**NEW JERSEY**

**Reporting Period:** July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

**PURPOSE:** Adult education programs in New Jersey 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. 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**

521,193

391,400

Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state without a high school credential

Number of adults in the state who don’t speak English well or at all

**OUR ENROLLMENT:** 18,167

- 10,541 ELA
- 6,817 Adult Basic Education
- 809 Adult Secondary Education

**CHALLENGES FACING OUR POPULATION**

- 35,079 Working-Age Adults (18-64) Without High School Diploma and Unemployed
- 201,553 Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma and Not in Labor Force
- 16,670 Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma on Public Assistance
- 4,989 Youth (16-24) Without High School Diploma, Not Enrolled in School and Unemployed
- 10% Percentage of Children Living in Household Headed by Adult Without High School Diploma

**OUR FUNDING**

- $15,308,885 Federal
- $17,100,907 Non-Federal

**OUR PERFORMANCE**

- High School Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 887
- Postsecondary Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 1
- Individuals improving one or more skill levels: 9,451

**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