



Kansas Adult Education Update

Technical Education Authority

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Services

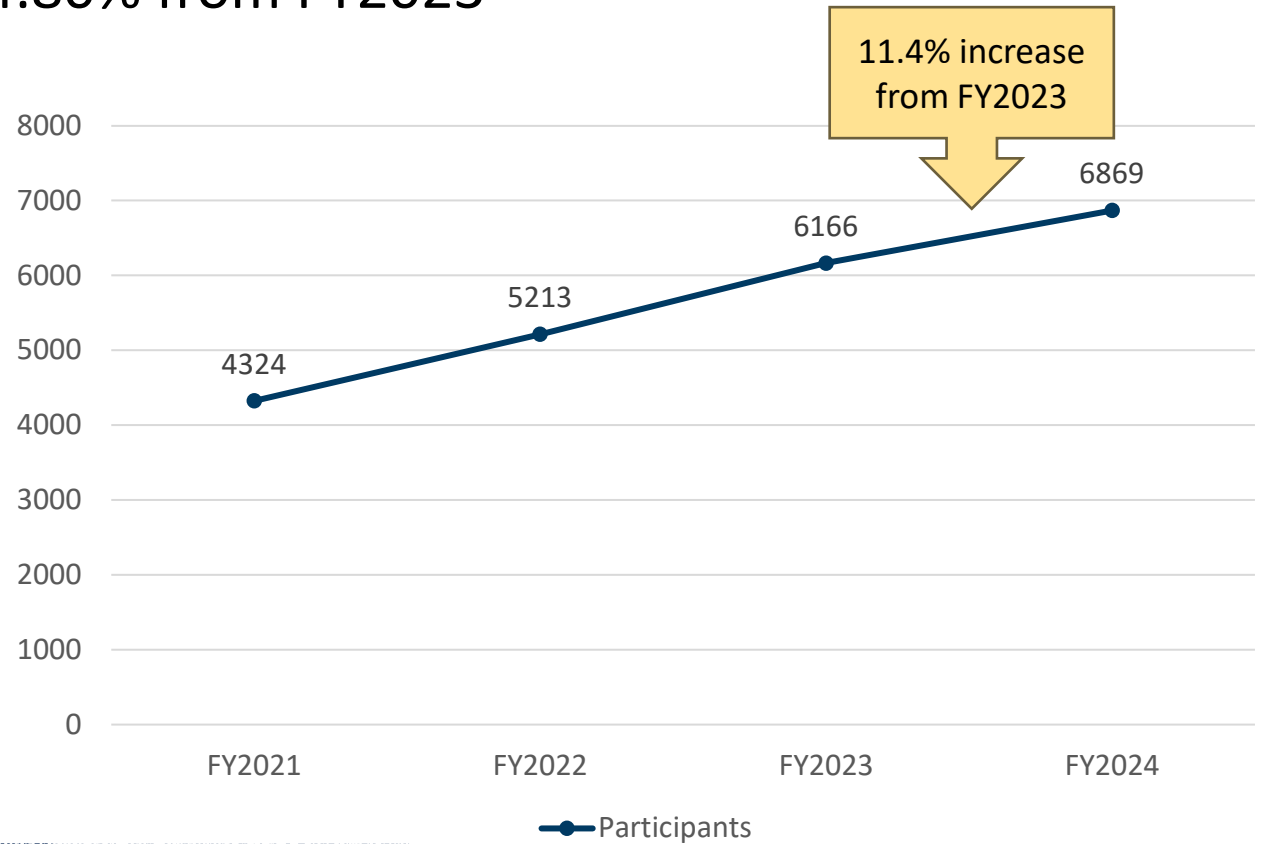
- Adult Education serves adults who need academic support for college and career readiness
- Services include:
 - Instruction in language arts, math, science, social studies
 - Instruction for English language acquisition
 - Instruction in civics, digital literacy, health literacy, financial literacy
 - Workforce preparation, workplace literacy
 - Integrated Education and Training (IET), AO-K, partnering to provide occupational training
 - Advising, transition support, additional supportive services



FY2024 Enrollment

- Kansas Adult Education served **6869 participants** in FY2024
 - ABE/ASE* participants increased by 8.23% from FY2023
 - ELA* participants increased by 14.80% from FY2023
- In FY2025, enrollment as of November 15 was **4544**, an increase of 20.5% over the same time last year

*ABE = Adult Basic Education
*ASE = Adult Secondary Education
*ELA = English Language Acquisition





Population

- We serve an extremely diverse population by almost any measure: age, race and ethnicity, languages, country of origin, socioeconomic status, educational background, etc.
- In FY2024, 14% of participants entered the program with less than an 8th-grade education, while 9% entered with a postsecondary degree
- Consistently, over one-third of participants enter with one or more barriers to employment
 - Low-Income Individuals
 - Single Parents
 - Long-Term Unemployed (27 or more consecutive weeks)
 - Individuals with Disabilities
 - Ex-Offenders



