

## Q27 Describe access to higher education and job training in Jefferson County.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Community college is extremely accessible and offers a wide variety of educational opportunities and certifications in multiple fields	6/24/2025 2:08 PM
2	Its prevalent	6/24/2025 12:02 PM
3	I think the resources are there if the people working with the kids and adults are trained in how to maximize learning for traumatized kids and adults.	6/24/2025 10:49 AM
4	There seem to be lots of resources for Birmingham students.	6/24/2025 10:19 AM
5	Community College Access Job Training & Workforce Programs High School & Youth Pathways Employer & Industry Collaboration	6/24/2025 10:10 AM
6	IDK	6/23/2025 8:12 PM
7	IDK	6/23/2025 3:36 PM
8	There are programs that offer the opportunity for young people to get education and job training either for free or at a deep discount.	6/23/2025 2:31 PM
9	Jc seems to be doing well in this department	6/23/2025 10:25 AM
10	N/A	6/23/2025 9:33 AM
11	Through the school system	6/23/2025 9:29 AM
12	Sufficient	6/23/2025 9:20 AM
13	Higher education is becoming more expensive and job trainings require more experience than people may have even if they are willing to learn.	6/23/2025 9:11 AM
14	I don't know	6/18/2025 9:55 AM
15	Current proposed federal changes will only exacerbate this issue. Those with economic disadvantages cannot afford education and training to break the cycle. If loans are secured they may find themselves heavily in debt. Some schools/systems do a better job than others helping teens learn about scholarships, grants, etc. For those who attempt training, college, transportation or lack of it can be a huge barrier	6/17/2025 7:43 PM
16	Most give during high school and Credit Recovery	6/16/2025 10:38 AM
17	I don't know	6/10/2025 1:52 PM
18	unknown	6/9/2025 2:21 PM
19	Access is only accessible to those who have a level of awareness that their are options. The poverty, the blemished communities and the unfair treatment of those who live in lack are consistent barriers. People grow up thinking that all they see around them is all their is and that feeds a dismal outlook/mentality and for some the desire to get rich quick, especially through illegal options.	6/8/2025 4:51 PM
20	There are many institutes for higher education and job training.	6/7/2025 9:07 AM
21	High school trade school co-op	6/6/2025 3:01 PM
22	N/A	6/6/2025 12:34 PM
23	I think it is limited.	6/6/2025 11:54 AM
24	N/a	6/6/2025 12:43 AM

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25	Lawson State	6/5/2025 5:48 PM
26	FREE COLLEGEORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER ON THE JOB TRAINING	6/5/2025 5:13 PM
27	It's poor - or rather, it exists but people can't afford it. Lack of childcare is another huge issue here - it's difficult to participate in these things when you have nowhere safe to send your kids.	6/5/2025 2:54 PM
28	unsure	6/5/2025 2:40 PM
29	Not sure	6/5/2025 2:30 PM
30	Not enough financial assistance to help teens that are wanting to pay for secondary education. Same as for job training. There needs to be more programs, more education regarding the programs, and easier access to the programs.	6/5/2025 2:12 PM
31	Good Community colleges	6/5/2025 1:25 PM
32	IDK	6/5/2025 11:27 AM
33	Unknown	6/5/2025 10:17 AM
34	education system addressing standardized testing does not prepare critical thinkers for employment	6/5/2025 9:59 AM
35	the community college system can be very helpful but most children are not aware of the resources and much of the population sees higher education as a waste of money and time	6/5/2025 9:57 AM
36	Schools are implementing more career ready pathways	6/5/2025 8:30 AM
37	There are several programs available while in school and for adults through programs like the Good Jobs Challenge and by contacting schools directly.	6/5/2025 8:24 AM
38	Career and Technical education classes offered at public schools	6/4/2025 8:52 PM
39	I don't know.	6/4/2025 12:37 PM
40	GED, WORK FORCE LABOR	6/4/2025 11:31 AM
41	less jobs/funding for education to be able to evolve from the poor living standards.	6/4/2025 9:30 AM
42	NA	6/4/2025 8:43 AM
43	I think there is plenty of access, but people don't know about it.	6/3/2025 11:40 AM
44	IDK	6/3/2025 9:47 AM
45	Access to higher education is challenging due to financial reasons as well as lack of preparedness.	6/2/2025 4:16 PM
46	Weak	6/2/2025 1:26 PM
47	IDK	6/2/2025 1:20 PM
48	Unless the underprivileged do not get scholarships they usually don't go	6/2/2025 1:17 PM
49	Limited	6/2/2025 10:21 AM
50	It's available	6/2/2025 10:17 AM
51	Limited	6/2/2025 9:32 AM
52	It's available	6/2/2025 8:39 AM
53	some may be under the impression that it costs too much. Transportation and lack of wifi affordability may hinder access.	6/1/2025 11:38 PM
54	Idk	5/30/2025 10:03 AM
55	IDK	5/30/2025 4:59 AM
56	IDK, non-specific question	5/29/2025 9:24 PM
57	Sufficient	5/29/2025 12:50 PM

