Workforce Outcomes and Career Information

How Illinois Career Resource and Labor Market tools help education & training institutions add value to program completion.
Illinois Career Information System Tools

**CIS Job Seeker** (Recommended for career explorers and career changers)

CIS Job Seeker is for the worker preparing for a career change or who wants to get back into the workforce after a layoff or retirement. It features job search resources, retraining options, and offers career planning guidance. Use Jobseeker Success Mindset Training to help overcome barriers to reemployment and find your new career direction (found in the Employment tab).

**CIS** (Recommended for high school students, college students, and adults)

Learn about occupations, higher education requirements, financial aid and employment options. Create a personal "My CIS portfolio" to organize your career research and objectives, and save assessment results and resumes. Use Reality Check, a budgeting tool that helps everyone, regardless of age, make the connection between what you want in life and what it will take to get there.

**CIS Junior** (Recommended for middle and junior high school students, grades 5-8)

Peek into the world of work. Take the Career Cluster Inventory, a fun survey that matches your interests to hundreds of occupations like scientist, video game designer, and professional athlete. Explore questions like: What are my strengths, interests, and talents? How do I make decisions and plans? How do my school and community activities help me reach my goals?

**CIS Plus** (Recommended for school counselors)

For a low annual fee a school can access a variety of college and career preparatory tests to help all students succeed. Available options include: realistic, timed ACT and SAT practice tests (powered by Peterson’s, a Nelnet company); civil service practice exams; the IDEAS Interest inventory.

Find us at [http://ilcis.intocareers.org](http://ilcis.intocareers.org)
Plan Your Future

Workforce and career information help jobseekers, students, parents, counselors, educators, and business leaders to make informed career and education decisions. Most jobs in Illinois require at least a high school diploma or equivalent. Employers also stress that "soft skills," such as positive attitude and reliability, are as important as technical and computer skills when they look for job candidates.

The economic impacts of high school dropouts are astounding. Research shows that:

- High school dropouts account for half of the households on welfare and over 60% of the population incarcerated in state and federal prisons.
- Persons without a high school education or equivalent are twice as likely to be unemployed and earn over $8,700 less per year than high school graduates.

Use the information in this brochure to explore the facts on employment opportunities that you can use to plan for your future. Visit the Illinois Career Information System (CIS) at http://il.rintocareers.org for even more information. Workforce and career information will enable you to make informed career, education and training decisions.

Jobs That Require Higher Education Are Growing Faster Than Those That Require Less Education

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Average Annual Income Rises with Education

Unemployment Rate Drops with Education

Where can I find more information?
The Illinois Department of Employment Security offers a wealth of information concerning the Illinois labor market. Visit http://www.ides.illinois.gov/careers to find out more about:

- Career Planning: des.crm@illinois.gov
- Labor Market Information: des.lmi@illinois.gov
- Workforce Information: des.workinfo@illinois.gov

For assistance with employment and training issues, contact your local Illinois Employment and Training Center. Call 1-888-367-4362 to find the location nearest you.

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Let’s Meet Dave

- **Reality Check** helps you make the connection between what you want in life and what it will take to get there.
- Use **Reality Check** to find out how much money you will need to earn in order to cover your expenses – such as housing, food, clothes, transportation, and entertainment.