

UTAH ADULT EDUCATION



Performance Review
2014-2015

WHAT IS ADULT EDUCATION?

Our mission is to empower individuals to become self-sufficient, with skills necessary for future employment and personal successes.

Our vision is to assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency while completing a secondary education.

For 46 years the Utah State Office of Education Adult Education Services has had a positive impact on the economic development of Utah.

Adult Education in Utah consist of programs and services to assist individuals 16 years of age and older who have discontin-

ued public education enrollment or whose high school class has graduated and who do not have a high school diploma. Adults needing English language acquisition and those with or without a high school diploma needing basic skills development are also eligible.



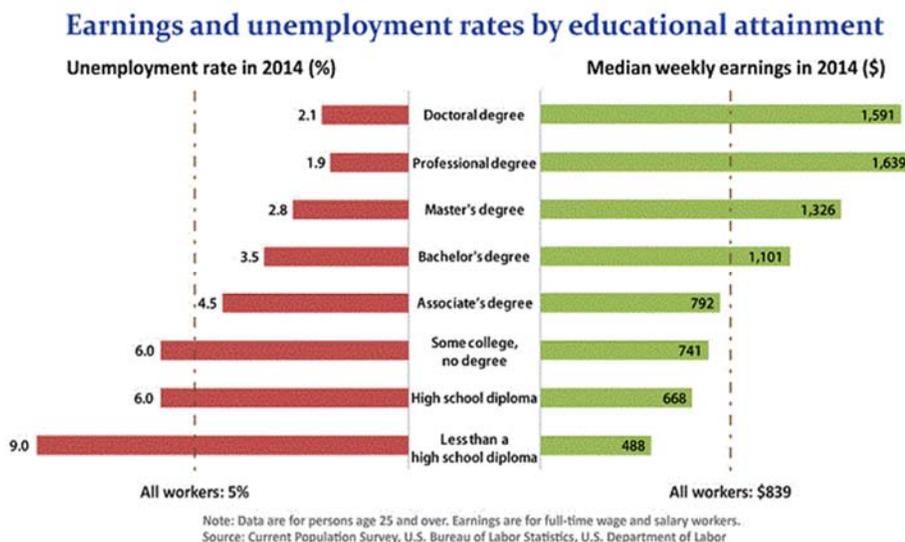
Utah Adult Education promotes programs in Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult High School Completion (AHSC), English for

Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and General Education Development (GED®). Programs may emphasize English language acquisition and competency, basic skills in reading, writing, math and problem solving, or workplace literacy in addition to academic/credit courses leading to high school completion.

Adult Education programs are located in 40 school districts and several community and/or faith based organizations. Individual businesses have chosen to provide adult education services as part of their employee advancement process.

Education Still Pays

Unemployment rate and earnings by educational attainment, 2014



Education pays in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates.

Economic Impact

- Workers who lack a high school diploma/GED® earn a median weekly income of \$488 compared to \$668 with a high school diploma/GED® and compared to \$1,193 for those with a bachelor's degree.
- Graduating from high school/getting a GED® increases the likelihood of avoiding welfare by 75%.
- Literate adults are crucial to the development of school-ready and literate children.
- Each adult high school diploma and GED® generates nearly \$800 in state income taxes

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

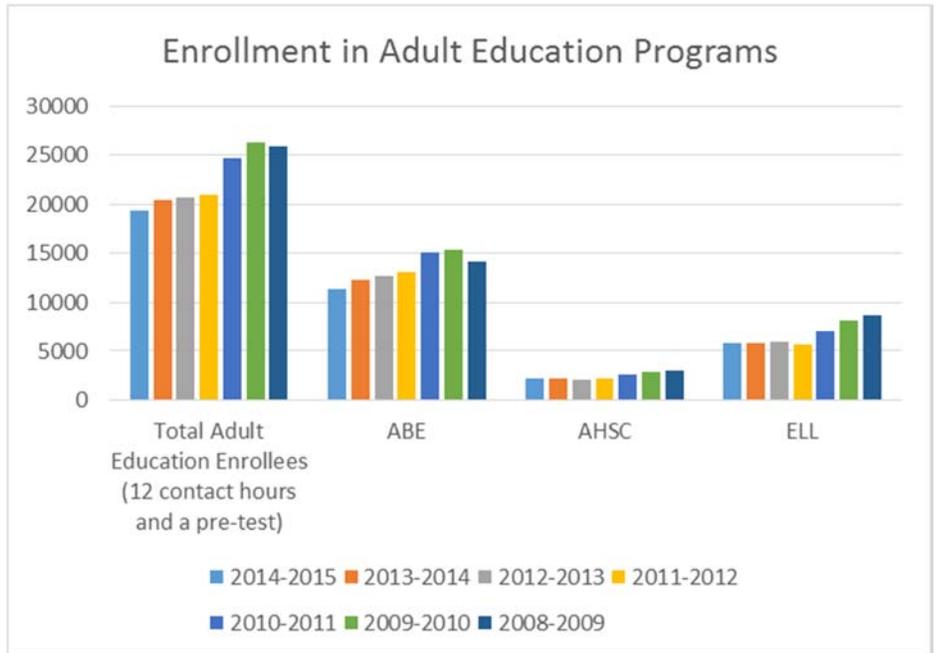
Adult Basic Education (ABE)

