



The average WKCTC student will spend 36 years in the workforce and with an Associate degree will earn \$305,126 more than someone with a high school diploma.

Education plays a vital role in the economic and cultural vitality of our region and country. West Kentucky Community and Technical College is proud of its contribution to the economic development and growth of the region. A recent study funded by the Kentucky Consortium for Energy and the Environment Office of the New Economy found:

- **Business sales in the West Kentucky District are \$218 million greater due to past and present operations of WKCTC**
- **Labor income is \$82 million greater due to the past and present operations of WKCTC**
- **Increased earnings from former and current WKCTC students totaled \$38 million directly and \$28 million indirectly in fiscal year 2002**

THE COLLEGE'S IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXPAYERS:

- **State and local government will see a rate of return of 17.2% from allocations for WKCTC from increased tax receipts and avoided cost**
- **State and local allocations for WKCTC in 2002 will be fully recovered in 8.7 years**
- **Social benefits of medical savings, reduced crime and unemployment as a result of education from WKCTC total \$2.3 million per year.**

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT IMPACT:

- **7,347 credit and non-credit students attended WKCTC during fiscal year 2002 of whom 81% were full- or part-time employed**
- **76% of students attending WKCTC remain in West Kentucky after college**
- **Average annual earnings of West Kentucky District students:**

- without high school diploma	\$15,060
- with high school diploma	23,472
- with one-year certificate	27,228
- with Associate degree	32,017
- **WKCTC students receive a 22 % rate of return on educational investment and recover ALL costs in 6.6 years.**