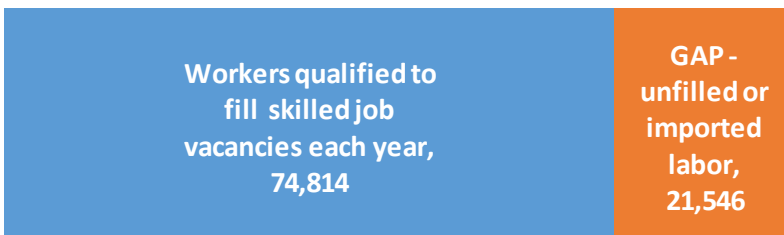


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A Strong Economy

Washington's Future in Jeopardy

Our economy requires that 80% of workers obtain post-high school education of some kind. This leads to large gaps in supply of qualified workers. Research shows high quality pre-k improves graduation rates, college attendance, and the 'soft skills' that employers value.

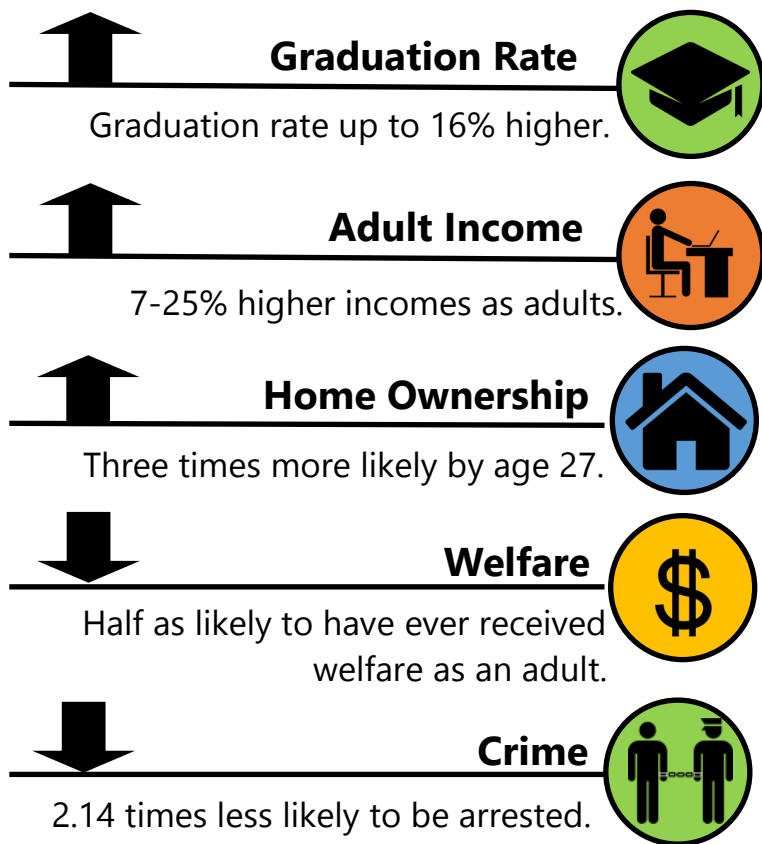


Of the 96K annual vacancies requiring more than high school diploma, one in five can't be filled by home-grown Washingtonians.

The Need for Expansion

- ✓ Washington has one of the most respected and high quality pre-k programs in the US, but we are **#32 in access for 4 year olds**.
- ✓ **70% of Washington children** in low income homes **don't get any pre-k**. Less than half of eligible children are unserved by ECEAP.
- ✓ Only **31% of low income children are fully ready** for kindergarten.
- ✓ 2014 study shows **ECEAP compares to the best Pre-k in the US** – it gets kids ready and it lasts.

Pre-K Economic Benefits



2017-19 ECEAP Expansion

High Quality Pre-K is Washington's best strategy for better school and life outcomes. To ensure our children aren't left behind, we need 3 things this year:

- ◆ Funding for **2708 new children** in full & extended day classrooms
- ◆ **16.7% increase in the per-child rate** so programs can recruit and retain staff and meet high quality standards
- ◆ **\$26 million for a facilities bond fund** to enable programs to expand and reach more children.

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