# Leveraging Ohio's Data to Strengthen Education and Workforce Pathways

People need data to guide decisionmaking, inform choices about career pathways, and effectively target investments. Ohio has laid the foundation for a robust statewide data system with the potential to address long-standing barriers to data access and enable new insights, while protecting individual privacy.

## Ohio has the opportunity to innovate on a strong foundation.

Leaders and policymakers have made progress in integrating education, healthcare, workforce, and other data to develop innovative policy solutions for complex problems. With continued investment, state leaders can expand and streamline the data connections they need to support research and data-driven policymaking.

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## Leaders can maximize the value of this investment by expanding local access to meaningful data.

Local and regional users need connected data to support individuals as they navigate their pathways and inform decisionmaking about local needs. If state leaders take action to power local access to data, data users at every level can more effectively work together to expand access to education and economic opportunities for all Ohioans.

**POSSIBLE FUTURE SCENARIOS**

*Are my students getting skills and credentials that are aligned to in-demand jobs?*

*How can we create opportunities for people closer to home?*

*What are the primary barriers to successful student postsecondary transitions and what are some promising interventions?*

*What training programs will most effectively and affordably prepare Grace to become a nurse?*

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR

Community college administrators need data to see if their programs are successfully preparing students to enter their chosen fields.

### LOCAL LEADER

Local leaders need data to understand economic trends and adjust education and workforce policies to meet regional needs.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER RESEARCHER

Researchers in Education Service Centers (ESCs) need data to compare outcomes across similar districts, identify effective supports, and share best practices with leaders and practitioners.

### CAREER COUNSELOR

Career counselors can use data to help students evaluate their options after high school and identify the skills and credentials they will need to achieve their education and workforce goals.