ABE programs provide instruction for adults whose ability to compute, speak, read, or write the English language only at or below the ninth grade level impairs their ability to find or retain employment commensurate with their real ability. Instruction is designed to help adults by:

- Increasing their independence.
- Increasing opportunities for more productive and profitable employment.
- Making them better able to meet adult responsibilities.

Adult High School Completion (AHSC)

AHSC programs are for those adults with some literacy skills and can function in everyday life, but do not have a secondary school diploma or GED®. AHSC courses are designed to meet the Utah State Office of Education Core Curriculum and offer Carnegie-based credit for a secondary diploma.

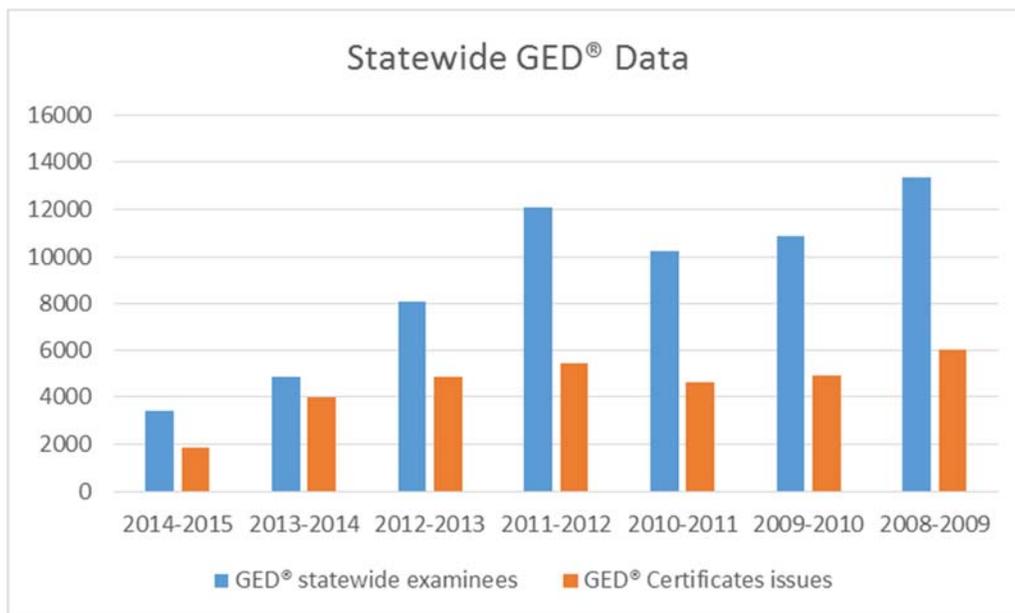


English Language Civics (ELC) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

ELC/ESOL programs provide instruction for those limited English proficient students who have a focus on improving English communication skills such as speaking, reading, writing, and listening.

