

State of Arizona Department of Education



Adult Education Services

MEMO

TO: Regina E. Cobb, JLBC Chair

Senator David M. Gowan, JLBC Vice Chair

FROM: Sheryl Hart

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DATE: December 30, 2019

RE: A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from

ADE/Adult Education Services

In compliance with Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 15-232 B, at the time of enrollment in Arizona Adult Education ALL students must provide documented proof of legal residency in the United States. Arizona Department of Education (ADE) staff track enrollment data throughout the year and conduct on-site inspections of student enrollment records annually to support the issuance of this Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature as required under A.R.S. 15-232 C.

Of the 8,047 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the July – December 2019 reporting period, 5,395 people (67%) were placed in classes, 2,335 people (29%) were waitlisted for classes, and 317 people (4%) were determined to be ineligible and denied access to instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States as required under A.R.S. 15-232 B.

The following table provides current and historical state totals for the number of people who are waitlisted for classes, who applied for classes, and who were denied enrollment in accordance with ARS 15-232 B in each Adult Education Service area.

Arizona Adult Education ARS 15-232 Compliance Report COMPARISON

ARS 15-232 Report Date		Waitlist ABE/ASE*	Waitlist ELAA**	Waitlist TOTAL	ARS 15-232 Applicants	ARS 15-232 Service Denials
December	2019	1,413	922	2,335	8,047	317
June	2019	1,582	1,346	2,955	8,130	279
December	2018	1,962	1,632	3,661	10,209	405
June	2018	1,581	1,858	3,504	9,479	498
December	2017	1,667	1,921	3,527	10,361	492
June	2017	2,416	2,602	5,188	10,142	498
December	2016	2,353	2,398	4,806	9,907	548
June	2016	2,632	2,255	4,958	9,304	945
December	2015	3,298	2,189	5,577	12,386	735
June	2015	2,529	1,759	4,283	10,123	453

^{*}ABE: Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Math through 8th Grade)

^{*} ASE: Adult Secondary Education (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)

^{**} ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults