

# ILLINOIS ADULT EDUCATION

"In partnership with other stakeholders, we will create learning opportunities that align with statewide education, training, and employment strategies to ensure all adult learners have access to and success across services that are cohesive, coordinated, and innovative to promote better economic opportunities, greater equity, and sustainable career pathways."

-- ICCB'S PROMISE FOR ILLINOIS ADULT EDUCATION

## NEED FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education aims to serve the diverse need of Illinoisans who lack basic literacy, knowledge, and skills as well as immigrants and English Language Learners by providing a wide variety of instructional services and supports.



- **Instruction leading to the attainment of high school equivalency:** Over 1 million Illinoisans over the age of 16 have less than 12 grades of formal education. Of these individuals, over 400,000 have less than a 9th grade education.
- **English Language Acquisition:** Over 2.7 million Illinois residents speak a language other than English as the primary language in their homes. Over 400,000 of these individuals are over 16 and lack the English literacy skills necessary for entry and advancement in the labor force.
- **Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education:** More than 300,000 immigrants currently reside in Illinois. English literacy and civics education provides individuals with a pathway to citizenship, improved education, and employment.
- **Postsecondary Attainment:** Adult education providers collaborate with postsecondary education and training to offer bridge and integrated education programming. This accelerates an adult education student's pathway to attaining a postsecondary credential and entering the workforce.

## Who Provides Adult Education Programming?

- 38 Community Colleges
- 20 Community-Based Organizations
- 11 Local Education Agencies
- 3 Faith-Based Organizations
- 1 Four-Year College
- 1 Illinois Department of Corrections System



## IMPACT ON ILLINOIS



For every dollar spent on adult education, the state is paid back \$2.50. Adult Education investments reduce the need for state-subsidized programs such as those for public aid, housing, unemployment, as well as prison costs.

The adult education graduate can earn close to \$10,000 more per year once they get their diploma! This amount grows for those who transition into postsecondary education.

Source: Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition

INSTRUCTION TYPE FY 21	STUDENTS
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)	32,458
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)	12,970
ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION (ASE)	5,372
HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT (HSCR)	1,896
VOCATIONAL (VOC)	933
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,629</b>

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