Corrections Education

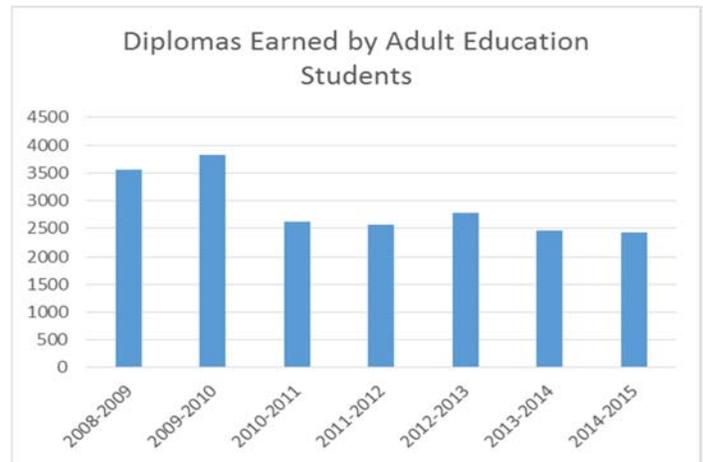
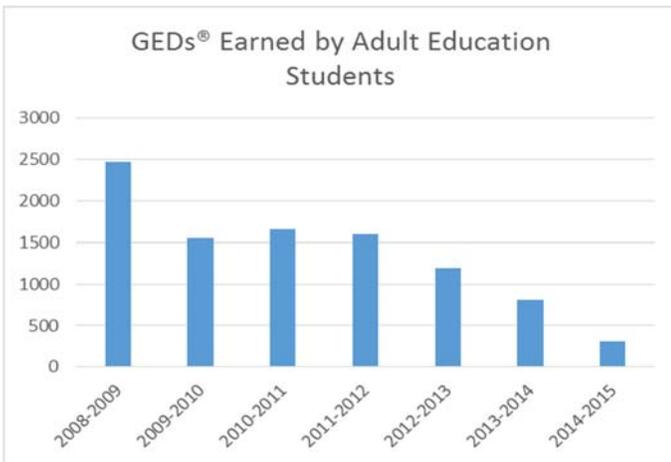
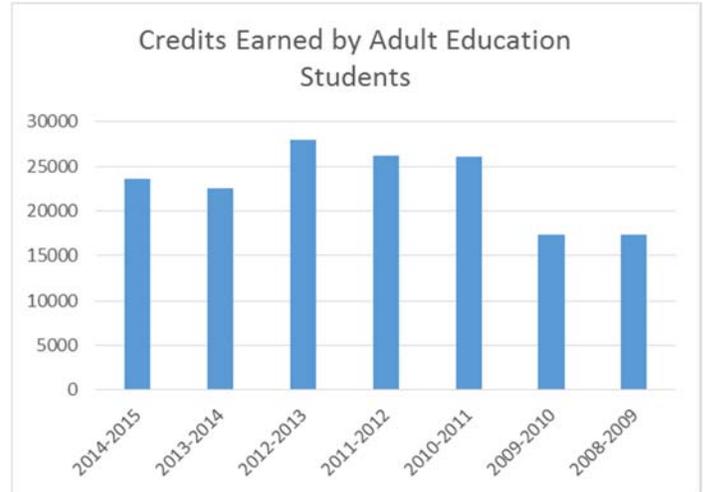
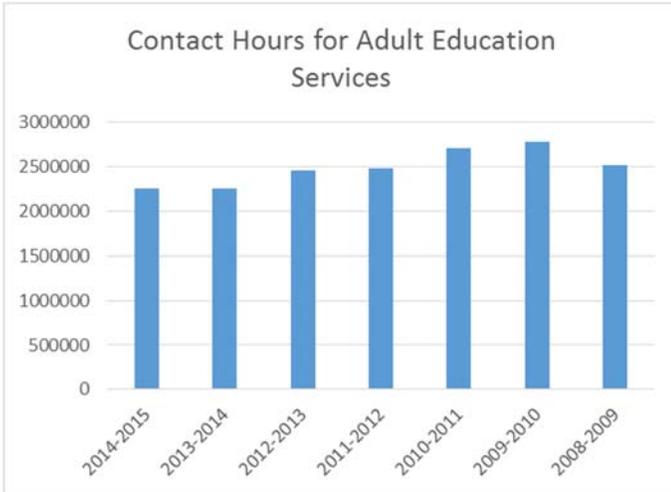
Corrections Education provides educational opportunities to adults located in state prisons and jails. Programs include ABE, AHSC, and GED®. Additional services include employment counseling and career exploration. Transition services to other adult education programs are available before and after release.



General Educational Development (GED®)

GED® measures the major and lasting outcomes and concepts associated with a traditional four-year high school education. GED® preparation programs are offered by adult education programs although attendance is not necessary to take the test. Testing sites are located statewide.

