

Adult Education

This section can be used for finding:

- *components of the Adult Education Program.*
- *statistics on program enrollments, participants, and completers.*
- *statistics on GED graduates.*

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Useful Terms

Completer - a student who takes a baseline assessment and completes the course post assessment.

Enrollment - all individuals served who complete the orientation process for the Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED), or English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) program and receives a baseline assessment.

General Education Development (GED) - an exam for students whose high school education was interrupted.

GED Graduate - a student who successfully passed the General Education Development (GED) exam.

Participant - a student who completes all required baseline assessments and 12 instructional contact hours in the Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED), or English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) program.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) - evaluates and provides partial funding for the Adult Education Program.

Adult Education Overview

Austin Community College has served as the primary sponsor of the Adult Education Program of the Travis County Co-op since September 1973. The program is funded annually and evaluated by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The federal portion of the funding is provided by the US Department of Education through TWC. The state portion of the funding is provided by the State of Texas. Local funding is provided by Austin Community College District.

Programs

The Adult Education Program includes the following components:

1. English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) Programs

English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) provides basic language skills classes for adults whose native language is not English.

The *English Literacy & Citizenship* program provides English language and civics instruction in order to prepare immigrants for US citizenship and essential life skills in the multicultural American community.

The *Adult Education for Corrections and Institutions* program provides ESL preparation classes for inmates of city and county correctional facilities (Travis County Correctional Complex in Del Valle) and GED classes at SMART and Juvenile Probation.

Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) programs combine occupationally specific training with English language support. The flagship program is the popular collaboration with Continuing Education for ESL/Certified Nurse Aide.

2. Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs

General *Adult Basic Education (ABE)* classes are provided for adults whose reading, writing, and arithmetic skills are below the ninth-grade level. These classes, which consist of both self-paced and group instruction, are also part of the entry component of adult secondary or GED preparation.

Basic Literacy and Students with Learning Differences. Wilson Reading Program instruction is available in ABE beginning/literacy level classes. Wilson is a systemized reading curriculum that targets persons with encoding and/or decoding deficits, including those with dyslexia.

ESL transition to ABE classes provide higher level reading and writing instruction to second language learners (with the goal of obtaining a GED) before they move to a more content-focused ABE/GED class.

General Education Development (GED) classes cover five areas: writing, social studies, science, reading, and math. GED classes are designed to assist students in preparing for the GED Exam and to offer life and job readiness skills.

Adult Education Overview (continued)

ABE/GED for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Courses are designed for deaf and hard of hearing students. The curriculum integrates ESOL and ABE/GED materials/techniques to assist students' acquisition of academic English and aid their understanding of the five GED content areas. Instruction is highly visual and taught in American Sign Language.

3. College Readiness Programs

The *Capital Idea THEA Academy* is a long-time partnership with Capital Idea. This program is part of a long-term ESL, GED, College Readiness, and College training pipeline.

Adult Education has funding from the Higher Education Coordinating Board to for its College Transitions program for students who have a GED or high school diploma but are not college ready.

Adult Education conducts "College Connection" events in order to recruit Adult Education students into college programs.

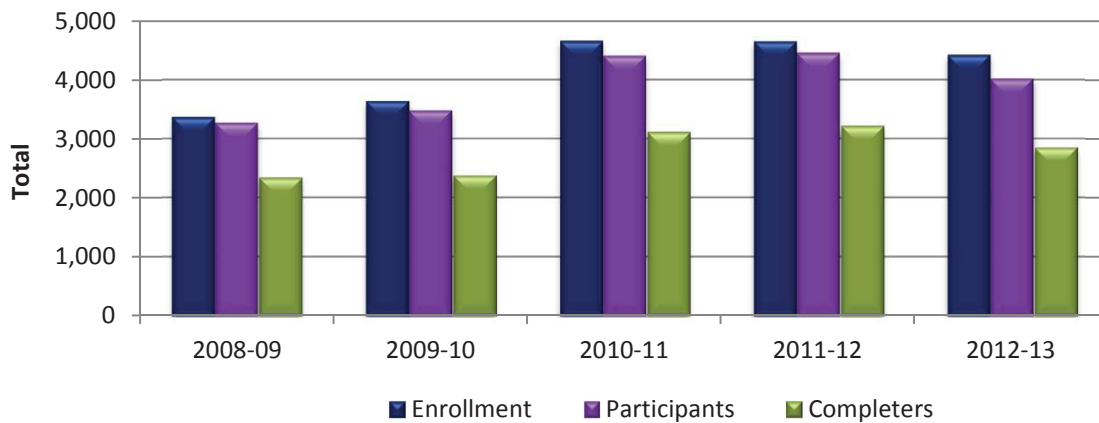
Community Partnerships

In accordance with TWC guidelines, Adult Education maintains a variety of partnerships in the community to deliver services as a co-operative. Current partners are listed below.

