondary retention & completion

3. Expand postsecondary access and preparation in the K-12 pipeline

4. Establish collective ownership of the postsecondary attainment goal

Check out the roadmap at www.riopc.edu/70by25

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Building on a Strong Foundation

Rhode Island’s three public institutions of higher education - the University of Rhode Island (URI), Rhode Island College (RIC), and the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) - have clear strategic visions and strong leadership to continue moving forward with student-focused agendas.

The Rhode Island Department of Education and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner have a joint strategic plan to ensure the success of students across the education and training pipeline.

Meeting the 70% attainment goal will require even more coordination and collaboration across sectors to provide significantly greater postsecondary opportunities and supports to all Rhode Islanders.

Since Governor Raimondo announced her ambitious goal to reach 70% postsecondary attainment by 2025, we’ve already made significant progress, moving from 43% to 47% attainment in just two years.

What's Next

These recommendations offer a high-level roadmap to achieving our goal of having 70% postsecondary attainment in Rhode Island by 2025.

Over the next few months, we’ll continue intensive engagement with stakeholders - from our public and private higher education institutions, to employers, to students, to community organizations - to get their input on exactly how we’ll implement our plan and how we’ll measure our progress.

In summer 2018, we will release a public dashboard to monitor our progress. Through the dashboard, we’ll report on our progress twice annually.