



Core Research Questions

- 1. What is the return on investment for state supported services/education?**
 - Support variables: utilization of unemployment insurance, support services, income support, education/training assistance, workforce services
 - Educational impacts: post-secondary education, degrees/certificates earned
 - Employment variables: wages, length of employment and unemployment
- 2. How do various types of degrees (post K-12) impact employment variables?**
 - Degree variables: type, provider, length, cost
 - Employment variables: Wages, time from graduation to employment/unemployment, employment in training-related industry, utilization of benefit programs
- 3. What are the impacts of receiving a high school diploma as compared to a GED or a high school dropout?**
 - Education variables: GED, high school diploma, high school certificate, high school drop-outs
 - Impact variables: Post K-12 educational attainment (degrees/credentials), wages, time unemployed, time from graduation to employment, utilization of benefit programs
- 4. What training programs are most successful?**
 - Training program variables: provider, length, cost
 - Impact variables: wages, time from graduation to employment/unemployment, length of unemployment, employment in training-related industry, utilization of benefit programs, student demographics
- 5. What degree programs are most successful?**
 - Degree variables: College/University/Graduate school, length, cost
 - Impact variables: wages, time from graduation (or “some college”) to employment/unemployment, length of unemployment, employment in training-related industry, utilization of benefit programs
- 6. What impact do state-supported benefits have on employment?**
 - Benefit variables: unemployment insurance utilization, utilization of benefit programs, length of programs
 - Employment variables: wages, length of employment and unemployment
- 7. How does K-12 education effect educational and employment success?**
 - K-12 variables: school/district, state assessment scores, HS performance indicators, demographic information, cohort information
 - Educational impacts: post-secondary education, degrees/certificates earned
 - Employment variables: wages, length of employment and unemployment