

INTRODUCTION

A year and a half past launch of the Learn & Work Ecosystem Library (December 1, 2022), a content analysis of the organizations, initiatives, and topics¹ reveals there are 621 of these artifacts in the collection (13% increase since January 14, 2024). Two components among the 12 components of the learn-and-work ecosystem (Chart 2) account for 905, or nearly one-third (31.3%) of the content: credentials & providers, and employers & workforce. This depicts how important these areas are within the ecosystem.

FIGURE 1: Artifacts on March 17, 2024



FIGURE 2: 12 Key Components of the Learn-and-Work Ecosystem



¹ Topics - important subjects or themes which define and describe the learn-and-work ecosystem. Initiatives - key projects working to improve the learn-and-work ecosystem. Organizations - alliances and intermediary organizations working to improve the learn-and-work ecosystem (some focus in 1-2 areas, others on many areas of the ecosystem)

The top four areas for content for all Components comprising the ecosystem:

- Credentials & Providers – 17.7%
- Employers & Workforce – 13.6%
- Alliances & Intermediaries – 12.8%
- Policy – 9.7%

The top four areas for content for Initiatives by components comprising the ecosystem are:

- Credentials & Providers – 18.3%
- Employers & Workforce – 13.5%
- Alliances & Intermediaries – 12.5%
- Data, Databases, Standards (Data Ecosystem) – 8.8%

The top four areas for content for Topics within components comprising the ecosystem:

- Credentials & Providers – 21.6%
- Employers & Workforce – 15.7%
- Policy – 10.8%
- Quality & Value – 10.2%

The top four areas for content by Organizations by components of the ecosystem are:

- Credentials & Providers – 17.7%
- Employers & Workforce – 13.6%
- Alliances & Intermediaries – 12.8%
- Policy – 9.9%

FIGURE 3: Artifacts in Library by Coding

| Topics, Initiatives & Organizations by Components ² | All | Topics | Initiatives | Organizations |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Alliances & Intermediaries | 371 – 12.8% | 13 – 3.8% | 145 – 12.5% | 371 – 12.8% |
| Career Navigation | 187 – 6.5% | 32 – 9.3% | 72 – 6.2% | 187 – 6.5% |
| Communications & Technology | 191 – 6.6% | 14 – 4.1% | 65 – 5.6% | 191 – 6.6% |
| Credentials & Providers | 511 – 17.7% | 74 – 21.6% | 212 – 18.3% | 511 – 17.7% |
| Data, Databases, Standards (Data Ecosystem) | 223 – 7.7% | 21 – 6.1% | 102 – 8.8% | 223 – 7.7% |
| Employers & Workforce | 394 – 13.6% | 54 – 15.7% | 156 – 13.5% | 394 – 13.6% |
| International Developments | 60 – 2.1% | 5 – 1.5% | 25 – 2.2% | 60 – 2.1% |
| Policy | 280 – 9.7% | 37 – 10.8% | 96 – 8.3% | 280 – 9.9% |
| Quality & Value | 172 – 5.9% | 35 – 10.2% | 172 – 5.9% | 172 – 5.9% |
| Research | 195 – 6.8% | 10 – 2.9% | 66 – 5.7% | 195 – 6.8% |
| Transparency | 155 – 5.4% | 23 – 6.7% | 73 – 6.3% | 155 – 5.4% |
| Verifications / Recordkeeping | 152 – 5.3% | 25 – 7.3% | 72 – 6.2% | 152 – 5.3% |
| Total | 2,891 | 343 | 1,156 | 2,891 |

² Types of content may be coded in more than one area, resulting in different totals for components.