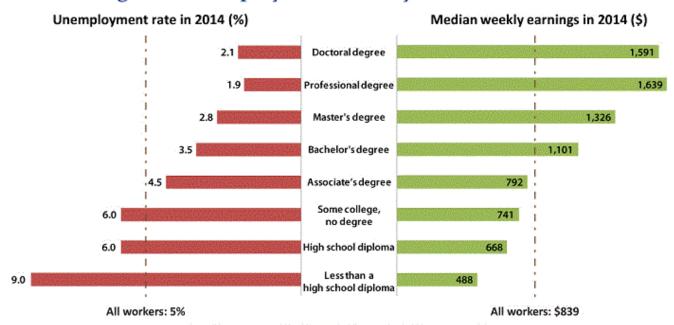
## What We Do Matters

As you go about your work at Lane Community College—studying, teaching, advising and supporting—take a moment to reflect that this work is important. As data from the U.S. Department of Labor show, education helps people and communities thrive. Community colleges like Lane are at the heart of this transformative work, offering accessible pathways to GED and high school diplomas, college coursework, associates degrees and transfer to baccalaureate studies and beyond.

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

According to an independent economic impact analysis, taxpayers earn 7.9% return on investment in Lane Community College, students receive \$9.20 in economic benefits for each dollar spent on a Lane education, and credits earned at Lane in the past 30 years contributed \$328.5 million in regional income due to higher earnings and business output. (Economic Modeling Specialists International, *The Economic Contribution of Lane Community College*, September 2012.)

What we do here matters. It matters a lot.