

Adult Education Overview

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Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity
Workforce Development



Adult Education

Our purpose is to:

- Assist adults to **become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills** for postsecondary education, employment and economic self-sufficiency
- Support the educational and skill achievement of **parents and family members** so they can more fully participate in the educational development of their children
- Assist **immigrants and English language learners** in improving their English proficiency and understanding the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Assist **incarcerated individuals** in strengthening their knowledge and skills to promote successful re-entry into society
- Support employers by providing **workplace literacy** and remediation services on-site to upskill current workers

Services Available

- **Adult Basic Education (ABE)** – academic instruction to help adult learners improve basic literacy and numeracy skills.
- **Adult Secondary Education (ASE)** – academic instruction at the secondary level for adult learners to attain the education and skills equivalent to those of a high school graduate.
 - **High School Completion (HSC)** - instruction and credit recovery that leads to a State of Michigan high school diploma.
 - **High School Equivalency (HSE)** - instruction that prepares adult learners for high school equivalency testing (GED® or HiSET®).
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** - instruction for English language learners to improve reading, writing, speaking and comprehension of the English language.



Services Available

- **Integrated Education and Training (IET)** - adult education services provided in coordination with workforce readiness skills and training for a specific job or industry.
- **Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE)** - instruction for English language learners, including professionals with degrees and credentials in their native countries, to improve English skills while learning how to become effective citizens, parents, and workers.
- **Family Literacy** - adult education services to better enable parents or family members to support their children's learning needs and to help improve the family's economic situation.
- **Workplace Literacy** - Adult education instruction that is offered at the workplace by an adult education provider in collaboration with the employer.

Participant Eligibility

To be eligible for services, an individual must be:

- a. 18 and graduating class has graduated; AND
- b. Basic skills deficient:
 - i. Does not have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - ii. Functioning below the 12th grade level in reading, writing, and/or math; OR
 - iii. Is an English language learner



Adult Education Providers

There are 118 Adult Education providers statewide, including:

- School districts
- Intermediate school districts
- Community colleges
- Universities
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Michigan Works! Agencies



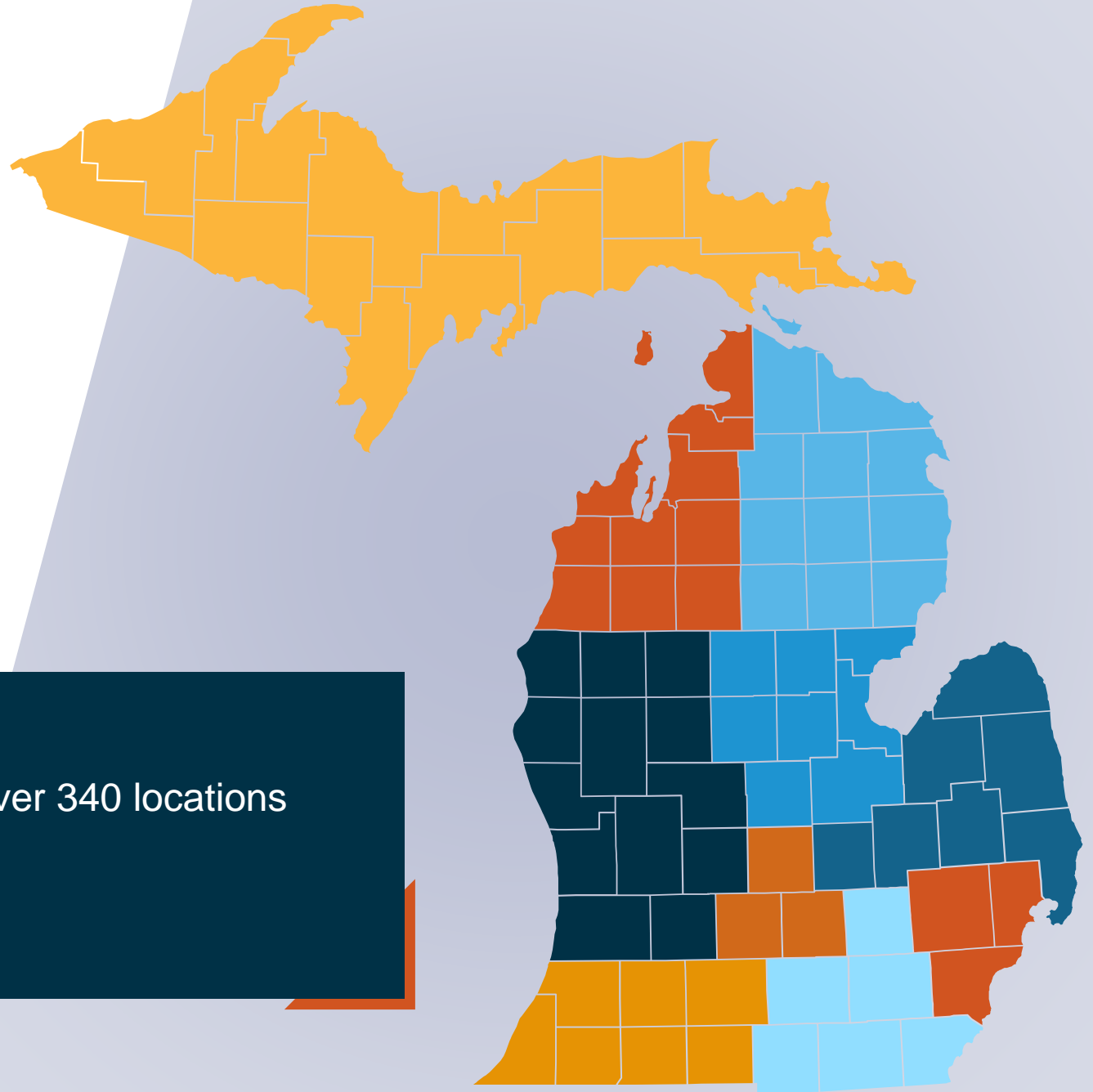
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Class Locations

