



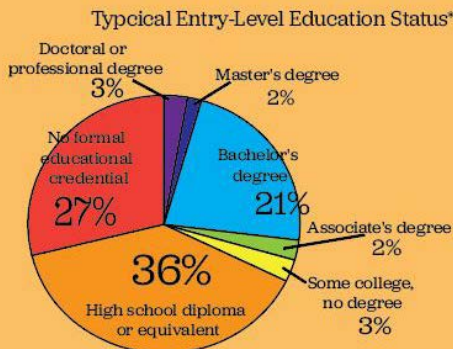
# Gila County Arizona Adult Education

Arizona Adult Education Services provides comprehensive literacy services to learners 16 years of age and older who are not enrolled in a K-12 school. It offers access to quality educational opportunities to support employment, job training and higher education aspirations. By assisting adult learners to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for effective participation in society, we help citizens realize their potential, businesses benefit and communities thrive.

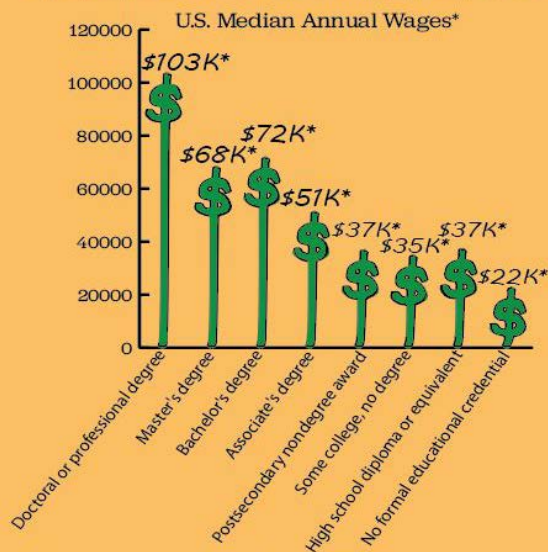
In Arizona, providers must meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes to be funded. Gila County Adult Education is funded and authorized to provide adult education throughout Gila County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated \$93,367 to Gila County for adult education services for the Program Year 2016-2017.



## U.S. National Median Wages by Entry Level [More Education for Entry Projected to Grow]



\*U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics program, 2016



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\*Median annual wages corresponding to typical entry-level education survey sample; dollar amount rounded to the nearest whole number

## ★ Community Need



Of the approximately **53,165** people living in Gila County, **79%**(42,245) are 18 years of age or older.

Of that statistic, **17%**(7,111) lack a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential.

**535** 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

**863** adults 18 years of age and older live in “linguistically isolated” \* households. \*\*

\*all members of the household, 14 years and over, have at least some difficulty with English



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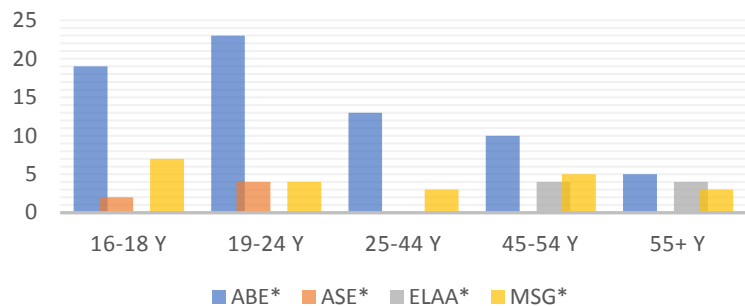
### Snapshot

- 17% of adult learners in Gila County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 29% of adult learners in Gila County are between the ages of 16 and 21.
- 40% of adult learners in Gila County are employed.
- 78% of the adults in Gila County enrolling in adult education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills below the ninth-grade level.

**“**Arizona Adult Education strives to provide high quality educational opportunities to prepare and empower adult learners for success in postsecondary education and training, and ultimately employment in a family-sustaining career.”

-Sheryl Hart, DAS, Adult Education Services

★ Gila County Students Served by Age Group



**MSG:** Measurable Skill Gain achieved by student improving grade level or obtaining a high school equivalency credential

**ABE:** Adult Basic Education instruction in reading, writing & math through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade level

**ASE:** Adult Secondary Education instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies through 12<sup>th</sup> grade level

**ELAA:** English Language Acquisition for Adults that includes instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers

58  
adults enrolled  
in adult education  
classes

3,497  
instructional hours  
were provided in  
adult education  
classes

31%  
of adult education  
students improved  
two grade levels

25  
high school  
equivalency  
credentials were  
awarded