



Arizona Department of Education

Coconino 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 K-12 school.

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Coconino Community College** is the program certified to provide Adult Education throughout Coconino County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$277,236** to Coconino County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-2010.

The Need for Adult Education in Coconino County

Of the approximately 130,000 people living in Coconino County, 72% (93,556) are 18 years and older. Of that number, 14% (12,903) lack a high school credential. 5% (532) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

4% of individuals 18 years and older (4,053) 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



Coconino County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 257 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 12,017 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$23.07 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$1,078.74 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 50% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 54% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 34% who sought a job found employment
- 41% 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: 190** Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

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



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services
www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed

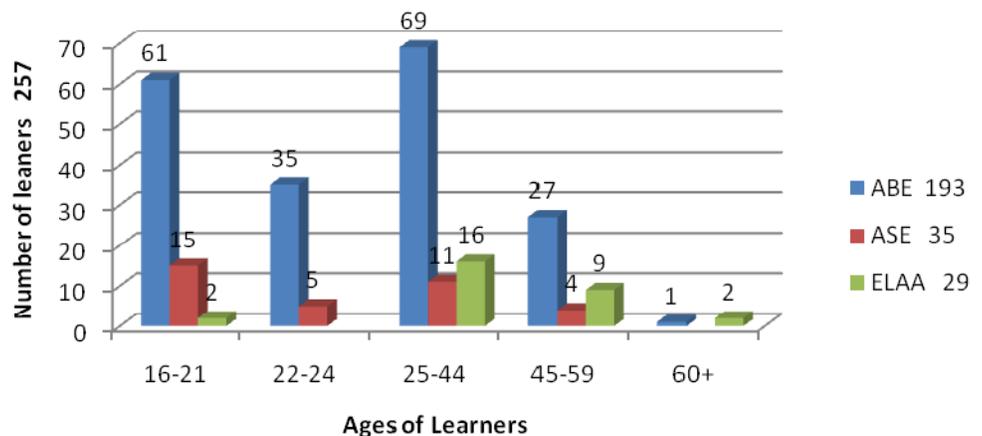


SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Coconino County

- The US Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earning difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 190 individuals in Coconino County earning a GED® represent a potential increase in annual taxable income of over \$1,630,200.
- 37% of adult learners in Coconino County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 37% of adult learners in Coconino County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Coconino County, 5% (4,570) have less than a high school 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.
- 19,137 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Coconino County reported 6,271 public high school (grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 of 4% (430) for grades 7-12. ADE-AES served 118 people under the age of 25, of whom 66% (78) were between the ages of 16 and 21.
- 75% of adults in Coconino County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.

Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math SIGNIFICANTLY increases his/her earning potential and ultimate contributions as a member of a family, the workforce, and the community.

Coconino County Adult Learners



■ **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.