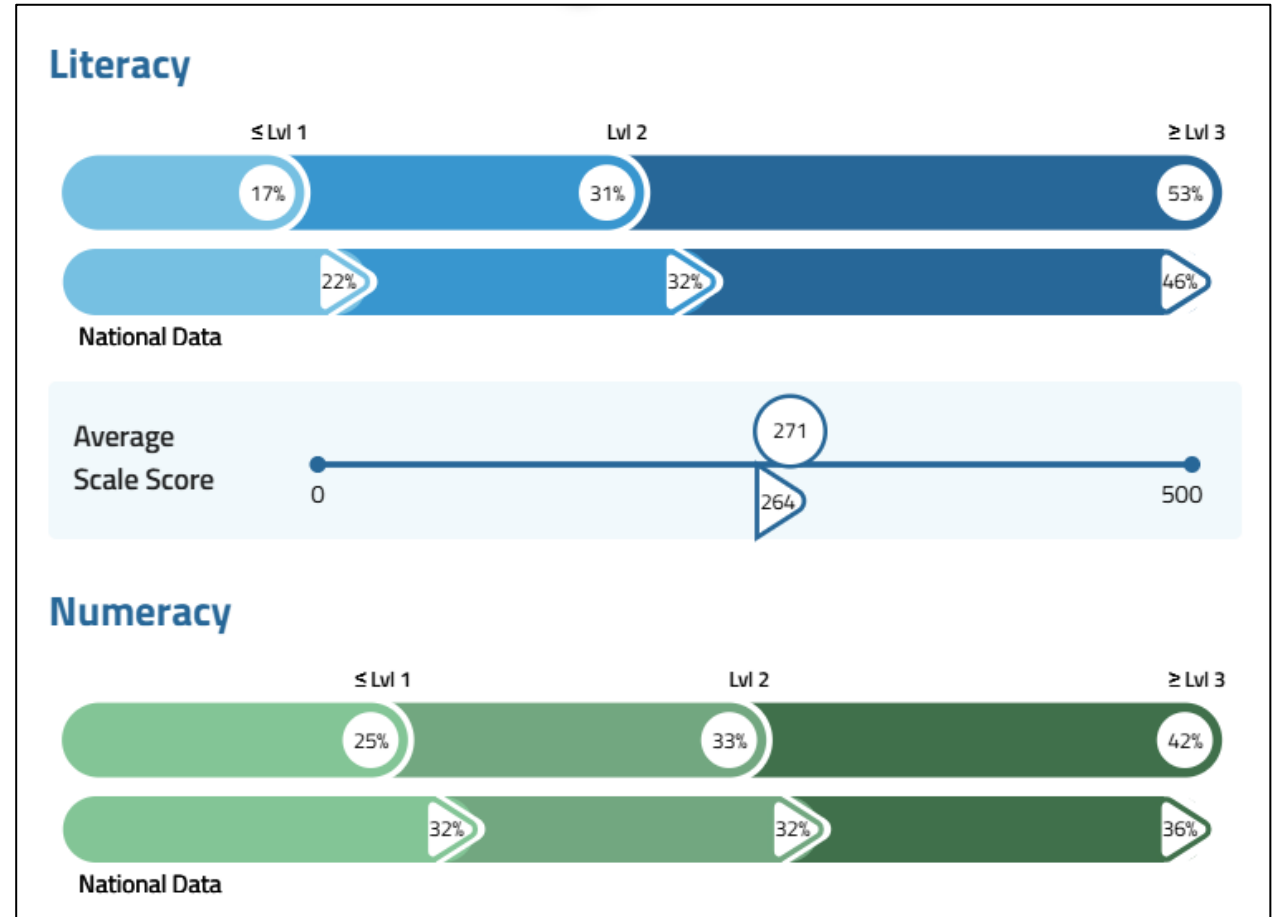
Outcomes

- 2023 – 2024 Kansas
 - Measurable Skill Gains: **59.22%**
 - Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit: **53%**
 - Employment 4th Quarter After Exit: **50.86%**
 - Median Earnings: **\$7277.48**
- 2022 – 2023 National
 - Measurable Skill Gains: **43.06%**
 - Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit: **35.83%**
 - Employment 4th Quarter After Exit: **37.94%**
 - Median earnings: **\$6070.70**



Need for Services

- Approximately 300,000 Kansas adults lack a high-school diploma or need to improve English language skills
- PIAAC Level 1
 - Literacy – Adults at this level can be considered at risk for difficulties using or comprehending print material.
 - Numeracy – Adults at this level can be considered at risk for difficulties with numeracy.
- PIAAC Level 2
 - Literacy – Adults at this level can be considered nearing proficiency but still struggling to perform tasks with text-based information.
 - Numeracy – Adults at this level can be considered nearing proficiency but still struggling to perform numeracy tasks.



<https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/piaac/skillsmap>



What's Next?

- Innovative Initiatives
 - Alternative Placement
 - Service to Internationally Trained Professionals (ITPs)
 - Integrated Education and Training (IET)
- Kansas needs an educated workforce and engaged community members
- Adult Education needs to partner with employers, colleges, and community organizations to best serve and support adult learners in achieving educational and career goals
- **As you visit agencies across the state, ask if they know about their nearest Adult Education program. If so, how can they work together?**



**Kansas Adult Education
empowers learners to elevate
their quality of life through
education, training, and
personal growth.**