



Arizona Department of Education

Gila 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.

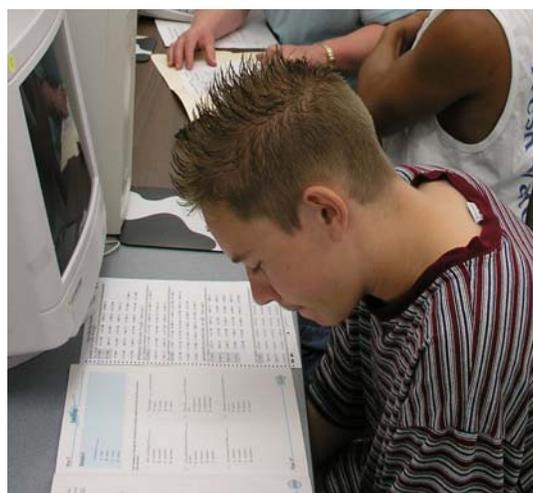
In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Gila County Adult Education** is the program certified to provide Adult Education throughout Gila County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$68,685** to Gila County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-2010.

The Need for Adult Education in Gila County

Of the over 52,000 people living in Gila County, 76% (39,836) are 18 years and older. Of these, 18% (7,241) lack a high school credential. 12% (366) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

2% of individuals 18 years and older (653) 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



Gila County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 180 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 12,521 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$5.49 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$381.58 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 42% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 71% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 43% who sought a job found employment
- 27% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 36% who wanted to enter post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data: 165 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.**

The integration of Adult Education and Post-secondary training in Pinal County gives the Gila/Pinal County Workforce Investment Board insight on an excellent service delivery model that can be replicated to serve the workforce development needs of the citizens in both counties under its jurisdiction.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services

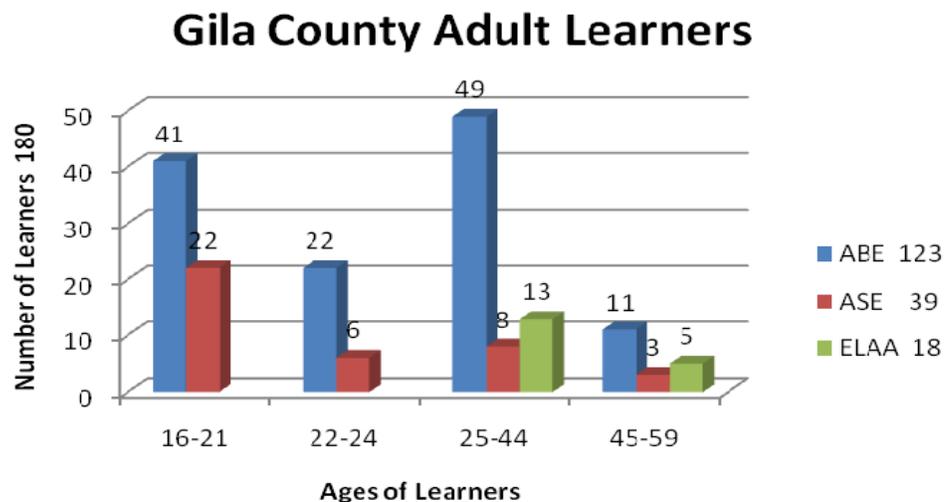
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SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Gila County

- 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 165 individuals earning a GED® in Gila County represent a potential increase in taxable income of over \$1,415,700.
- 39% of adult learners in Gila County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 21% of adult learners in Gila County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Gila County, 5% (2,020) have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy confirms again that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- 8,295 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Gila County reported 2,525 public high school (grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate in 2007- 2008 of 5% (215) for grades 7-12 ADE-AES served 91 people under the age of 25, of whom 69% (63) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 68% of the adults in Gila County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills levels 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.



■ **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.