UTAH ADULT EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY



UTAH ADULT EDUCATION DEMOGRAPHICS

2014-2015

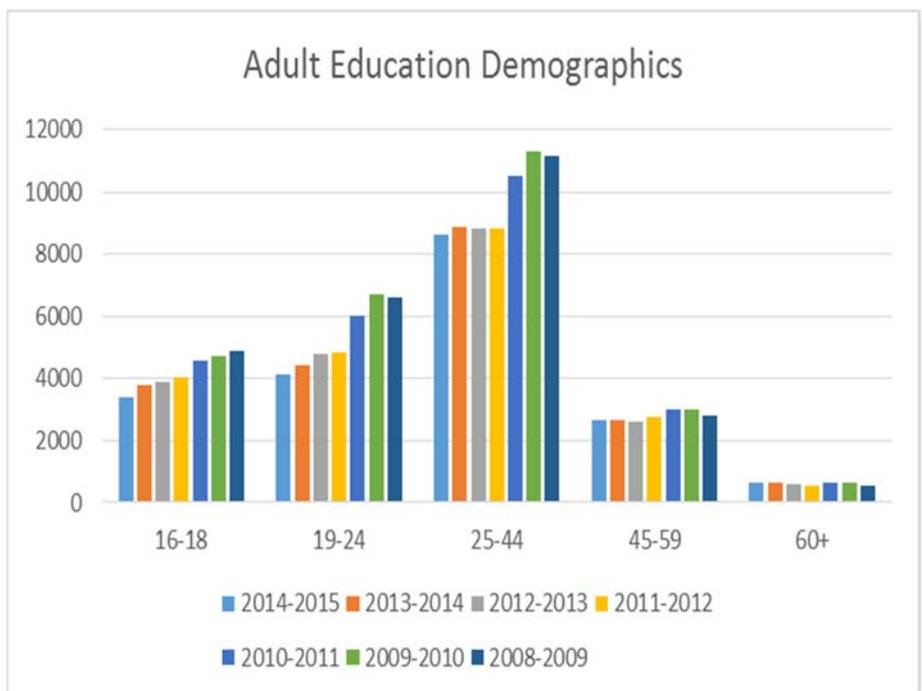
19,374 Enrollees

11,386 ABE

2,164 AHSC

5,824 ESOL

- 4,905 Corrections students enrolled
- 1,826 took the GED® Tests.
1,390 successfully passed
- 291 GED® certificates issued through adult education programs
- 2,405 Secondary diplomas issued through adult education programs
- 10,287 Male students enrolled
- 9,087 Female students enrolled



THE NEED FOR ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

- **98,358 adults in Utah do not have a high school diploma or GED[®] (American Community Survey, 2014).**
- **20% of the Dept. of Workforce Services' (among 13,621 in case management with an academic assessment) disclosed education levels less than a high school diploma or GED[®] .**
- **29,810 Utahns (among the current population, 1,463,106) receiving unemployment insurance benefits indicate they do not have a high school diploma or GED[®] .**
- **8% of all Utah birth mothers do not have a high school diploma or GED[®]**
- **Approximately 149,053 Utahns are on public assistance.**
- **Approximately 6,453 Utahns are housed in correctional facilities.**

BARRIERS WITHOUT ADULT EDUCATION

- **Low literacy rate**
- **Not self-sufficient**
- **Unable to apply for entrance into the military**
- **Unable to apply for post-secondary training**
- **Unemployment or minimum-wage jobs**

PARTNERS

♦ Dept. of Community and Economic Development ♦ Dept. of Corrections ♦ Dept. Health and Human Services
♦ Dept. of Workforce Services ♦ Utah businesses ♦ Faith-based organizations ♦ Community-based organizations
♦ Utah State Office of Education ♦ Utah State Office of Rehabilitation ♦ Utah System of Higher Education
♦ Utah Family Center ♦ Other community out-reach programs

Resources

- **www.utahFutures.org**
Investigate careers, explore education and training, find a job, and get information about obtaining training.
- **www.schools.utah.gov/adulted**
Home page of Utah Adult Education. Learn more about how Adult Education can be of assistance in reaching education and career goals.
- **www.utahGED.info**
Learn more about how to obtain a GED[®]



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