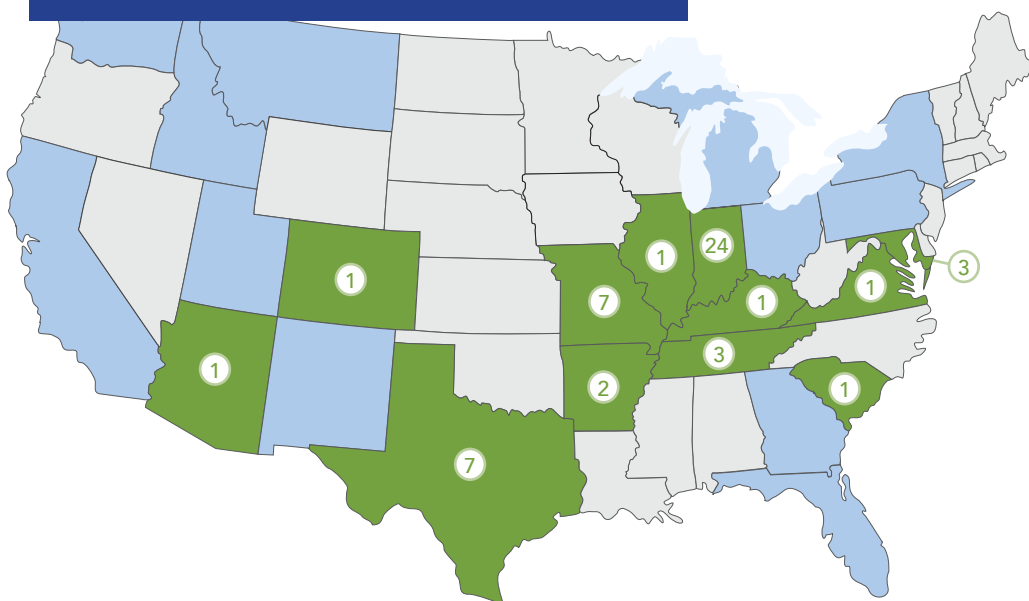


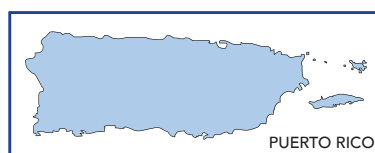
25-26 IMPACT REPORT



BY THE NUMBERS:



■ Open Excel Centers
■ Pursuing Excel Centers



The Excel Center® is Goodwill's high school model for adults that provides a second chance to earn a high school diploma and industry certification or dual college credit. Students at The Excel Center earn a state-recognized high school diploma through accelerated and flexible courses. Every student is supported by a dedicated life coach who ensures students have access to all the resources they need to be successful, while also providing motivation and guidance to achieve their goals. The Excel Center students graduate ready to start careers or go on to college.

"I'm very grateful. Grateful for the support system that I have, and the ability to have the resources to pursue my goals."

– Grace Stuteville,
Excel Center Graduate



since opening in 2010:

Number of graduates:

19,900+



Number of certifications earned:

16,000+

Number of dual college credits earned:

29,500+

Number of schools:

52

25-26 school year:

2,800+
graduates

84%
of graduates
earned industry
certifications or
dual college credit

2,000+ certifications earned

5,500+ dual credits earned



A core model element of The Excel Center is a fierce commitment to continuous improvement, which means engaging in rigorous studies.

Findings have consistently found that The Excel Center has a positive effect on graduates' employment.

Graduates of The Excel Center are more likely to work in industries that pay higher wages and offer opportunities for growth such as healthcare, construction, or education.

The marginal value of public funds, or "bang for the buck" of The Excel Center is \$60+ for every \$1 invested.

TIMELINE OF RESEARCH

2014 – Ball State University | Economic Impact Study

Key Finding: The Excel Center contributes heavily to state and federal public assistance savings

2017 – Indiana University | Center for Evaluation and Education Policy

Key Finding: 70% of graduates are employed and have a 50% wage increase 6 months after graduation

2021 – Notre Dame University | Laboratory for Economic Opportunity (LEO)

Key Finding: Excel Center Graduates outperform their peers in annual earnings by 38% five years after graduation

2025 – Notre Dame University | Laboratory for Economic Opportunity (LEO)

Key Finding: Graduates of The Excel Center are 49% less likely to be involved in the justice system

Ongoing Studies

Areas of Analysis: Randomized control trials on specialized coaching services for justice-involved students and tiered support during enrollment



Evidence research demonstrates that, "The Excel Center is a successful, cost-effective solution for individuals who have not completed high school."

– University of Notre Dame | Laboratory for Economic Opportunity

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