

Evaluation of Pathways to Education



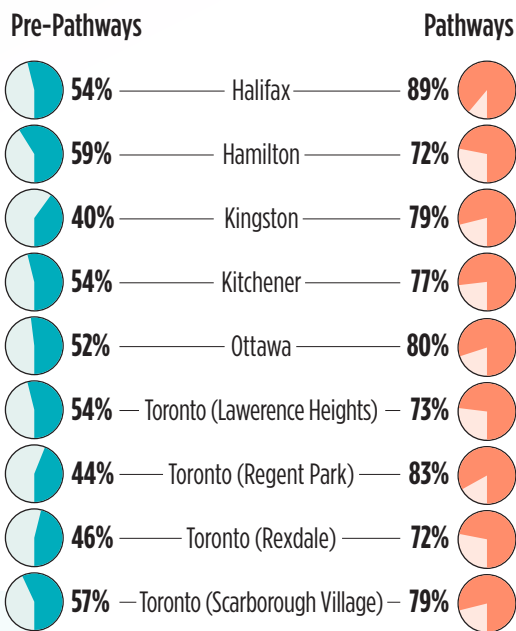
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Pathways to Education is a charitable organization working with at-risk youth in low-income communities to improve their educational outcomes.



KEY FINDINGS

Improved graduation rates across observed Pathways to Education sites.



Source: Pathways to Education 2017 Results Summary (www.pathwaystoeducation.ca/program-results)



LESSONS LEARNED

1. Targeted early interventions can positively affect vulnerable populations.
2. A key component of the success of the Pathways model is the flexibility to adapt to local needs and conditions.
3. Early interventions with vulnerable populations can generate long-term net benefits with a high social rate of return, not just for individuals, but also for governments.



AFTER 20.8 YEARS

- The discounted benefit to society is equal to the costs of the program

AFTER 22.5 YEARS

- Pathways to Education breaks even from a government perspective, with the discounted benefits of the program equalling the costs

