**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

**REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

**Purpose:** Adult education programs in North Carolina assist adults in building skills and earning credentials that lead to postsecondary education, sustainable employment, and economic self-sufficiency.

**Employer Skill Needs:** In 2020, 65% of all jobs in the United States will require some level of postsecondary education. It is projected that, in 2020, the United States will be short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels.

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### OUR PERFORMANCE

**High School Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program:**

- 4,152

**Individuals improving one or more skill levels:**

- 20,094

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### INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

- **744,181** Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state without a high school credential
- **201,412** Number of adults in the state who do not speak English well or at all

**Working-Age Adults (18-64) Without High School Diploma and Unemployed:**

- **57,288**

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### OUR FUNDING

**Federal Funds per Adult Learner:**

- $284

Our learners have the most barriers to employment and literacy, yet we receive limited funding compared to the $10,000 per pupil received by elementary education.

**17,070,973 Federal**

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### OUR ENROLLMENT

- **60,031**

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### INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

- **29,463** Adult Basic Education
- **19,950** ELA
- **10,618** Adult Secondary Education

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