



State of Arizona  
Department of Education



Adult Education Services

MEMO

**TO:** Senator David M. Gowan, JLBC Chair  
Representative Regina E. Cobb, JLBC Vice Chair

**FROM:** Sheryl Hart  
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**DATE:** June 17, 2020

**RE:** **A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from ADE/Adult Education Services**

In compliance with Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 15-232 B, at the time of enrollment in Arizona Adult Education ALL students must provide documented proof of legal residency in the United States. Arizona Department of Education (ADE) staff track enrollment data throughout the year and conduct on-site inspections of student enrollment records annually to support the issuance of this Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature as required under A.R.S. 15-232 C.

Of the 5,321 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the January – June 2020 reporting period, 3,188 people (60%) were placed in classes, 1,974 people (37%) were waitlisted for classes, and 159 people (3%) were determined to be ineligible and denied access to instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States as required under A.R.S. 15-232 B.

The following table provides current and historical state totals for the number of people who are waitlisted for classes, who applied for classes, and who were denied enrollment in accordance with ARS 15-232 B in each Adult Education Service area.

ARS 15-232 Report Date	Waitlist ABE/ASE*	Waitlist ELAA**	Waitlist TOTAL	ARS 15-232 Applicants	ARS 15-232 Service Denials
June 2020	1,150	824	1,974	5,321	159
<i>Note: June 2020 numbers reflect the disruption to services due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>					
December 2019	1,413	922	2,335	8,047	317
June 2019	1,582	1,346	2,955	8,130	279
December 2018	1,962	1,632	3,661	10,209	405
June 2018	1,581	1,858	3,504	9,479	498
December 2017	1,667	1,921	3,527	10,361	492
June 2017	2,416	2,602	5,188	10,142	498
December 2016	2,353	2,398	4,806	9,907	548
June 2016	2,632	2,255	4,958	9,304	945
December 2015	3,298	2,189	5,577	12,386	735
June 2015	2,529	1,759	4,283	10,123	453

\* ABE: Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Math through 8th Grade)  
 \* ASE: Adult Secondary Education (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)  
 \*\* ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults

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