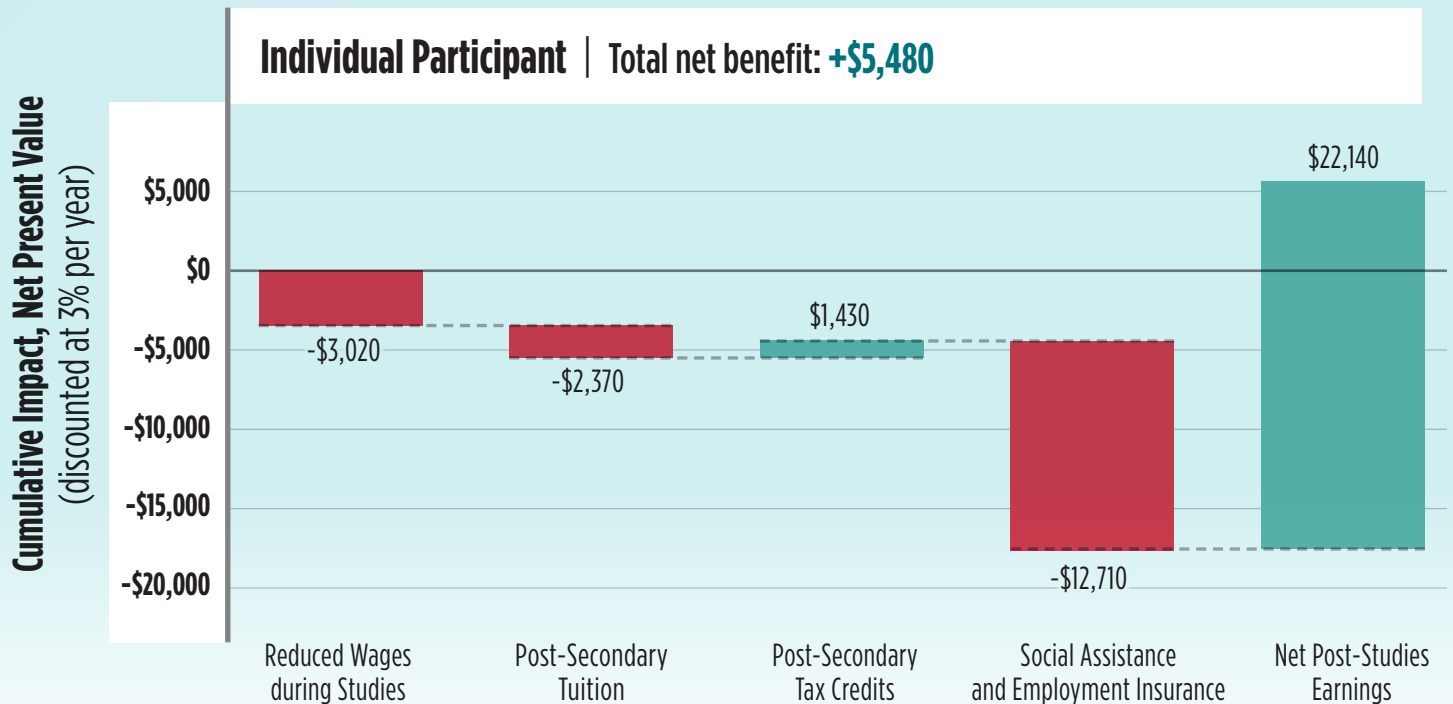
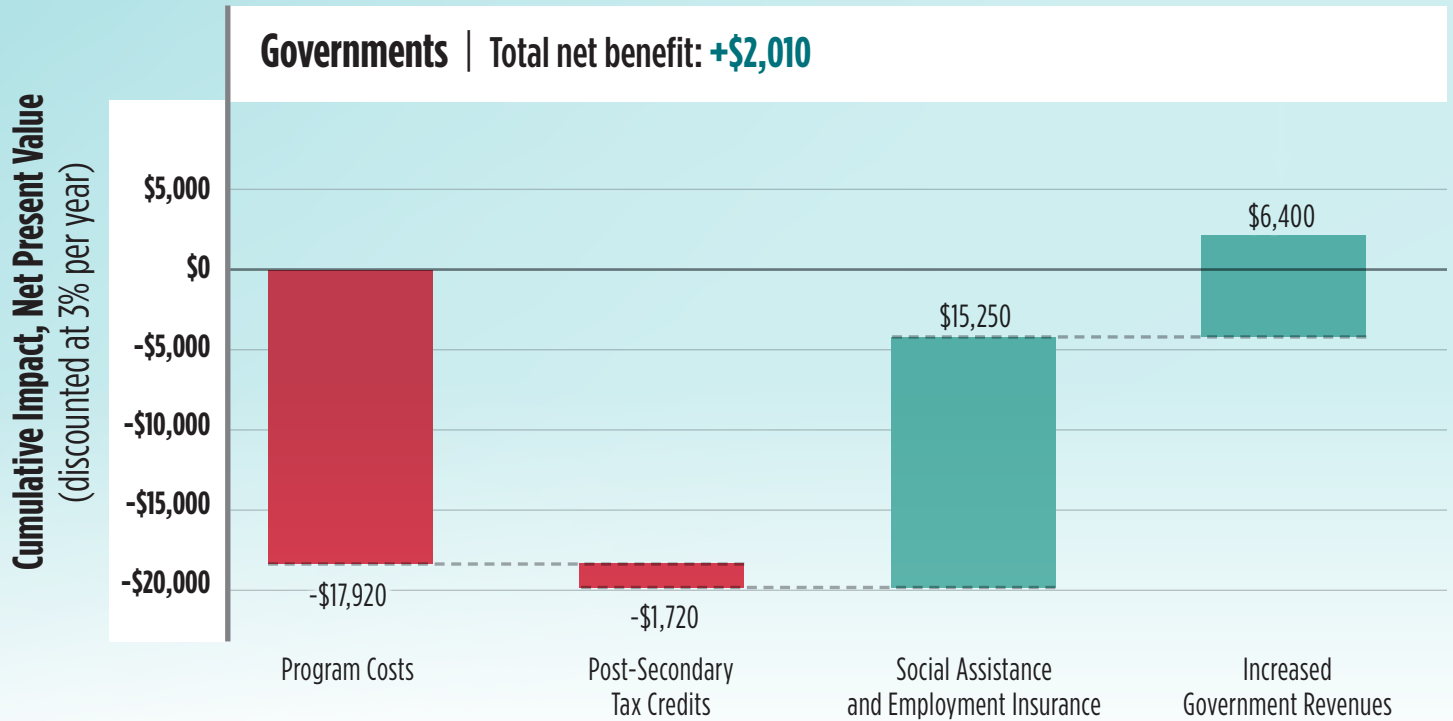
AFTER 25 YEARS

- The discounted benefit of a student participating in Pathways is \$7,490
- The social rate of return for a student's participation in Pathways is 50.1 percent

Note: Does not include other potential societal gains related to improved social outcomes, such as reduced health spending and intergenerational effects.



NET SOCIAL COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS 25 YEARS AFTER PARTICIPATION



* Components may not add up to reported total due to rounding.

Chart source: ESDC staff estimates based on results found in Lavecchia et al. (2018). "Long Term Impacts of the Pathways Education Program" for ESDC.

Evaluation reports are available at:

www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/reports/evaluations