

# 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