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Updated Degree Cost and Earnings Available at Kansas DegreeStats

(Topeka, Kansas) - First launched last year with the passage of 2016 HB 2622 (K.S.A. 74-32,303), "Kansas DegreeStats" (www.ksdegreestats.org) is an interactive online tool which reviews cost and earnings data from real graduates for each undergraduate degree program offered at a public university or college in Kansas. A unique resource for prospective students, Kansas DegreeStats has now been updated with new data and expanded to include each undergraduate degree program offered at one of the twenty-six public colleges located across the state, along with employment data for graduates working in both Kansas and Missouri.

While there are several other states which publish earnings data, there is no other state which provides data on the actual costs experienced by graduates, and no other resource available which combines detailed degree-level cost and earnings data in one place. Kansas DegreeStats also allows for side-by-side comparison of up to three degrees, whereby a perspective student can compare cost and earnings data between multiple degrees at the same institution, or between the same degree program at multiple institutions.

Updated with cost data from 2015 and 2016 graduates, the tool now includes data on more than 1,100 undergraduate degrees and reports on the typical Resident Tuition, Fees, Room and Board, and Books and Supplies costs for each degree program, the typical length of time students took to complete each degree program, and the funding sources which contributed to this investment – including Scholarships and Grants received, Loans, and the Personal Investment made by those who graduated from the program.

Through partnerships with the state labor agency in both Kansas and Missouri, combined (Kansas plus Missouri) Wage Information about a program's graduates is also reported for each undergraduate degree program in Kansas, both upon entry into the regional workforce and after five years of employment. Over thirty percent of undergraduate degree programs report graduates making more than \$34,000 upon entry in the workforce, with a dozen degree programs reporting graduates making more than \$60,000 upon entry. More than half (52%) of all undergraduate degree programs with wage information listed report graduates earn more than the state average wage (\$42,020) after just five years.

Information about "How to Use This Site" has also been made available as part of this interactive tool, along with technical notes and additional information about each data point (published under "About"). Kansas DegreeStats has been built to enable and facilitate sharing: search results can be downloaded and saved, each DegreeStats page has a unique URL address so it can be copied and shared, and the DegreeStats of each undergraduate program can be printed as a single print page.

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