State Data Systems: Progress & Possibility

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WDQC Mission

- Advocate for **inclusive, aligned and market-relevant** education and workforce data that can help our nation's human capital policies meet the challenges of a changing economy.

- Promote federal and state reforms for data systems that provide useful information for **policymakers, students and workers, business leaders and educators**.

  - State Blueprint with 13 key features of a high-quality data infrastructure

  - Address federal legislation, funding and technical assistance

  - Policy agenda developed by broad coalition of national organizations, state leaders and technical experts across education/workforce spectrum
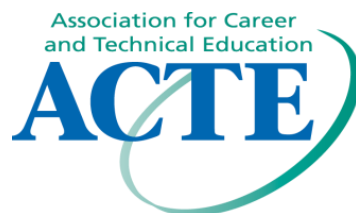
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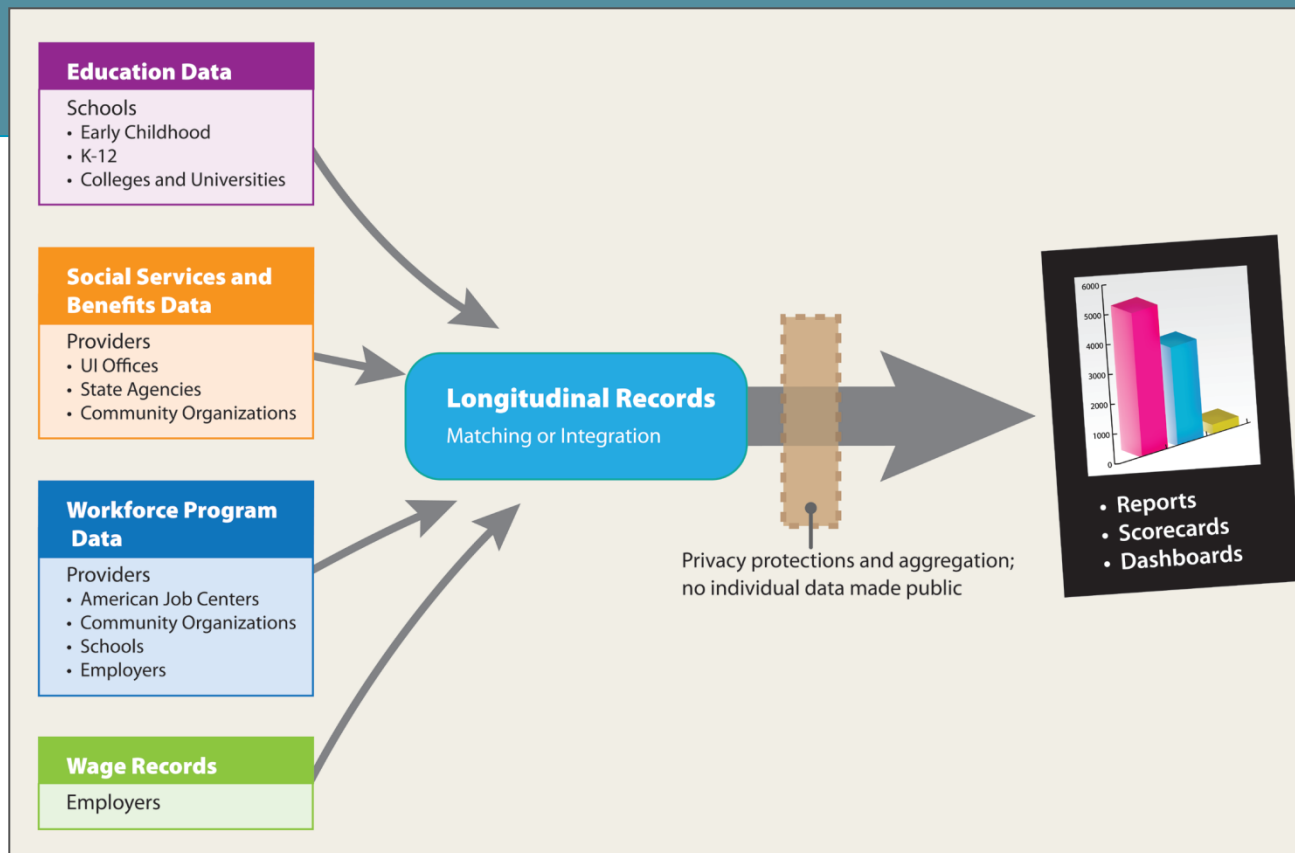CAMPAIGN

State Longitudinal Data Systems

State longitudinal data systems can show how programs work together to help people advance on education & career pathways

Uses of State Data Systems

- Measuring Outcomes
  - ○ Minnesota Graduate Outcomes Tool

- Evaluating Program Impact
  - ○ Washington reports to legislature
  - ○ Kentucky workforce board partnership
  - ○ Arkansas career pathways evaluation

- Supply/Demand Analysis
  - ○ Ohio teacher report

State Progress

Good progress

- Interagency data governance
- Labor market information capacity
- Assess employment outcomes

