

## Florida College System graduates earn competitive wages

Overall Florida College System (FCS) graduates earn competitive wages as evidenced by a comparison to Florida's median and average wages. On average, 2010-11 FCS graduates earned \$36,025 in the year after graduation. Generally, these graduates are entry-level workers. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2011, Florida's annual median wage was \$30,763 and the average wage for all workers was \$40,750. The median reflects the middle earnings of all wage earners. The average is the arithmetic mean.

Generally, FCS graduates with higher levels of education and training earn higher wages. For example, Advanced Technical Certificate (\$49,422), Bachelor's (\$46,186) and Associate in Science (\$44,095) degree holders all earned above the \$41,932 high skills\high wage earnings thresholds established in Florida. Students should research and choose their program of study wisely since student major selection is closely linked to earnings (see [Smart College Choices](#) for details). The Florida College System offers a wide selection of degrees and job training that are affordable and lead to careers with rising incomes.

*Source: [What are the overall employment, earnings and continuing education outcomes for Florida College System graduates? How can Smart College Choices contribute additional information by major?](#) Florida College System Research & Analytics.*

