

More Info Needed for Skilled-Trades Career Seekers

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Students, counselors and parents surveyed shared their perceptions on skilled trades versus college and military career paths as part of the SCC study. Here are some of the findings:

76% of all respondents agree that a career in the skilled trades can lead to entrepreneurial success

Citing a lack of information about opportunities, only 15% of students surveyed were considering a technical/vocational school or apprenticeship post-high school

A majority of parents (80.3%), counselors (91.3%) and students (92%) surveyed agree that skilled-trade workers are as important as first responders and service members

69% of students said it is outdated to assume a four-year degree is the best pathway to success

80% of parents said they have the most influence on their child's decision making; but less than half (48.8%) admit they do not have enough information about starting the technical or vocational school process

84% of parents believe skilled trades provide a stable career path, less time in school, less debt and an overall better quality of life

More than half (53.9%) of counselors surveyed cite a lack of resources to help guide students who are interested in pursuing skilled trades or vocational programs

90% of counselors surveyed agree they need to share more information with students and parents about a skilled-career option

SOURCE:

[“SCC Skilled Trade Insight Research Study Q3 2024 Report” BSI](#)