

## By 2020, Texas Risks Not Having an Educated Workforce

Sixty-five percent of Texas jobs will require postsecondary education of some kind by 2020, yet only 39 percent of Texans are expected to have a degree or certificate by that time.

Only 22 percent of Texas 8th graders in 2007 obtained a postsecondary credential (degree or certificate) six years after leaving high school.<sup>1</sup> Unless we change our trajectory, by 2020 the state risks not having a well-educated workforce.

Texas must make investments in education to meet our workforce needs. As a result of diminished per student spending in the past decade, our K-12 schools and universities are expected to perform better with lower state investment.

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<sup>1</sup> CPPP (2017, March 21). College Affordability: The State is Failing Students and Families. [http://forabettertexas.org/images/E0\\_2017\\_CollegeAffordability\\_March.pdf](http://forabettertexas.org/images/E0_2017_CollegeAffordability_March.pdf)