- Region 1 Upper Peninsula: **29** Locations
- Region 2 Northwest: **6** Locations
- Region 3 Northeast: **14** Locations
- Region 4 West Michigan: **96** Locations
- Region 5 East Central: **30** Locations
- Region 6 East Michigan: **23** Locations
- Region 7 South Central: **12** Locations
- Region 8 Southwest: **32** Locations
- Region 9 Southeast Michigan: **29** Locations
- Region 10 Metro Detroit: **69** Locations

Adult education classes were offered at over 340 locations across the state in the last program year.

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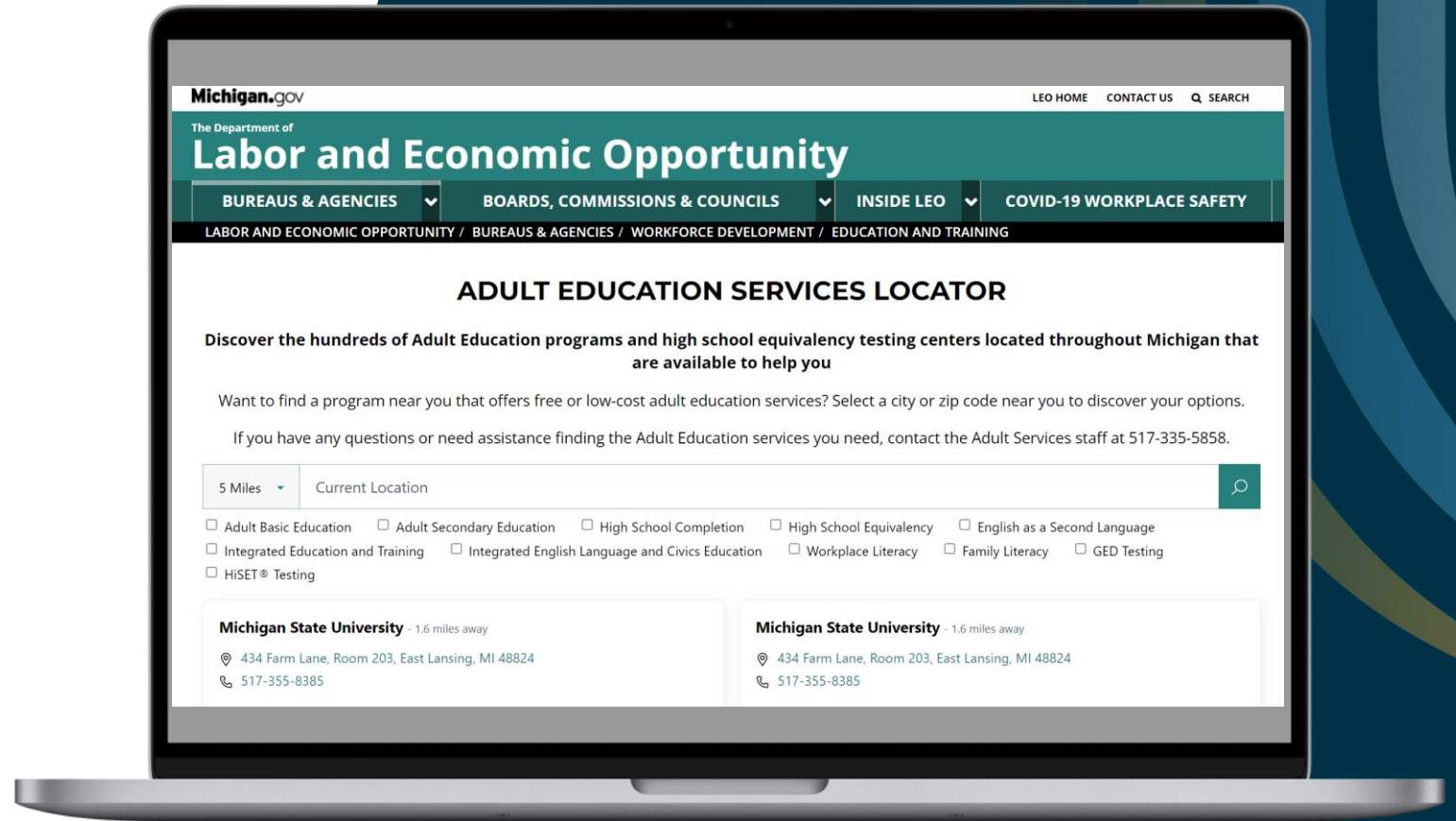


