

ADULT EDUCATION

A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS



Adult high school, adult education and English as a second language courses are provided for learners at no cost.



WHAT WE DO

The Wisconsin Adult Education program helps students:

- Strengthen reading, writing, speaking and numeracy skills for success in college and employment
- Earn a high school degree
- Earn college credits and credentials
- Acquire English language learning competence
- Build United States citizenship skills such as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation
- Build skills to better use technology
- Enter a career pathway to obtain employment
- Build connections between community-based organizations, employers and education partners
- Create relationships with prisons and jails to enable re-entry pathways and reduce recidivism

ADULT EDUCATION OUTCOMES

65% of English language learners significantly increased their English language comprehension

77% of Adult Education students who completed a high school equivalency also enrolled in college or were employed within one year

44% reduction in recidivism within three years among Justice Involved populations who participated in Adult Education

2,000+ Adult Education students earned a high school equivalency diploma

14,000+ Adult Education students transitioned to college courses that count towards a WTCS credential

\$56,000+ median annual salary within six months of graduation for Adult Education students who transitioned to WTCS college programming in less than one year

THE NEED FOR ADULT EDUCATION

339,000+

Wisconsin adults are without a high school degree

* S1501 - Census Bureau Table

144,000+

Wisconsin adults have limited English proficiency

* B16004 - Census Bureau Table

2X Wisconsin adults without a high school diploma are nearly twice as likely to live in poverty than those with a high school diploma.

* B17003 - Census Bureau Table

1 in 3

Wisconsin workers lack foundational digital skills

* <https://nationalskillscoalition.org>

1 in 4

Wisconsin adults have low numeracy skills

* <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/piaac/skillsmap/>

1 in 7

Wisconsin adults have low literacy

* <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/piaac/skillsmap/>

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WHO ARE ADULT LEARNERS

36,000+ students accessed Adult Education services, 8% more than 2021-22

3,300+ learners are justice-involved

1 in 4 Adult Education students are enrolled to learn English, a 16% increase over the last 10 years

30% of English language learners have prior college credit or credential, a 22% increase over 10 years

61% of Adult Education students are employed and the median age is 27

60% are first generation college students

53% are people of color

* All information based on 2022-23 academic year