

California Adult Education Program

The California Adult Education Program (CAEP), a collaboration between the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education, was established by Assembly Bill 104 in 2015. It allocates over \$640 million annually to 71 consortia statewide consisting of K12 adult schools, community colleges, and community and workforce partners to coordinate in the provision of education and career training leading to high school diplomas, english proficiency, and career readiness and technical skills.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

71

Consortia

480

Member Agencies

771

Community Partners

\$645M+

Annual Funding

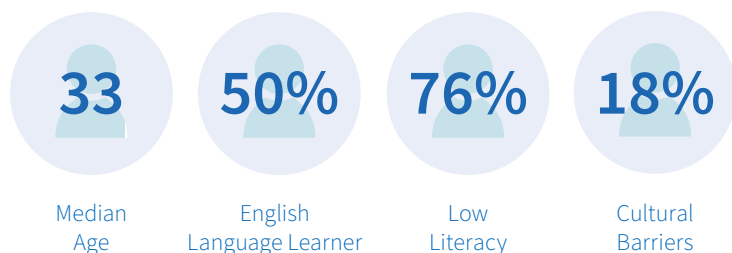
Since its inception, CAEP programs have served over **4 million** adults, expanding their opportunities through **measurable improvements in literacy**, engagement in civic and community activities, earning **high school diplomas** or equivalents, postsecondary **certificates and degrees**, **job** placement, **improved wages**, and transition into **postsecondary education**.

Local governing boards oversee consortia, allocating funds, developing and implementing regional plans and strategies, and monitoring and evaluating program outcomes to ensure alignment with established goals and responsiveness to community educational and workforce needs.

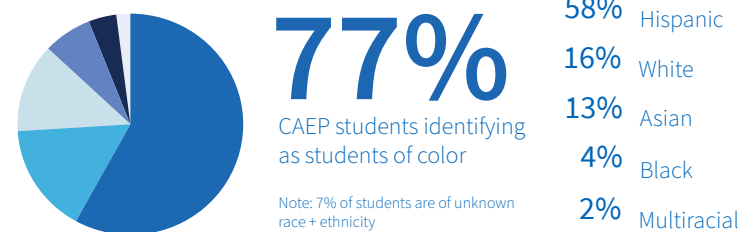


STUDENT PROFILE

Many types of students enroll in adult education programs reflecting the needs of their communities.



RACE + ETHNICITY



GENDER



Note: This data excludes unknown & non-respondents

Data Sources: Consortium, member, and partner counts are from Consortium 2022-25 three-year plans. Annual funding is for the 2023-24 program year. Student profiles reflect 2021-22 data from LaunchBoard, except median age (courtesy of CCCCC, calculated by WestEd). Program and outcomes data are from 2022-23, except transition metrics (transitions into postsecondary and employment after exit) which lag and reflect 2021-22. Enrollment by program area includes CAEP students with 12+ instructional hours (Participants). All outcomes are for students with 12+ hours. Counts are rounded for convenience. Calculations by WestEd. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted enrollment in adult education programs. While enrollment has not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, it has shown positive growth and continues to trend upward.

*Program areas defined by California Education Code § 84913(a)(1)-(7) are English as a Second Language (ESL); Adult Basic and Secondary Education (ABE / ASE); Short-Term Career Education (CTE); programs for adults, including older adults, related to workforce entry or reentry; Pre-apprenticeship training programs coordinated with approved apprenticeship programs; programs for Adults with Disabilities (AWD), and programs for adults to develop skills to assist K-12 children in academic success (CAS).

PROGRAMS + OUTCOMES

CAEP funds support adult students 18 years and older and can be used in 7 approved program areas.¹

589,419

Reportable Individuals

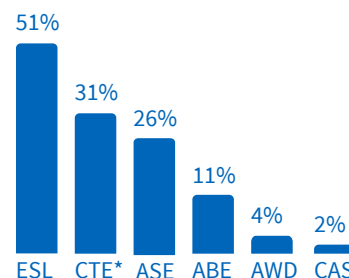
+37% from 2020-21

480,318

Students with 12+

Instructional Hours

+40% from 2020-21



*Includes Participants in Workforce Preparation and Pre-Apprenticeship Training Programs

OUTCOMES

Adult education bolsters communities through enhanced literacy and employment.



30%

ABE, ASE, and ESL students improving educational levels



42k

Transitioning into postsecondary



22%

Employed two quarters after exit



15k

High school diplomas or equivalents awarded



22%

Increase in median income



57k

Earning a postsecondary credential