Adult Education Program Locator

To find an Adult Education program near you, please visit

Michigan.gov/LearnMoreEarnMore.

- Search by City or Zip Code
- Search by Services
- Details site address, phone number and website



What To Expect

While each Adult Education program is different, there are some similarities for enrollment:

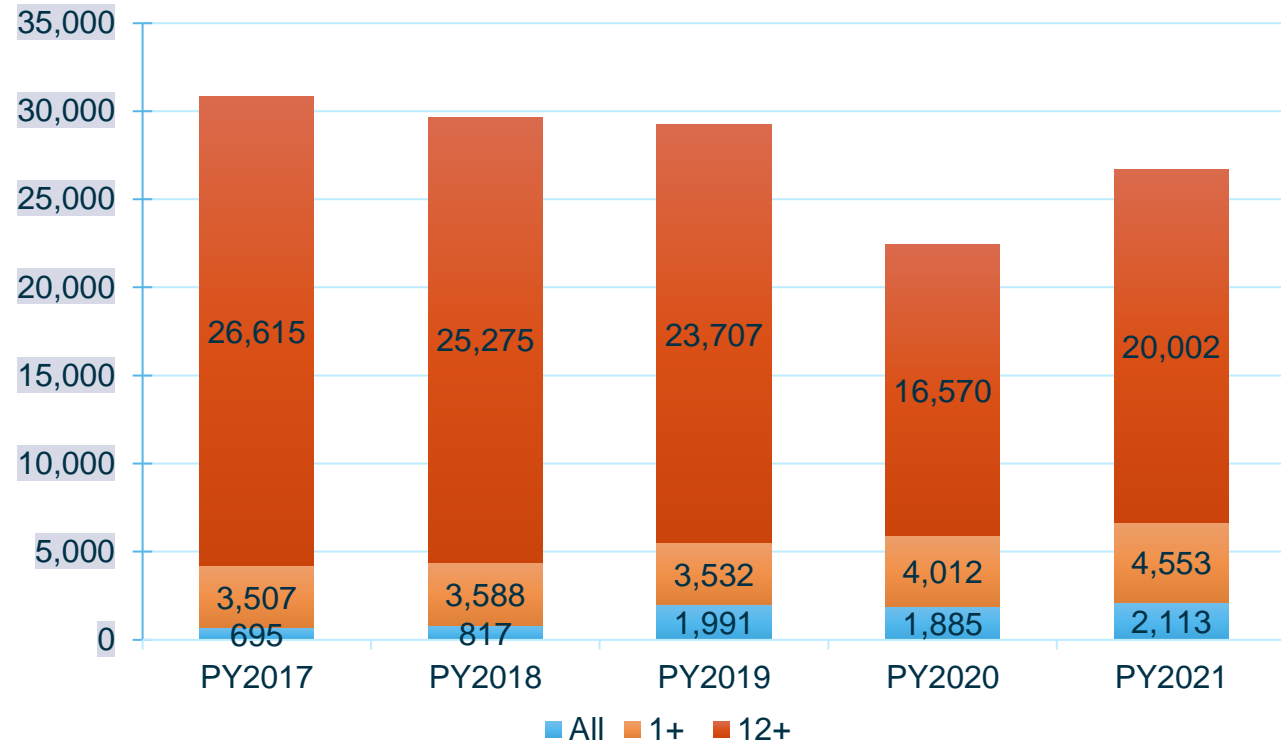
- Provide identification (e.g., driver's license, state ID, passport, etc.)
- Complete the [Adult Learning Plan](#) (ALP) intake form, including self-reporting barriers
- Take a state-approved standardized assessment test to determine appropriate placement
 - ABE/ASE: TABE 11/12 or CASAS GOALS
 - ESL: CASAS or TABE CLAS-E
- Attend orientation

