



Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of *Current Population Survey* (CPS) data, 2007-2016.

Note: Employment includes all workers age 18 and older. The monthly employment numbers are seasonally adjusted using the U.S. Census Bureau X-12 procedure and smoothed using a four-month moving average.

The study determined that Bachelor's degree holders gained the most jobs in the recovery. Based on the changing workforce and areas of economic growth, unless the state can increase the number of returning adults and first generation students who receive higher education degrees and are connected to businesses in areas of state need, the economy will be unable to grow.

One of the UW System's strategic goals is a Focus on the Education Pipeline with a roadmap that includes encouraging and providing support to keep people moving at all points of the pipeline.