

National Study Finds High Schoolers Keenly Aware of Current In-Demand Jobs, Impacting Education Choices After Graduation

Today's high schoolers are keenly aware of the impact the pandemic had on the job market and are evaluating their options as they forge their path to a career. The latest findings from [ECMC Group's Question The Quo Education Pulse survey](#), conducted in January 2022, illustrate that high schoolers are not only aware of worker shortages, but are also changing their education and career paths to meet demand. According to the survey, three quarters of teens have heard about worker shortages and, as a result, more than one-third are considering changing their education or career path to pursue an in-demand field. In addition, half of teens are no longer considering four-year college, and many believe they can be successful with a credential earned in three years or less. However, less than half of high school students feel prepared for education after high school, and nearly all of them feel pressure to attend a four-year college despite being open to other options.

ECMC Group, a nonprofit focused on helping students succeed, has conducted five Question The Quo Education Pulse surveys, spanning from February 2020 to January 2022. The surveys are part of the [Question The Quo](#) campaign – a grassroots effort to empower learners to explore their many postsecondary education options and to follow the path that's right for them. To learn more and see the trends ECMC Group uncovered over the past two years, [download this report](#).