



Arizona Department of Education

Santa Cruz County

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION

Program Year
2009-2010



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

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz** and **Nogales Unified School District/Santa Cruz County Continuing Education** were certified to provide Adult Education throughout Santa Cruz County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$356,907** to Santa Cruz County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-2010.

The Need for Adult Education in Santa Cruz County

Of the approximately 44,000 people living in Santa Cruz County, 66% (28,705) are 18 years and older. Of that number, 29% (8,460) lack a high school credential. 2% (46) of the 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates.

23% of individuals 18 years and older (6,510) live in “linguistically isolated” households (*all members of the household 14 years and older have at least some difficulty with English.*)

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009



Santa Cruz County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 397 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 43,332 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$8.24 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$899.01 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 67% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 41% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 43% who sought a job found employment
- 46% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 50% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data: 101 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.**

Santa Cruz County’s Workforce Development System supports the integration of Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the services that they offer to Santa Cruz County residents.



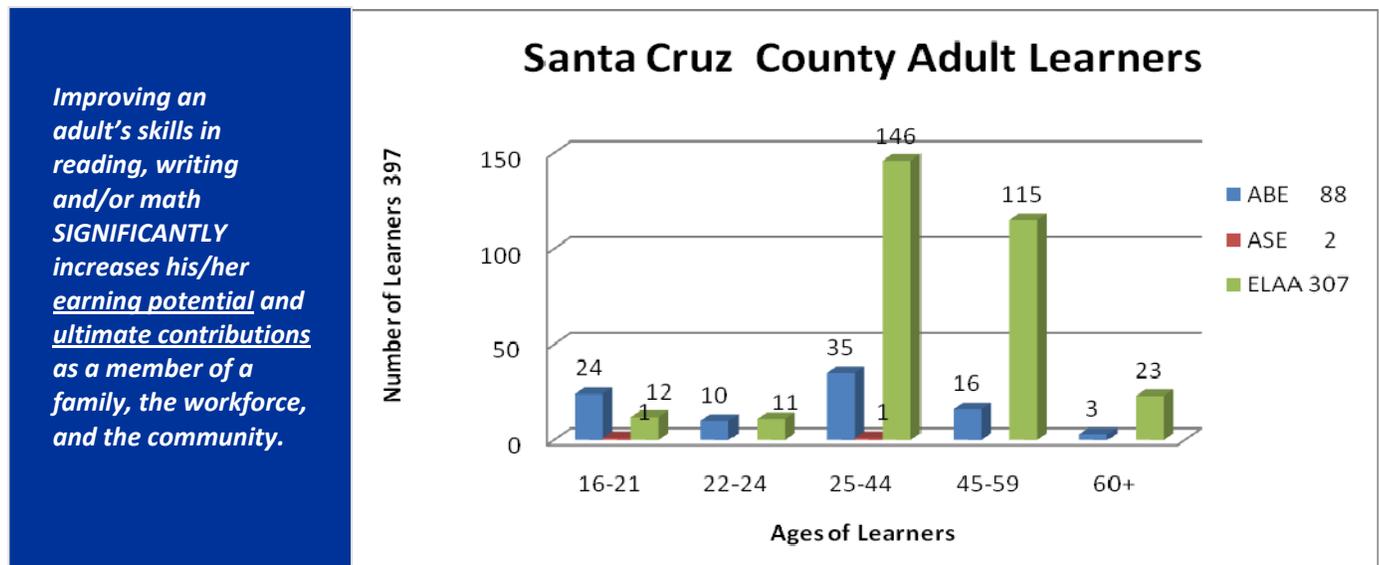
Data provided by Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services

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SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Santa Cruz County

- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 101 individuals earning their GED® in Santa Cruz County represent a potential increase in taxable income of over \$866,500.
- 46% of adult learners in Santa Cruz County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 42% of adult learners in Santa Cruz County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Santa Cruz County, 15% (4,175) have only an elementary education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms once again that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- 10,642 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Santa Cruz County reported 3,318 public high school students (grades 9-12) and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 in grades 7-12 of 3% (172). ADE-AES served 58 people under the age of 25, of whom 64% (37) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 22% of adults in Santa Cruz County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing and/or math proficiency skill levels at eighth grade or below.



■ 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. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.

■ 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.