Enrollment

Adult Education tracks three categories:

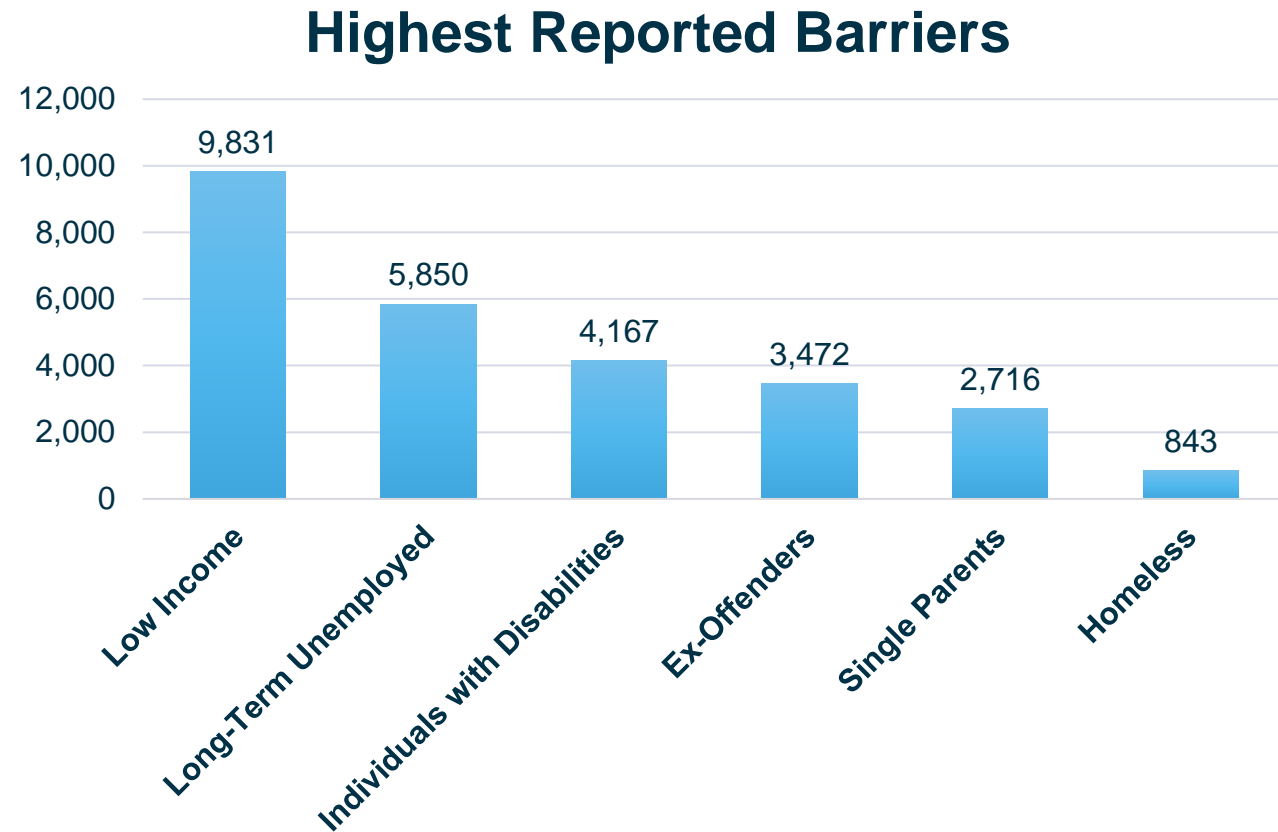
- **Registered:** those who completed ALP
- **Enrollment:** those with 1 or more attendance hours
- **Participant:** those with 12 or more attendance hours

