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Opportunities after high school

“While having their child attend a four-year college remains the ideal for many families, 46 percent prefer other options. Even among parents who hope their child will earn a bachelor’s degree, at least 40 percent are interested in career-related learning opportunities such as internships or apprenticeships. Forty-two percent say that trade or technical skills training provides excellent preparation for a successful career, the highest rating of any option offered, followed by apprenticeships (40 percent) and a four-year college degree (34 percent).”

Carnegie Corporation of New York, “National Survey Reveals Disconnect between Parental Aspirations and Opportunities for Students after High School | Future of Learning & Work,” April 7, 2021, <https://www.carnegie.org/topics/topic-articles/future-learning-work/national-survey-reveals-disconnect-between-parental-aspirations-and-opportunities-students-after-high-school> (retrieved September 8, 2021).



Audio

“Amazon is investing heavily in a new live audio feature. Music, audiobook, and podcast services are expected to reach \$10 billion in revenue, up 19 percent over last year, according to the Consumer Technology Association. Audiobooks are the fastest-growing sector within the book publishing industry, according to The Association of American Publishers.”

Sara Fischer, “Axios Media Trends,” August 31, 2021, <https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-media-trends-356752ce-7cb8-4232-ac87-cc5a1071d696.html> (retrieved September 8, 2021).



Postbaccalaureate enrollment

“Forty-three percent of 2007–08 bachelor’s degree recipients had completed another degree or certificate program as of 2018. Most who went on to obtain additional postsecondary credentials after 2007–08 had earned a master’s degree by 2018 (27 percent of all students). Additionally, 6 percent of all students completed an undergraduate certificate, associate’s degree, or additional bachelor’s degree; 5 percent completed a professional or other doctoral degree; 4 percent completed a post-bachelor’s or post-master’s certificate; and 2 percent completed an academic doctoral degree.”

Melissa Cominole, Erin Thomsen, Mihaela Henderson, Erin Dunlop Velez, and Jennifer Cooney, “Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B:08/18): First Look at the 2018 Employment and Educational Experiences of 2007–08 College Graduates (NCES 2021-241),” U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics, <https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2021241> (retrieved September 8, 2021).



Ethnic studies increases student engagement and high school graduation

New research shows that enrolling 9th graders who are struggling academically in an ethnic studies course greatly improves attendance and the likelihood those students will graduate from high school and enroll in college.

Sade Bonilla, Thomas S. Dee, and Emily K. Penner, “Ethnic Studies Increases Longer-Run Academic Engagement and Attainment,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118, no. 37 (September 14, 2021), <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2026386118> (retrieved September 8, 2021).



Partisan divides in media trust

“Nearly eight-in-ten Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents (78 percent) say they have “a lot” or “some” trust in the information that comes from national news organizations—43 percentage points higher than Republicans and Republican leaners (35 percent)—according to a new Pew Research Center survey conducted June 14-27, 2021. Overall, about six-in-ten U.S. adults (58 percent) say they have at least some trust in the information that comes from national news organizations. Americans tend to have greater trust in local news organizations.”

Jeffrey Gottfried and Jacob Liedke, “Partisan Divides in Media Trust Widen, Driven by a Decline among Republicans,” *Pew Research Center* (blog), August 30, 2021, <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/08/30/partisan-divides-in-media-trust-widen-driven-by-a-decline-among-republicans> (retrieved September 8, 2021).

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