



Arizona Department of Education

Yavapai 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. **Camp Verde Adult Reading Program** and **Yavapai College** were certified to provide Adult Education throughout Yavapai County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$334,861** to Yavapai County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-2010.

The Need for Adult Education in Yavapai County

Of the over 215,500 people living in Yavapai County, 78% (167,688) are 18 years old or older. Of that number, 12% (20,897) lack a high school credential. 13% (1,274) of the 16-19 year olds are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates.

3% of individuals 18 years and older (4,439) live in “linguistically isolated” households (*all members of the household 14 years and older have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: 2005-2009 American Community Survey



Yavapai County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 645 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 39,080 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$8.57 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$519.16 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 62% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 80% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 60% who sought a job found employment
- 88% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 87% who wanted to enter post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data: 522 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.**

Yavapai County has been home to a multi-year initiative that links Adult Education and Workforce Development. Starting in Program Year 2007-2008, Yavapai College received three consecutive performance-based incentive funding awards. Yavapai College has used over \$287,000 to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for residents. Lessons learned from the Yavapai County model have been implemented in Arizona’s current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services

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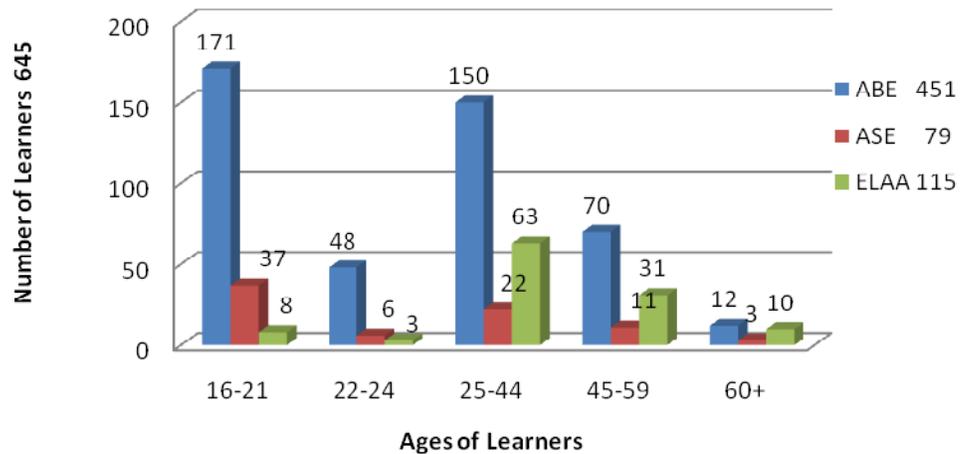


SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Yavapai County

- The U.S. Department of Labor-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 522 individuals in Yavapai County who earned a GED® represent a potential increase in taxable income of almost \$4,500,000.
- 36% of adult learners in Yavapai County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 40% of adult learners in Yavapai County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Yavapai County, 4% (6,098) have only an elementary 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.
- 27,923 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Yavapai County reported 8,159 public high school students (grades 9-12) and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 for grades 7-12 of 4% (569). ADE-AES served 273 people under the age of 25, of whom 79% (216) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 70% of adult learners in Yavapai County enrolled in Adult Education classes had reading, writing and/or math proficiency skill 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.

Yavapai 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.