Five Year Trend



Barriers to Employment

LEO-WD modified the ALP to define each barrier, resulting in improved data and significantly higher number of barriers reported.

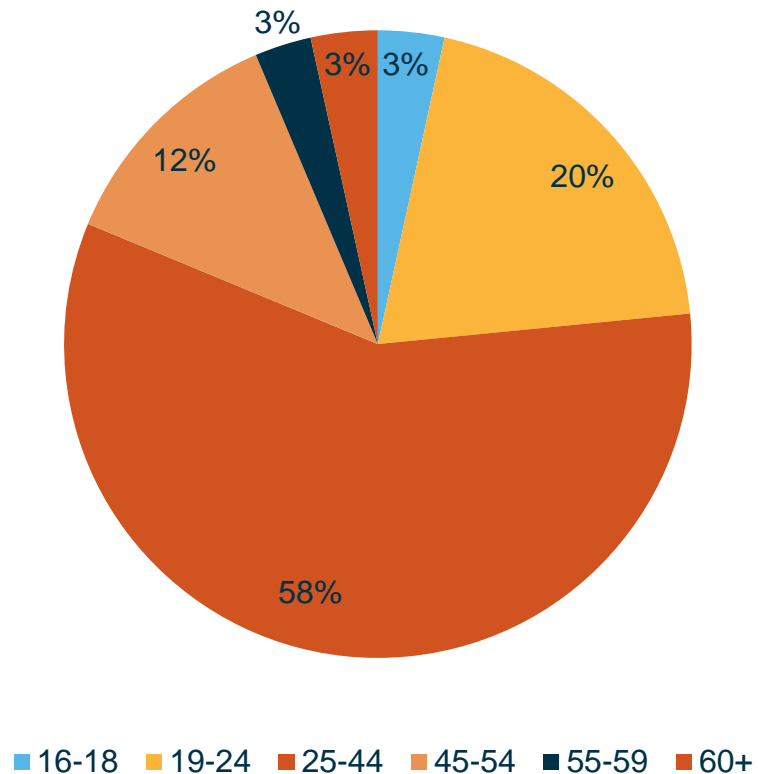


Demographics

Demographics of participants (12+ hours of instruction) in PY 2021:

- Female - **57%**
- Male - **43%**

Participant Age



Secondary Credentials

There has been a significant decrease in high school equivalency credentials earned each year since the pandemic.



Outcomes & Performance

In PY 2021*, the following measurable skill gains were reported:

- **780** earned diploma
- **1,525** earned high school equivalency (GED® or HiSET®)
- **6,280** were employed after exit
- **194** enrolled in postsecondary

6,337 participants made an educational gain (pre- to post-test).

3,252 participants passed one or more high school equivalency tests.

222 English language learners attained English language proficiency.

300 English language learners became U.S. citizens.

State Priorities

LEO-WD has identified the following priorities, as outlined in the WIOA Unified State Plan:

- I. Expand **access** to adult education services in Michigan.
- II. Ensure **equity** in the delivery of adult education services.
- III. Ensure adult education services are **high-quality** and utilize best practices and **evidence-based research**.
- IV. Build equitable **career pathways** to high-wage careers and expand access to **integrated education and training** programs.
- V. Increase the number of adults in Michigan with a **secondary credential**.

Learn More Earn More

Statewide awareness and outreach campaign was launched in 2019

- Posters
- Flyers
- Fact Sheets
- Radio Ads
- Paid Social Media

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Explore your options!

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Resources

- [Adult Education Services Locator](#)
- [Adult Education Fact Sheet](#)
- [Learn More, Earn More Outreach Materials](#) – including General Fact Sheet, ESL and High School Equivalency Fact Sheets



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