



State of Arizona Department of Education



Adult Education Services

MEMO

TO: Senator David M. Gowan, JLBC Chair
Representative Regina E. Cobb, JLBC Vice Chair

FROM: Sheryl Hart
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DATE: December 28, 2020

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 documentation of legal residency in the United States. Arizona Department of Education (ADE) staff track enrollment data throughout the year and monitor 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 3,963 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the July – December 2020 reporting period, 2,799 people (71%) were placed in classes, 1,114 people (28%) were waitlisted for classes, and 50 people (.01%) 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.

ARS 15-232 Report Date	Waitlist ABE/ASE*	Waitlist ELAA**	Waitlist TOTAL	ARS 15-232 Applicants	ARS 15-232 Service Denials
December 2020	840	274	1,114	3,963	50
June 2020	1,150	824	1,974	5,321	159
<i>Note: 2020 numbers reflect the disruption to services due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>					
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

*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

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