ADULT EDUCATION FACT SHEET

A SNAPSHOT OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

3,000 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

An average of 3,000 adult students benefit from the Adult Education and Literacy programs in South Dakota each year.

PROGRAMS

Seven providers offer Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, English Language Acquisition, and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education.

South Dakota Adult Education programs consistently rank in the top for employment data:

1st in second quarter employment rates
5th in employment 12 months after exit
8th in median earnings

EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

INVESTMENT PER LEARNER $$$$ S.D. Average per participant: $763
U.S. Average per participant: $1,529

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Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. U.S. DOL Funded.
THE IMPORTANCE OF ADULT EDUCATION

LOW SKILLED ADULTS ARE:

- 2x more likely to be unemployed
- 3x as likely to be in poverty
- 4x as likely to be in poor health
- 8x as likely to be incarcerated

KEY COMPONENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

South Dakota ranks 3rd in the nation for Second Quarter Employment Rates.

Employment earnings are reported in the 2nd quarter after an Adult Education Student completes participation in the program.

More than 40,000 adults in South Dakota do not have a high school credential, limiting their financial potential and ability to become strong members of the workforce.

A person with a high school diploma or equivalent earns an average of $9,620 more per year than a nongraduate.