

# The Power of *Plyler* in Indiana

The guarantee of equal access to public K-12 education for *all* children enshrined in *Plyler v. Doe* has grown Indiana's economy, strengthened its workforce, and advanced public health. FWD.us estimates that Indiana's combined past and future GDP is \$34 billion more over the lifetimes of adult beneficiaries of *Plyler* because they had equal access to K-12 education. Indiana also gained over 18,000 workers requiring at least a high school diploma and saved \$300 million in public health costs.

**Current Number of  
ADULTS Who Benefited  
from *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

**30,000**

**Current Number of  
CHILDREN Benefiting  
from *Plyler***

(In School 2023)

**17,000**

## *Fiscal Impact*

**Net Fiscal GAIN**

(Income Tax Revenue over Lifetime minus Cost to Educate)

**+\$8 Billion**

## *Economic Impact*

**Total Past and Future Economic GAINS from Adult  
Beneficiaries of *Plyler* over Their Lifetimes**

(In School 1982–2022)

**+\$34 Billion**

**Future Economic LOSSES without *Plyler* for  
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

**-\$7 Billion**

## *Workforce Impact*

**Past Workforce GAINS from Adult Beneficiaries  
of *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

**+3,500 Workers in Occupations  
Requiring Some College Education  
+14,600 Workers in Occupations  
Requiring a High School Diploma**

**Future Occupational LOSSES without *Plyler* for  
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

**-1,800 Workers in Occupations Requiring  
Some College Education**

**Top Three Jobs Requiring At Least a High School Diploma:**

Marketing Managers, Property Managers, Mathematical Scientists

**Top Three Industries Requiring Workers with at Least a High School Diploma:**

Colleges & Universities, Real Estate, Offices of Dentists

## *Health Impact*

**Past Healthcare SAVINGS from Adult Beneficiaries  
of *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

**+\$300 Million**

**Future Healthcare COSTS without *Plyler* for  
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

**-\$200 Million**