

Associates Degrees, Are They Better For The Youth of America? Kids are Learning Trades Over ‘Traditional’ College

According to [The Hechinger Report](#), “Mechanic and repair trade programs saw an enrollment increase of 11.5 percent from spring 2021 to 2022, Enrollment in construction trades courses increased by 19.3 percent. Hechinger Report states” Stating that the students would rather attend trade schools than go to a ‘traditional’ college or university.

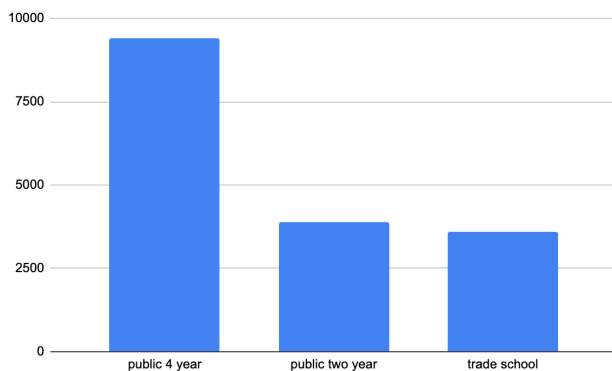
“Going into trade school will get me the job I want with way less debt than a traditional college” Hayden Friesen, a former Warren Tech Aircraft Maintenance programme student, and Dakota Ridge High School senior said.

“When we look at ‘essential workers,’ a lot of those trades never saw a slowdown,” Tennessee College of Applied Technology, president Nathan Garrett, told [AP News](#). “They still hired. They still have the need.”

Automotive trades are always in demand, he added. Adding that trade workers are always going to be in need is very important for, people will always need their car fixed or their airplanes to fly.

“I will go straight into the industry because mechanics are needed, there are jobs constantly waiting, and skilled workers are in such high demand,” Friesen said.

Many students who attend trade schools can pursue this path if they do not enjoy or learn as well in the ‘traditional’ classroom style. Trade schools offer hands-on training, faster education, and applicable skills. However there can be some disadvantages to attending a trade school such as limited career growth, limited financial aid, and less schools available for the trade that you may wish to pursue.



Cost differences between different schools.

Emily Friesen



Mechanics can make up to 80k out of trade school. Emily

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