



Arizona
Department of
Education
Adult Education
Services

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Adult Education
delivers literacy
services to
out-of-school adults
who are
16 years of age and
older and who are
not enrolled in
K-12 school.

According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,* people who have a high school diploma will earn, on average, **\$9,412 MORE per year** than a non-high school graduate.

For the **7,511** people in Maricopa County who earned a high school diploma through GED® testing in PY 2012-13, this represents a potential increase in taxable income of approximately **\$70,693,532** per year for Maricopa County.

*U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics 2012 Median Annual Earnings

In Arizona, providers must meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes to be funded. **10 programs** are funded and authorized to provide adult education throughout Maricopa County. The Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services allocated **\$5,142,282** to **Maricopa County** for adult education services for the Program Year 2012-2013

Maricopa County Programs

Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Inc.
Friendly House, Inc.
Gilbert Adult Learning Program
Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County
Maricopa County Adult Probation
Mesa USD Adult Education
Phoenix Indian Center
Queen Creek USD Adult Education
Rio Salado College, College Bridge Pathways
Tempe Adult Education Program

Community: **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 3,878,000 people living in Maricopa County, 74% (2,870,579) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 14% (40,6179) lack a high school credential. 24% (51,725) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

6% of individuals 18 years and older (139,575) live in "linguistically isolated" households (all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English).

Source: American Community Survey 2010-2012 3-Yr Estimate

Adult Education in Maricopa County: **DATA**

- 8,830 adults enrolled in adult education classes
- 843,615 instructional hours were provided in adult education classes
- \$6.10 of adult education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$582.36 of adult education funding was expended per adult student (compared to over \$7,500 funding per K-12 student)
- 65% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 63% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 25% who sought a job found employment
- 40% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 9% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- County GED® Testing Data: **7,511** Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.



SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Maricopa County

- 53% of the adults in Maricopa County enrolling in adult education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills below ninth grade.
- 45% of adult learners in Maricopa County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 44% of adult learners in Maricopa County are employed.
- 13.5% (198,058) of females in Maricopa county lack a high school credential. The *National Assessment of Adult Literacy* research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.

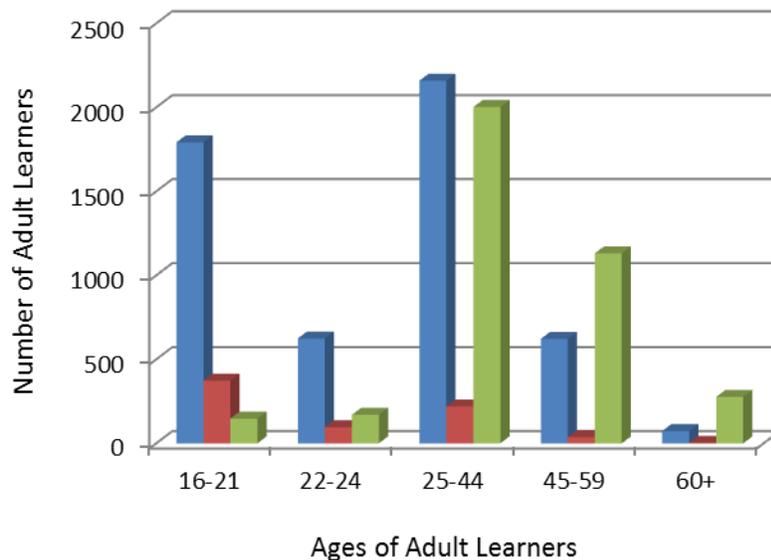


Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math

SIGNIFICANTLY

increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a **LIFETIME.**

Maricopa County Adult Learners Served



- **ABE = Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.
- **ASE = Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies through 12th grade.
- **ELAA = English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.