

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM **FACT SHEET | COLORADO**

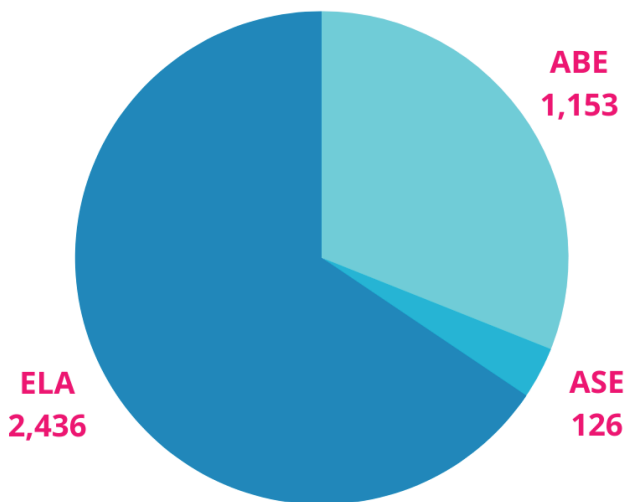
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Purpose: WIOA Title II federally funded adult education programs provide quality-driven literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and workforce readiness skills to learners that lead to postsecondary education, a family sustaining wage, and economic self-sufficiency.

Employer Skill Needs: By 2024, 48 percent of job openings will be middle-skill and 32 percent will be high-skill. In less than three years, nearly 80 percent of all job openings will require more than a high school degree. Adult education provides a significant opportunity to bridge the workforce supply-and-demand gap.

 **INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES**



Adult Student Populations:*

Adult Basic Education (ABE): Grade Levels 0-8.9

Adult Secondary Education (ASE): Grade Levels 9-12

English Language Acquisition (ELA): Students for whom English is not their native language

Correctional Education Programs: # of students **141**

*as defined by the National Reporting System (NRS)

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

\$2,183 Federal funds per adult learner
 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.



\$8,111,189
 In total annual federal funding

3,715
 Total adult education enrollment

OUR PERFORMANCE



188 High School Credentials (NRS)

1,531 Individuals improving one or more skill levels (Measurable Skills Gains)

226,369 Number of adults in the state who **do not speak English well or at all**

301,510 Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state **without a high school credential**



15,431 Working-age adults (18-64) **without a High School diploma and are unemployed**