

Overview Fact Sheet

Terra Community College plays a significant role in the local economy and is a sound investment from multiple perspectives. Students benefit from improved lifestyles and increased earnings. Taxpayers benefit from a larger economy and lower social costs. Finally, the community as a whole benefits from increased job and investment opportunities, higher business revenues, greater availability of public funds, and an eased tax burden.

TCC Helps State & Local Economy

- The TCC Service Area economy receives roughly **\$9.6 million** in regional income annually due to TCC operations and capital spending.

The regional economy is \$196.5 million stronger due to TCC.

- TCC activities encourage new business, assist existing business, and create long-term economic growth. The college enhances worker skills and provides training opportunities to local business and industry. It is estimated that the TCC Service Area workforce embodies about **643,000** credit hours of past and present TCC training.
- TCC skills embodied in the regional workforce where former students are employed increase local income by **\$161.5 million**. Associated indirect effects increase income by another **\$25.4 million**.
- Altogether, the TCC Service Area economy annually receives roughly **\$196.5 million** in income due to past and present efforts of TCC.

TCC Leverages Taxpayer Dollars

- The state and local community will see avoided social costs amounting to **\$15** per year for every credit earned by TCC students, including savings associated with improved health, lower crime costs, and reduced welfare and unemployment. This translates to **\$598,200** in avoided costs to the State of Ohio each year as long as students are in the workforce.
- Students benefit from higher earnings, thereby expanding the tax base and reducing the tax burden on state taxpayers. When aggregated together, TCC students generate about **\$6.8 million** annually in higher earnings due to their TCC education.

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- TCC yields a return on government investment. State government allocated around **\$7.8 million** in support of TCC credit student activities in fiscal year 2007. For every **\$1** of this support, taxpayers see a cumulative return of **\$2.60** over the course of students' working careers (in the form of higher tax receipts and avoided social costs).
- State government see a rate of return of **10%** on their support for TCC. This return compares very favorably with private sector rates of return on similar long-term investments.

TCC Helps Students Earn More

- A total of **3,142** credit students attended the college in AY 2007. About 75% of these students stay in the region initially after they leave college, contributing to the local economy.

Students see their annual income increase by \$166 per year for every credit completed at TCC.

- Education increases lifetime income. The average annual income of a student with a one-year certificate are **\$29,800**, or **82%** more than someone without a high school diploma or GED, and **16%** more than a student with a high school diploma. The average income of someone with an associate's degree are **\$35,300**, or **115%** more than someone without a high school diploma or GED, and **38%** more than a student with a high school diploma or GED.
- TCC students enjoy an average annual income increase of **\$166** for every credit completed.
- Throughout his or her working career, the average TCC student's discounted lifetime income (i.e., future values expressed in present value terms) increases by **\$7.60** for every **\$1** invested (tuition, fees, books, and wages given up to attend).
- Students enjoy an attractive **21%** rate of return on their TCC educational investment, recovering all costs (including wages foregone) in 7 years.