Beyond a Data Tool for Students: Using Wage Data to Inform Policy & Support Accountability and Transparency

The UT System Dashboard (http://data.utsystem.edu)

- is a business intelligence system that includes publicly accessible web-based applications for extracting and analyzing institutional data
- provides current data, trends over time, and comparative benchmarking across a variety of metrics
- supports better data-informed decision- and policy-making
- measures UT System’s productivity, efficiency, and impact, and demonstrates accountability to stakeholders

WHAT IS seekUT?
seekUT is a free online, interactive tool that presents data on the employment outcomes of University of Texas graduates over time. It also offers special reports for medical and dental students. Students and families can use seekUT to help inform decisions about their education and to plan for their financial future.

WHAT WILL I FIND?

**AFFORDABILITY**

Median student loan debt at graduation for those who took out loans, the percent of students who borrowed, and the estimated monthly loan payment compared to median monthly earnings

**EARNINGS**

Median earnings from graduates working in Texas one, five, and ten years after graduation

Coming Soon

New partnership with U.S. Census Bureau will provide earnings for graduates working across the country

**EMPLOYMENT**

Industries that are employing UT graduates in Texas along with predicted job openings

Data available for nearly 400 degree majors at the bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral, and professional levels at 12 UT institutions

Based on 220,000 UT Graduates working full-time in Texas

finishing the degree

bachelor’s degree completers from UT academic institutions earned $71,000 more in five years than those not finishing their degree

investing in education

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state impact in 2014

$2.06B in state appropriations

$2.14B in earnings by students who left a UT institution in 2013
Partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau

- First of its kind agreement (more)
- 10-year collaboration joins UT System’s higher education expertise and student data with Census’ workforce data and expertise
- Post-collegiate outcomes for UT graduates from the Census Bureau’s Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program
- Data will augment existing online tools—seekUT and UT System Dashboard—and will inform policy decisions
- Answer important research questions:
  - What occupations or industries tend to have the most earning potential for UT graduates—both immediately after graduation and over time?
  - What are current employment rates for UT graduates by institution, degree level, and degree program?
  - What economic impact do UT graduates have on the U.S. economy?
  - What are the earnings of UT graduates by institution, degree level, and degree program, and state or region of employment?

COMPLETION MATTERS
presented by UT System

Based on
326,000 UNDERGRADUATES
that exited a UT System academic campus
between 2001-2012

COMPLETERS
(earned a Bachelor’s degree)

NON-COMPLETERS
)did not earn a Bachelor’s degree)

After working one full year in Texas,
COMPLETERS EARNED 45% MORE
than Non-Completers after leaving college.

IN THE TENTH YEAR AFTER LEAVING COLLEGE,

COMPLETERS earned, on average, $72,821

NON-COMPLETERS earned, on average, $55,065

Over the course of 10 years, these differences add up to an average of $150,000 in cumulative earnings.

That goes a long way towards buying a house.
Or 5 new cars.
Or 30 amazing vacations.
Or 30,000 lattes.

Completing a UT degree pays off.

Visit data.utsystem.edu for more information on “Completion Matters.”
Visit utsystem.edu/seekUT for in-depth information on earnings after graduation by major.