

Facts Sources

Among industrialized countries, America ranks 21st in high school graduation rates. *OECD, Education at a Glance (2007), Chart A.2.1* **Among industrialized countries, America ranks 15th in college completion.** *OECD, Education at a Glance (2007), Chart A.3.2* **American 15-year-olds rank 24th in math out of 29 countries.** *OECD, PISA 2003 Results, Chart A4.1* **The median earnings of American workers in 1978 (adjusted for inflation) was \$37,004, in 2007, it stands at \$37,447.** *U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2006, Table A2, p 36* **Arizona ranks 43rd in the nation in percentage of high school graduates who go directly to college.** *NCES; Common Core Data, Private High Schools Survey, courtesy of NCHEMS Information Center, higheredinfo.org* **Arizona ranks 39th in younger population with a college degree** *U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey, courtesy of NCHEMS* **Less than half of our public high school graduates qualify academically to enroll in public universities.** *Arizona Board of Regents, High School Eligibility Study, June 2004* **Arizona is 49th in state and local per capita spending on K-12 education.** *Governing Magazine Sourcebook, U.S. Census Bureau, Public Education Finances Report, FY 2004 and FY 2005* **Arizona is 35th in state and local per capita spending on higher education.** *Governing Magazine Sourcebook, U.S. Census Bureau, FY 2004 and FY 2005* **In Arizona, for every 100 children in ninth grade; 68 graduate from high school four years later; 19 enter a 4-year program within one year; only 9 complete their bachelor's degree within 6 years.** *Postsecondary Education Opportunity; www.postsecondary.org* **Arizona ranks 26th in the percentage of citizens 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree, but falls to 39th in younger population with a college degree.** *NCHEMS Emerging Triangle report, May 2007, p. 15, based on U.S. Census Data* **Arizona only invests \$10 million in need-based aid to the Arizona Financial Aid Trust Fund.** *FY 2008 Joint Legislative Budget Committee Report*