



State of Arizona Department of Education



Adult Education Services

MEMO

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

FROM: Sheryl Hart
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DATE: December 16, 2021

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 7,093 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the July – December 2021 reporting period, 5,176 people (73%) were placed in classes, 1,827 people (26%) were waitlisted for classes, and 90 people (1%) 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	
Arizona Adult Education ARS 15-232 Compliance Report COMPARISON	December 2021	815	1,012	1,827	7,093	90	
	June 2021	829	427	1,256	5,245	143	
	December 2020	840	274	1,114	3,963	50	
	June 2020	1,150	824	1,974	5,321	159	
	<i>Note: 2020-2021 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	

*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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