

# Yuma 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 **829** people in Yuma County who earned a high school diploma through GED® testing in PH 2012-13, this represents a potential increase in taxable income of over **\$7,802,548 per year for Yuma 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. South Yuma County Consortium and Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona funded and authorized to provide adult education throughout Yuma County. The Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services allocated \$463,984 to Yuma County for adult education services for the Program Year 2012-2013.



## Community: **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 199,000 people living in Yuma County, 72% (144,095) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 27% (38,376) lack a high school credential. 28% (3,545) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

10% of individuals 18 years and older (15,025) 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 Yuma County: **DATA**

- 528 adults enrolled in adult education classes
- 42,923 instructional hours were provided in adult education classes
- \$10.81 of adult education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$878.76 of adult education funding was expended per adult student (compared to over \$7,500 funding per K-12 student)
- 66% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 61% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 56% who sought a job found employment
- 64% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 18% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- County GED® Testing Data: 829 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.



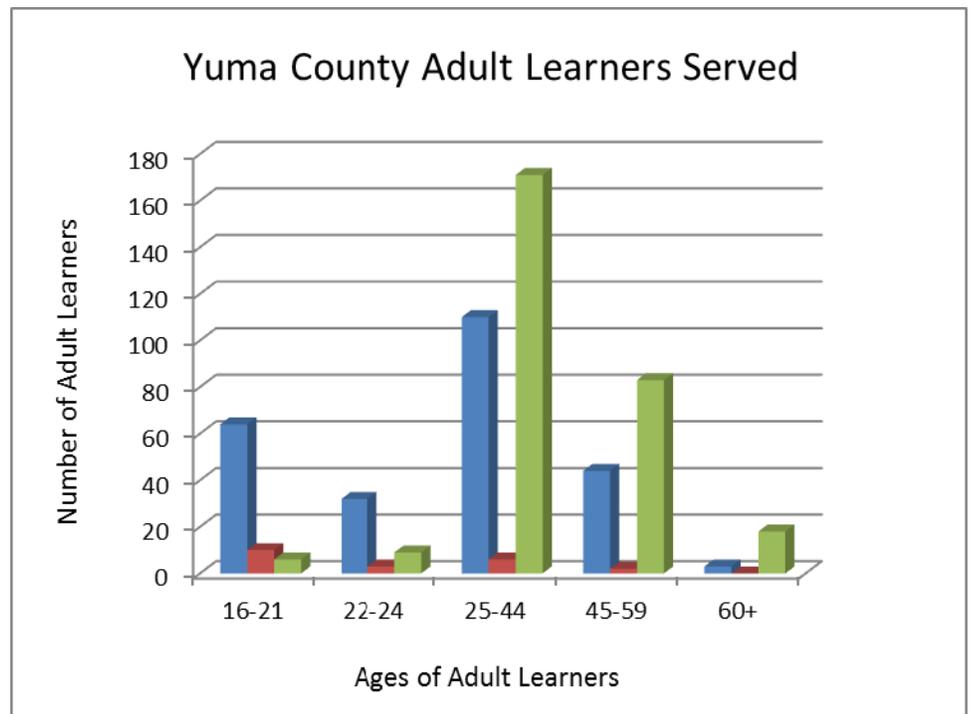
Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services  
<http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/>

## SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Yuma County

- 44% of the adults in Yuma County enrolling in adult education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills below ninth grade.
- 52% of adult learners in Yuma County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 34% of adult learners in Yuma County are employed.
- 9% (18767) of females in Yuma 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.**



- **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.