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58	LIMITED	5/29/2025 12:09 PM
59	idk	5/29/2025 11:53 AM
60	IDK	5/28/2025 4:24 PM
61	Idk	5/28/2025 4:00 PM
62	Unsure.	5/28/2025 3:54 PM
63	Its available but not always affordable	5/28/2025 3:46 PM
64	JeffCo has a number of community colleges	5/28/2025 2:57 PM
65	Again, drugs contribute to lack of motivation to pursue these things. There are several opportunities to get CDLs, CNP, and other trainings that they are not interested in unless court ordered.	5/28/2025 2:56 PM
66	There is very little offered. I do not know of any programs.	5/28/2025 2:35 PM
67	Unsure	5/28/2025 2:17 PM
68	NA	5/28/2025 1:40 PM
69	It's fair	5/27/2025 8:35 PM
70	It is getting better. More schools are offering options to high school students. But parents and students dont always know to ask about these opportunities.	5/27/2025 3:49 PM
71	There are options students don't know about or pursue	5/27/2025 1:38 PM
72	STRIVE Birmingham & Central Six (Alabama Works) Goodwill Jobs	5/27/2025 8:42 AM
73	Income based	5/24/2025 1:16 PM
74	The access to higher learning is readily available thru in person and online	5/23/2025 6:27 PM
75	Within the locals public schools CTE programs	5/23/2025 1:54 PM
76	Seems readily available at several agencies, universities, etc.	5/23/2025 12:42 PM
77	community college, high school programs have increased for trades and preparing students to begin work at graduation	5/23/2025 11:48 AM
78	I have found lots of workforce training and job training targeted to all types of ages and demographics while working in Jefferson County. Colleges seem to be focusing on specific programs for nontraditional/older/working students.	5/23/2025 10:50 AM
79	It is limited but the state is trying but it is piecemeal and several children are not exposed to the opportunities.	5/23/2025 10:18 AM
80	Good	5/22/2025 6:51 PM
81	Students with disABILITIES have access to the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation for higher education and job training.	5/22/2025 6:15 PM
82	For the well-resourced, both are accessible.	5/22/2025 4:44 PM
83	weak	5/22/2025 3:48 PM
84	There are great programs such as the Dannon Project. Barriers may be childcare, transportation, current work schedules, etc.	5/22/2025 3:43 PM
85	Yes. Youthbuild organization	5/22/2025 1:41 PM
86	Jefferson County, Alabama, offers a diverse array of higher education institutions and job training programs. For example, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Samford University, Lawson State Community College, Jefferson State Community College and University of Montevallo.	5/22/2025 11:42 AM
87	IDK	5/22/2025 11:26 AM
88	IDK	5/22/2025 11:11 AM

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89	There are several resources trade schools jobs online you have lost and state in Jeff state that offer free classes.	5/22/2025 10:26 AM
90	Limited access	5/22/2025 10:25 AM
91	Access with Scholarships and even FASFA applications. however only certain people qualify . Also if your student does not attend school for the job training that is offered at the High school level then they will not receive it. Parental encouragement and accountability is a must.	5/22/2025 10:11 AM
92	Idk	5/22/2025 10:07 AM
93	It seems there are adequate programs, but they don't seem to be connected in any meaningful way.	5/22/2025 9:41 AM
94	Access to higher education and job training is decreasing because of a lack of business who are willing to open their doors to those in need of this training.	5/22/2025 9:40 AM
95	Sources are there but not often made aware to the student Need more sources	5/22/2025 9:32 AM
96	I don't know	5/22/2025 9:26 AM
97	Need more options for obtaining you GED,WITH CHILD CARE.	5/22/2025 9:23 AM
98	unsure	5/22/2025 8:56 AM
99	Poverty is still the number one issue with access to higher education. We are seeing some improvement with community involvement in Jefferson County.	5/22/2025 8:50 AM
100	I do not know	5/22/2025 8:24 AM
101	Idk	5/22/2025 8:21 AM
102	The availability is declining	5/22/2025 8:18 AM
103	IDK	5/21/2025 10:39 AM
104	High School Counselors provide access to next steps after high school	5/20/2025 1:52 PM
105	IDK	5/20/2025 10:05 AM
106	I don't know	5/20/2025 10:04 AM
107	I don't know	5/20/2025 9:03 AM
108	IDK	5/20/2025 4:20 AM
109	Access very limited for under-resourced schools/districts outside of Birmingham City	5/19/2025 4:53 PM
110	IDK	5/19/2025 3:58 PM
111	IDK	5/19/2025 1:32 PM
112	The apprenticeship model and workforce development in our state is amazing and not as widely known.	5/19/2025 12:53 PM
113	Limited	5/19/2025 11:53 AM
114	Fragmented	5/19/2025 10:50 AM
115	IDK	5/19/2025 10:40 AM
116	Funding is an issue for many families	5/19/2025 10:35 AM
117	Jefferson County has ample access to these services for those who qualify or are interested.	5/19/2025 10:15 AM
118	There are opportunities available for those who are motivated but there could be better support in schools for alternatives to college.	5/19/2025 10:13 AM
119	IDK	5/19/2025 10:13 AM
120	accessible to those with money and privilege	5/19/2025 9:58 AM
121	Kids out of high school have options. If an older adult wants to get back into higher education or job training - not many opportunities. Training and education does not necessarily lead to	5/19/2025 9:21 AM

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	jobs.	
122	I am not sure.	5/19/2025 9:16 AM
123	Great access	5/19/2025 9:08 AM
124	community colleges have lots of program,	5/19/2025 9:03 AM
125	There are programs and opportunities available, but parents may not know where to find or how to access resources.	5/19/2025 8:51 AM
126	Birmingham Promise is an exciting new model for access to higher education	5/19/2025 8:50 AM