Michigan’s adult education programs assist adults in building skills and earning credentials that lead to postsecondary education, sustainable employment and economic self-sufficiency.

Employer Skill Needs: By 2020, 65% of all jobs in the United States will require some form of postsecondary education. Priority sectors in Michigan include agriculture, construction, energy, healthcare, hospitality, information technology, manufacturing and skilled trades.

Our Adult Education Population:
- 562,557 working-age adults (18-64) in the state
- 100,136 without a high school credential

Our Enrollment:
- 26,357 adult education programs

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.

Challenges Facing Our Population:
- 54,940 working-age adults without high school diploma and unemployed
- 271,960 working-age adults without high school diploma and not in labor force
- 24,651 working-age adults without high school diploma on public assistance
- 14,322 youth (16-24) without high school diploma, not enrolled in school and unemployed
- 9% percentage of children living in household headed by adult without high school diploma

Our Funding:
- $13,117,912 Federal
- $62,612,100 Non-Federal

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