Areas for improvement

- Measuring non-degree credentials
- Industry validation
- Dashboards for policymakers

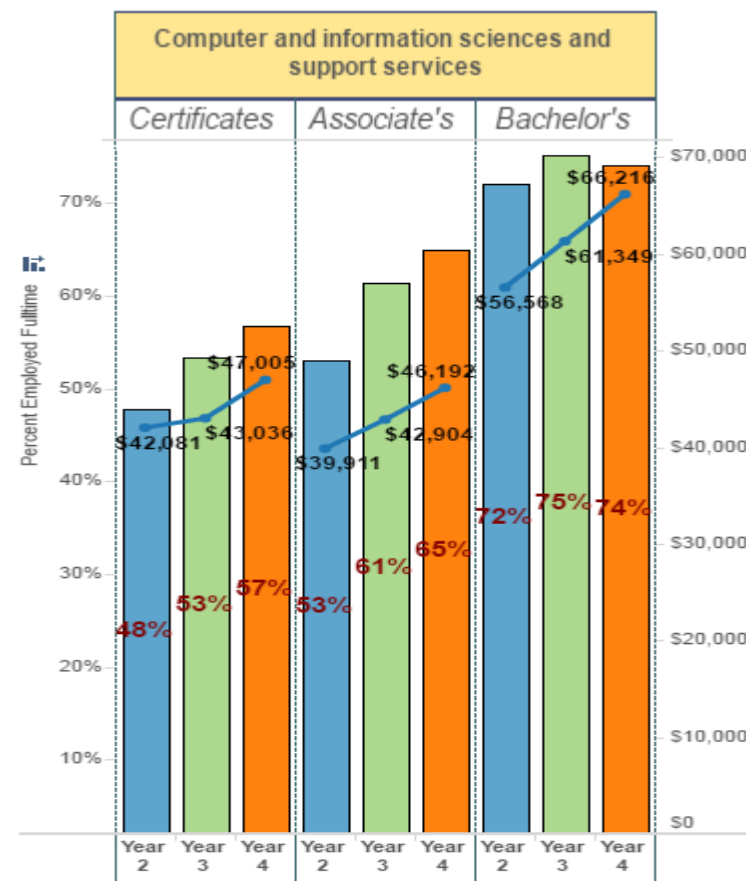| Minimal Progress	In Progress	Achieved
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State Blueprint:
Assessing Employment Outcomes

State Efforts

- Data sharing agreements
- Legislation on wage record access
- Performance-based funding
- Tools for students/families/workers

Federal Developments

- WIOA regulations clarify "public official"
- College Scorecard
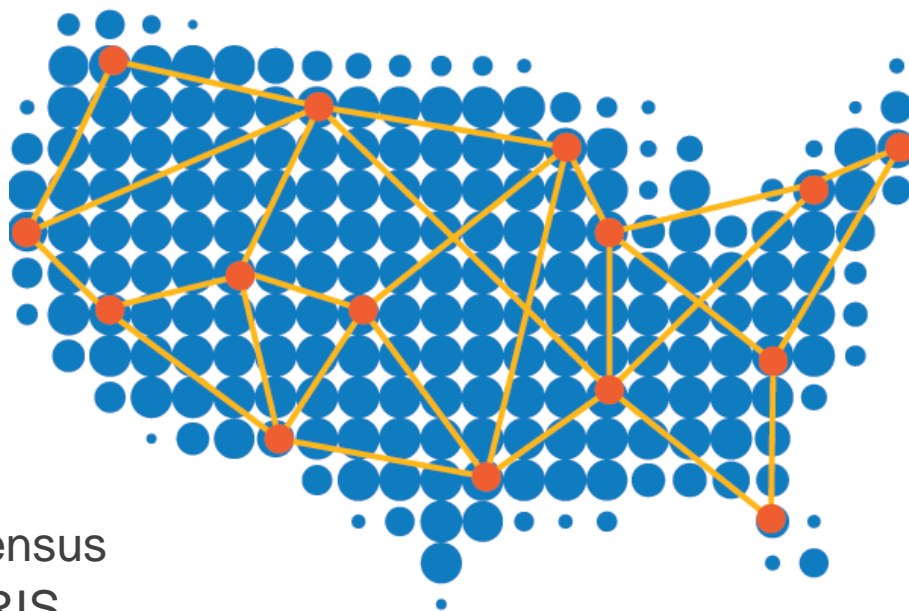- Higher Education Act reauthorization

State Blueprint:

Cross-State Data Sharing

State Efforts

- Use of WRIS2 for colleges
- Regional data sharing
  - WICHE, Western states

Federal Developments

- 2017 Budget: NDNH access
- Use of tax data from SSA and/or Census
- DOL commitment to renegotiate WRIS

State Blueprint:
Industry-Recognized Credentials

State Efforts

- Pilots: CompTIA; Workforce Credentials Coalition
- Partnership with Nat'l Student Clearinghouse

Federal Developments

- WIOA "recognized postsecondary credential"
- New questions on Current Population Survey

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