

The Impact of Lehigh Carbon Community College

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Did you know....

- ✓ Students see their annual income increase, on average, by \$130 per year for every credit completed at LCCC.
- ✓ 90% of LCCC graduates give to local charities, compared to 70% of non-graduates.
- ✓ Every year, LCCC helps 500 teachers from throughout Pennsylvania gain new skills in professional development classes and workshops in the state-of-the-art Fowler Educational Center.
- ✓ When aggregated together, LCCC's current student body will generate about \$14.2 million annually in higher earnings due to their LCCC education.
- ✓ LCCC graduates receive a 19% return on their LCCC educational investment and will recover all costs associated with attending LCCC (including wages foregone while attending) within eight years.
- ✓ LCCC was the first community college to be awarded certification by the Department of Education for its English as a Second Language program, which is a specialized credit diploma program through the Teacher Education Program.
- ✓ The Paralegal Program at LCCC is one of 255 programs that are American Bar Association (ABA) approved.
- ✓ Once LCCC's current students become active in the workforce, they will promote business output, raise consumer spending, and increase property income in the state economy. All of this contributes an additional \$11.7 million in taxable income each year.
- ✓ Over the course of a working lifetime, Associate Degree graduates from LCCC earn \$425,000 more than those with only high school diplomas.
- ✓ Altogether, LCCC had an operating budget of \$42.1 million, of which \$28.6 million (or 68%) was spent in the local region.
- ✓ LCCC graduates volunteer at twice the rate of non-graduates.
- ✓ Over the course of his or her working career, the average LCCC student's lifetime earnings will increase \$4.80 for every dollar invested in their LCCC education (in the form of tuition, fees, foregone earnings).
- ✓ It is estimated that the LCCC student body generates social savings equal to \$1.6 million a year, with \$899,000 in health savings, \$469,000 in crime savings, and \$273,400 in welfare and unemployment savings.
- ✓ For every \$1 invested in LCCC by state and local governments, taxpayers will receive a cumulative return of \$2.80 in the form of higher tax receipts and avoided social costs.
- ✓ Based on LCCC's current enrollment, turnover and growth of instruction over time, the workforce of the LCCC service area embodies an estimated 1.1 million credits of past and present LCCC instruction. These added skills promote business productivity and increase regional income.
- ✓ The typical Associate Degree graduate from LCCC earns \$46,900 per year, 36% more than someone with a high school diploma or GED.
- ✓ By 2017, it is anticipated that there will be 86,600 new and replacement jobs available in the LCCC service area. About 25% of those jobs will require an education level equal to an Associate's Degree or greater.
- ✓ LCCC employed 264 full-time and 1,218 part-time faculty and staff during FY 2005-06, with an annual payroll of \$23.3 million.
- ✓ LCCC activities in the workforce contribute to \$148.4 million in earnings and \$63.9 million in property income (i.e., dividends, interest, and rent) to the regional economy each year.



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