

Gila County

Arizona Adult Education



Arizona Adult Education Services provides comprehensive literacy services to learners 16 years of age and older who are not enrolled in a K-12 school. It offers access to quality educational opportunities to support employment, job training and higher education aspirations. By assisting adult learners to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for effective participation in society, we help citizens realize their potential, businesses benefit, and communities thrive.



In Arizona, providers must meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes to be funded. Gila County Adult Education Program is funded and authorized to provide adult education throughout Gila County, and Graham and Greenlee counties as needed. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated \$156,375 to Gila County for adult education services for the Program Year 2017-2018.

“ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION STRIVES TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE AND EMPOWER ADULT LEARNERS FOR SUCCESS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING, AND ULTIMATELY EMPLOYMENT IN FAMILY-SUSTAINING CAREERS.”

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★ Community Need

Of the approximately **53,145** people living in Gila County, **79.63%** (42,321) are 18 years of age or older. **

Within that group, **16.02%** (6,781) lack a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential. **



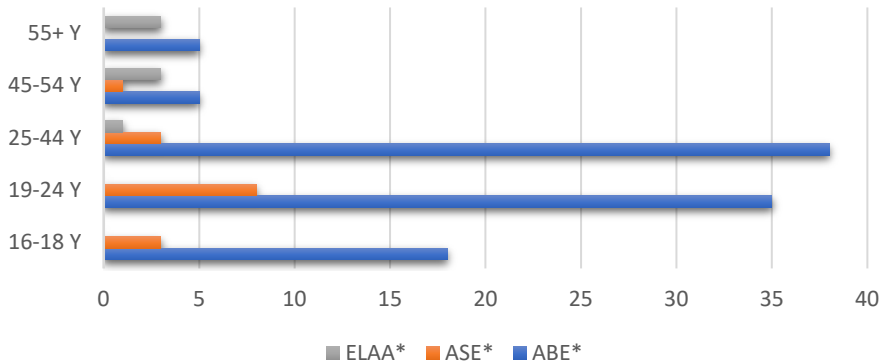
432 16 to 19-year-old individuals are **not** enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential. **

879 adults 18 years of age and older live in **linguistically isolated*** households. **

*Linguistically isolated means that all members of the household, 14 years and over, have at least some difficulty with English



Gila County Students Served by Age Group



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, 9th through 12th grade level
ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults that includes instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers

SNAPSHOT

123
individuals enrolled in adult education classes

6,222
instructional hours were provided in adult education classes

44
high school equivalency credentials were awarded

37%
of adult education students improved at least two grade levels

Integrated Education and Training

The 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act include joint accountability performance requirements to assess the effectiveness of achieving positive outcomes for individuals served by the workforce development system's core programs. These programs include Adult programs, Dislocated Worker, Youth programs, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program, Employment Service program, and Vocational Rehabilitation program. Integrated Education and Training (IET) programs support these outcomes due to its nature of concurrent and contextualized workforce preparation activities and specific occupational workforce training. Gila County had Medical Assistant IBEST (MA) and Microsoft Office Specialist Certificate (MOS) programs.