Adult education programs in Maine assist adults in building skills and earning credentials that lead to postsecondary education, sustainable employment and economic self-sufficiency.

By 2020, 65% of all jobs in the United States will require some form of postsecondary education. It is projected by the American Action Forum that, by 2020, the United States will be short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels.

**OUR ADULT EDUCATION POPULATION**

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<th>Number of working age adults (18-64) in the state</th>
<th>Number of adults in the state who don’t speak English well or at all</th>
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<td>55,467</td>
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**OUR ENROLLMENT:** 6,006

- Adult student populations, as defined by the National Reporting System (NRS):
  - Adult Basic Education (ABE): Grade Levels 0-8.9
  - Adult Secondary Education (ASE): Grade Levels 9-12
  - English Language Acquisition (ELA)
    - ELA students are those for whom English is not their native language.

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Number of enrolled students served in correctional educational programs: 97

Number of enrolled students exhausting TANF within two years: 64

**OUR PERFORMANCE**

- High School Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 715
- Postsecondary Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 0
- Individuals improving one or more skill levels: 1,651

**CHALLENGES FACING OUR POPULATION**

- Working-Age Adults (18-64) Without High School Diploma and Unemployed: 3,696
- Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma and Not in Labor Force: 26,137
- Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma on Public Assistance: 3,625
- Percentage of Children Living in Household Headed by Adult Without High School Diploma: 5%

**OUR FUNDING**

- Federal: $1,733,882
- Non-Federal: $4,568,722

**Sources:**
- American Community Survey, 2013-17, 5-year estimate; National Reporting System; Recovery by Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center