

Adult Education and Literacy Councils in Arkansas

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What is Adult Education?

★ Adult Education is a program serving adults, 16 years of age and older, who are functioning below the high school completion level with emphasis on reading, numeracy, and English literacy.

The Problem



- Nearly 400,000 Arkansans lack basic prose literacy skills.
- Of 2 million Arkansans 18 & over (25%) do not have a high school diploma or GED.
- 162,464 (8%) have less than an eighth-grade education.
- Adults with low literacy skills have difficulty with health care, job applications, and personal finances.
- Difficult to both achieve and retain employment.

Health Literacy:



- Low Health Literacy costs up to \$236 billion each year in the U.S.
- Annual health care costs for low literate adults are 4 times higher than those with higher literacy skills.
- Adults with low literacy ---
 - Make more medication or treatment errors
 - Are less likely to comply with treatments
 - Lack the skills needed to comprehend healthcare documents
 - Are at higher risk for hospitalization

Arkansas Adult Education



- Programs provide services in all 75 counties.
- 25,421 students were enrolled in the 2011-2012 year.
- Adult Education Centers are housed in Public Schools, Community Colleges, 4-year Colleges, Private Colleges, Technical Institutes, and Community Based Organizations.
- Program locations can be found at aalrc.org

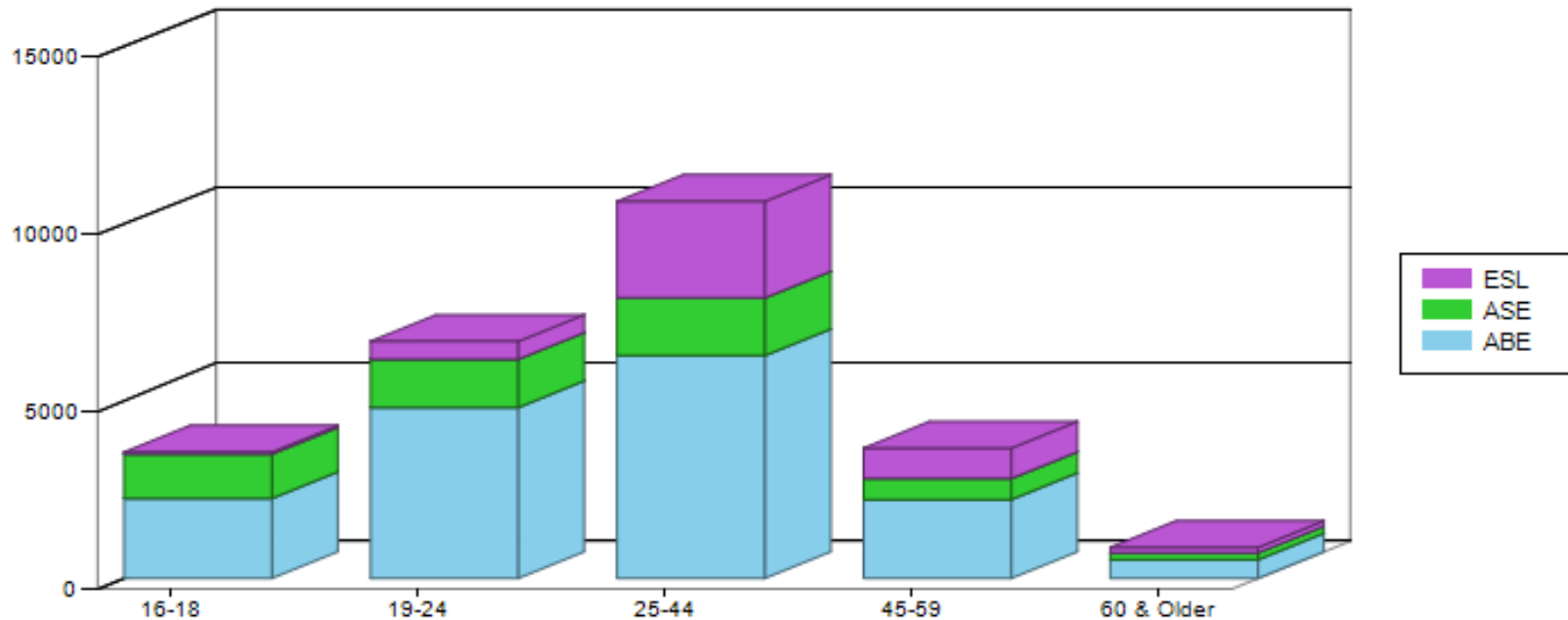


Students: Age and Program



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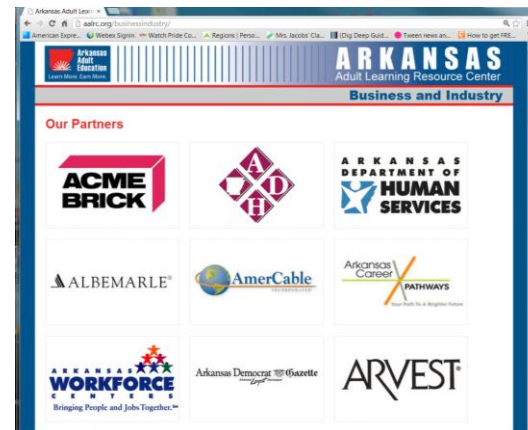


Agencies



- Arkansas Department of Career Education
- Arkansas Literacy Councils
- Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center
- Partners

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