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| Advocacy Outreach | Lifeworks Literacy Programs |
| African American Youth Harvest Foundation | Literacy Coalition of Central Texas |
| ASCEND Center for Learning | Manor Independent School District |
| Austin Area Urban League | Pflugerville Independent School District |
| Austin Independent School District | Round Rock Independent School District |
| Austin Public Libraries | Southwest Key Program |
| Capital Idea | Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board |
| Central Texas Communities In Schools | Texas Workforce Commission |
| City of Austin, The | Travis County Community Supervision
and Correction |
| Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas | Travis County Juvenile Probation |
| Del Valle Independent School District | Travis County Sheriff's Office |
| El Buen Samaritano | Wells Branch Public Library |
| Housing Authority of the City of Austin | Workforce Solutions Capital Area |
| Lifeworks | |

**Adult Education
Total Enrollments, Participants, and Completers
Academic Years 2009 - 2013**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
<i>TWC Enrollment Targets</i>	3,200	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Total Enrollment	3,371	3,645	4,660	4,655	4,424
Total Participants	3,277	3,484	4,415	4,462	4,023
<i>TWC Completer Targets</i>	67%	68%	68%	68%	68%
Percent Completers	72%	69%	71%	72%	71%
Total Completers	2,348	2,387	3,119	3,223	2,860

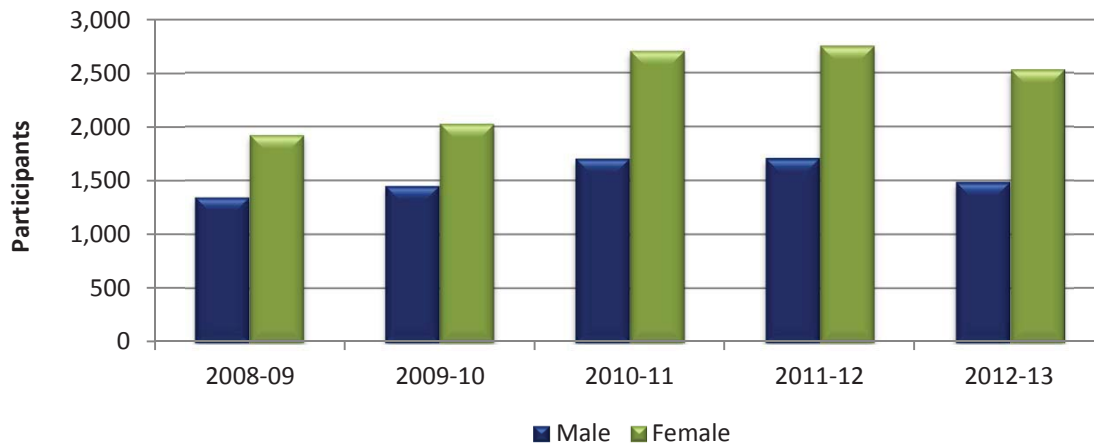


NOTE: Refer to Useful Terms or Glossary for definitions of terms.

Source: Office of Adult Education

**Adult Education
Participants by Gender
Academic Years 2009 - 2013**

Gender	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Male	1,351	1,456	1,710	1,712	1,492
% of Total	41.23%	41.79%	38.73%	38.37%	37.09%
Female	1,926	2,028	2,705	2,750	2,531
% of Total	58.77%	58.21%	61.27%	61.63%	62.91%
TOTAL	3,277	3,484	4,415	4,462	4,023



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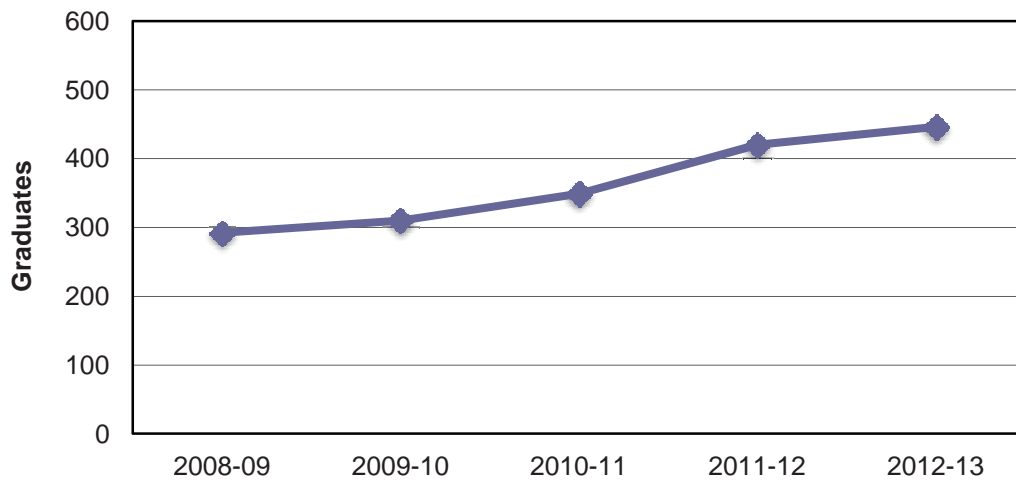
**Adult Education
Participants by Unduplicated Race/Ethnicity
Academic Years 2009 - 2013**

Unduplicated Race/Ethnicity	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
White % of Total	264 8.06%	322 9.24%	343 7.77%	388 8.70%	302 7.51%
Black % of Total	304 9.28%	388 11.14%	495 11.21%	492 11.03%	469 11.66%
Hispanic % of Total	2,511 76.62%	2,512 72.10%	3,231 73.18%	3,219 72.14%	2,959 73.55%
Asian % of Total	188 5.74%	236 6.77%	311 7.04%	324 7.26%	240 5.97%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander % of Total	DATA NOT AVAILABLE		3 0.07%	4 0.09%	2 0.05%
Am. Indian/Alaskan Native % of Total	10 0.31%	26 0.75%	8 0.18%	6 0.13%	9 0.22%
Two or more races % of Total	DATA NOT AVAILABLE		24 0.54%	29 0.65%	42 1.04%
TOTAL	3,277	3,484	4,415	4,462	4,023

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**Adult Education
GED Graduates
Academic Years 2009 - 2013**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Graduates	292	310	349	420	446



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