

Report: Pa. workers don't have skills, education to fill jobs

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Even though 75 percent of Pennsylvania's future jobs will require post-secondary education, less than half of the state's workforce has the skills and education to fill the positions, according to a report today released by Harrisburg-based [PA Partnerships For Children](#) (PPC).

Part of the problem is the expense of Pennsylvania's colleges, according to the report titled ["The High Cost Of Education."](#) College costs in the state are the sixth highest in the U.S. Even after financial aid and student loans are figured in, on average it takes 29 percent of a family's income to send a student to community college, according to the report.

As of 2007, 71 percent of college graduates in the commonwealth incurred an average debt of about \$24,000. College costs increased 439 percent from 1984 to 2006, according to PPC.

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