

## INTRODUCTION

Since The Excel Center® opened in 2010, database research continues to illustrate proof of impact. This report combines independent, verified data from the Center for Evaluation & Education Policy (CEEP), Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The combined data from these sources was used to create a profile of The Excel Center students while highlighting pertinent performance metrics and outcomes for graduates of the school.

## OVERVIEW OF THE EXCEL CENTER

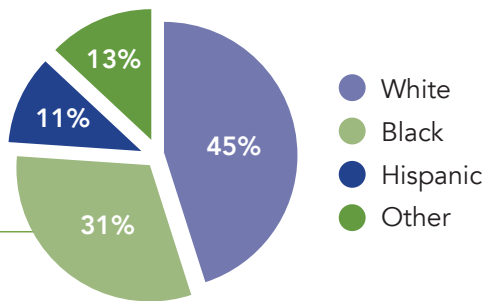
The Excel Center is a free public charter school that provides adults the opportunity to earn an Indiana Core 40 high school diploma and begin post-secondary education. In addition to a high school diploma, students may earn industry-recognized certifications and dual (college) credits towards an undergraduate degree at no cost to them.

The Excel Center is operated by Goodwill Education Initiatives, the not-for-profit created by Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. The Excel Center opened in 2010 with one site in Indianapolis. Now operating 11 sites in central and southern Indiana, The Excel Center has experienced incredible success with measurable impact in the community.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 2010–JANUARY 2017

**2,392**  
GRADUATES



**3,589**

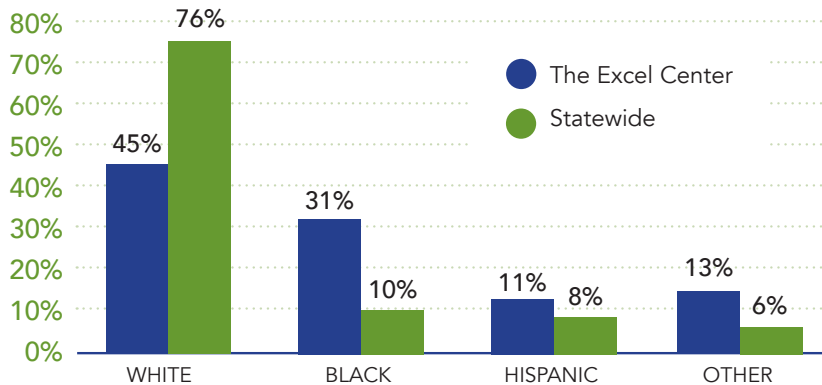
industry-recognized certificates or credentials earned by graduates

**5,238**

dual (college) credits earned by students at The Excel Center

## GRADUATE DEMOGRAPHICS

Graduates from The Excel Center represent a diverse population from school campuses in seven cities throughout central and southern Indiana. The chart below demonstrates data collected from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).



## POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT STATUS

38% of The Excel Center graduates have enrolled in post-secondary education, and 76% have a two-year persistency rate (National Student Data Clearinghouse).

## COLLECTIVE STATUS

In a self-reported survey, 80% of The Excel Center graduates who participated listed to be either employed or enrolled in college one year after graduation.

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE STATUS

Table 1 below includes preliminary public assistance savings data for The Excel Center graduates. Using aggregate data from DWD and CEEP, the eligibility change and annual per capita are listed below along with a calculation of the combined total impact of all The Excel Center graduates as of March 2017.

Table 1. Estimated Fiscal Effects of The Excel Center

	ELIGIBILITY CHANGE	PER CAPITA SAVINGS (ANNUAL)	TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS (ALL GRADUATES OF THE EXCEL CENTER)
HEALTHY INDIANA PLAN	-11.66%	\$504.83	\$1,207,553
SNAP	-11.70%	\$61.89	\$148,041
EITC (STATE)	-25%	\$64.67	\$154,691
EITC (FEDERAL)	-25%	\$162.21	\$388,006
<b>TOTAL IMPACT</b>		<b>\$793.60</b>	<b>\$1,898,291</b>

**70%**  
of The Excel Center graduates are employed and have a 50% wage increase six months after graduation.

## ANNUALIZED WAGE

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS.** Employment data was independently collected from DWD and analyzed by CEEP for the purpose of illustrating the employment and wage effect The Excel Center has on its students. Nearly 70% of The Excel Center graduates are employed in their first 6 months after exiting the school with a wage increase of 50%. However, these numbers may be depressed since post-secondary enrollment is not factored into these calculations.

Table 2 illustrates the average annualized wage impact an Excel Center student receives as a result of graduating from the school based on March 2017 findings from CEEP.

Table 2. Average Annualized Wage Increase<sup>1</sup>

	AVERAGE ANNUALIZED WAGE INCREASE CEEP STUDY	TOTAL BENEFIT (INCREASE IN JOB PROSPECTS AND WAGE GROWTH) CEEP STUDY
GRADUATES	\$4,549	\$9,828*
Note: <sup>1</sup> Aggregate data is used for calculations. All calculations will be revised after obtaining individual level data from Indiana Department of Workforce. *Census data for Indiana is used for calculations.		

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**POST-SECONDARY STATUS.** Post-secondary data was collected and shared from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and provided to Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana. The data from NSC focuses on post-secondary enrollment and college persistence. The results show that 38% of graduates are enrolled in post-secondary education, and 76% have a two-year persistency rate.

**GRADUATES AND COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS.** College and Career Readiness and graduate data was collected and reported from the IDOE and DWD for the purposes of this report.

- 96% of The Excel Center graduates earned an industry certification and/or dual credit during the 2015-16 school year.
- Since 2010, Excel Center graduates earned an average of 1.5 industry certifications and 2.2 dual credits while enrolled.

**FAMILY IMPACT.** The Excel Center has collected self-reported survey data from the school's graduates. This survey collects a wide range of personal and professional data from graduates. One survey question in particular collects information on the impact that a parent graduating from The Excel Center has on that parent's child(ren)'s academic performance:

- 73% of Excel Center graduates report an improvement on their child(ren)'s academics after graduating from The Excel Center.

## SUMMARY

The Excel Center continues to use student and graduate data to prove outcomes and results in addition to enhancing the school model and implementing strategies that will best support adults and their families.

The data utilized in this report came from the following sources\*:

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Center for Evaluation & Education Policy

COLLEGE STATUS: The National Student Clearinghouse, Indiana Department of Education

GRADUATES AND COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

GRADUATE DEMOGRAPHICS: Indiana Department of Education

COLLECTIVE STATUS & FAMILY IMPACT: Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana, self-reported student survey data

\*This research report includes information that is representative of The Excel Center locations in the Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana territory only.

