

# Pinal County

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION

Program Year  
2012-2013



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 **1,533** people in Pinal County who earned a high school diploma through GED® testing in PY 2012-13, this represents a potential increase in taxable income of over **\$14,428,596** per year for Pinal 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. **Central Arizona College** is funded and authorized to provide adult education throughout Pinal County. The Arizona Department of Education–Adult Education Services allocated **\$275,000** to **Pinal County** for adult education services for the Program Year 2012-2013.



## Community: **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 385,600 people living in Pinal County, 74% (285,181) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 17% (47,519) lack a high school credential. 32% (5,954) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

2% of individuals 18 years and older (5,286) 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 Pinal County: **DATA**

- 1,014 adults enrolled in adult education classes
- 56,919 instructional hours were provided in adult education classes
- \$4.83 of adult education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$271.20 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (compared to over \$7,500 funding per K-12 student)
- 59% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 66% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 36% who sought a job found employment
- 68% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 24% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- County GED® Testing Data: **1,533** Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services  
<http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/>

## SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Pinal County

- 71% of the adults in Pinal County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills below ninth grade.
- 39% of adult learners in Pinal County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 40% of adult learners in Pinal County are employed.
- 13% (17,719) of females in Pinal 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.



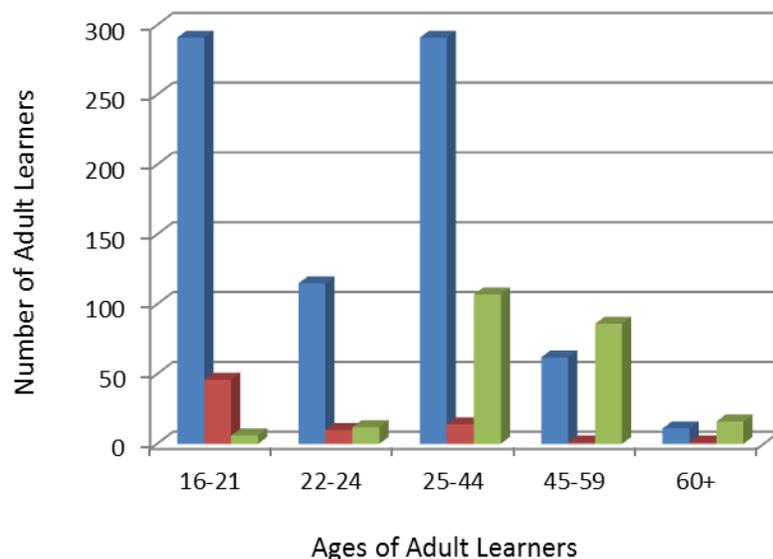
Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math

### SIGNIFICANTLY

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



### Pinal County Adult Learners Served



- **ABE = Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- **ASE = Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*