

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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Adult Education Overview

Austin Community College District 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 also 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.

2. Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program

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.

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.

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3. College Readiness Programs

The *Capital Idea College Prep Academy* is a long-time partnership with Capital Idea. This program is part of a long-term college training pipeline.

Adult Education also operates an intensive, 12-week 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.

4. Career Pathways Programs

Students in the career pathways programs study in Administrative Assistant, Computer, and Hospitality careers through a contextualized curriculum. Some classes are held at employer sites. Some programs offer internships.

Community Partnerships

ACC is the lead agency of the Capital Area Adult Education Consortium. In accordance with TWC guidelines, Adult Education maintains a variety of partnerships, in addition to its consortium, to deliver services as a co-operative. Current partners are listed below.

Community Partnerships:

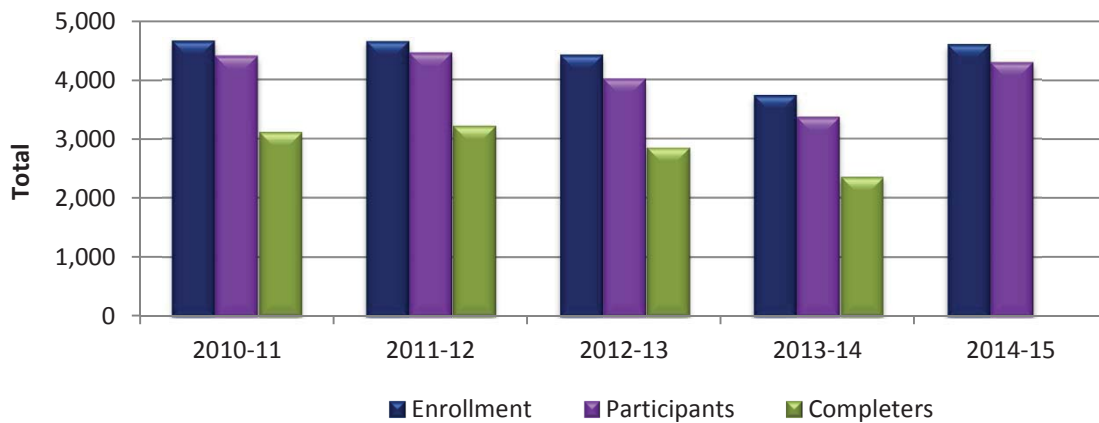
Austin Area Urban League
Austin Public Libraries
Capital Idea
City of Austin, The
Del Valle Independent School District
El Buen Samaritano
Housing Authority of the City of Austin
Hyatt Hotels
Lifeworks Literacy Programs
Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
Manor Independent School District
Pflugerville Independent School District
Round Rock Independent School District
Southwest Key Program
Texas Workforce Commission
Travis County Community Supervision
and Correction
Travis County Juvenile Probation
Travis County Sheriff’s Office
Wells Branch Public Library

Consortium Members:

Advocacy Outreach
ASCEND Center for Learning (LCCT)
Austin Independent School District
Austin Learning Academy
Central Texas Communities In Schools
Lifeworks
Workforce Solutions Capital Area

**Adult Education
Total Enrollments, Participants, and Completers
Academic Years 2011 - 2015**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<i>TWC Enrollment Targets</i>	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,880
Total Enrollment	4,660	4,655	4,424	3,741	4,601
Total Participants	4,415	4,462	4,023	3,379	4,298
<i>TWC Completer Targets</i>	68%	68%	68%	68%	N/A
Percent Completers	71%	72%	71%	70%	N/A
Total Completers	3,119	3,223	2,860	2,364	N/A
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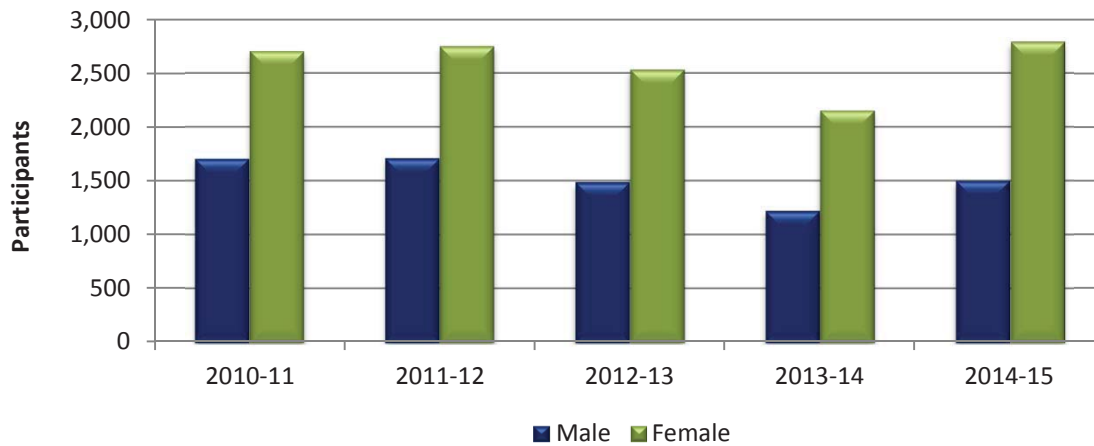


NOTE: Refer to Glossary for definitions of terms.

Source: Office of Adult Education

**Adult Education
Participants by Gender
Academic Years 2011 - 2015**

Gender	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Male	1,710	1,712	1,492	1,225	1,506
% of Total	38.73%	38.37%	37.09%	36.25%	35.04%
Female	2,705	2,750	2,531	2,154	2,792
% of Total	61.27%	61.63%	62.91%	63.75%	64.96%
TOTAL	4,415	4,462	4,023	3,379	4,298

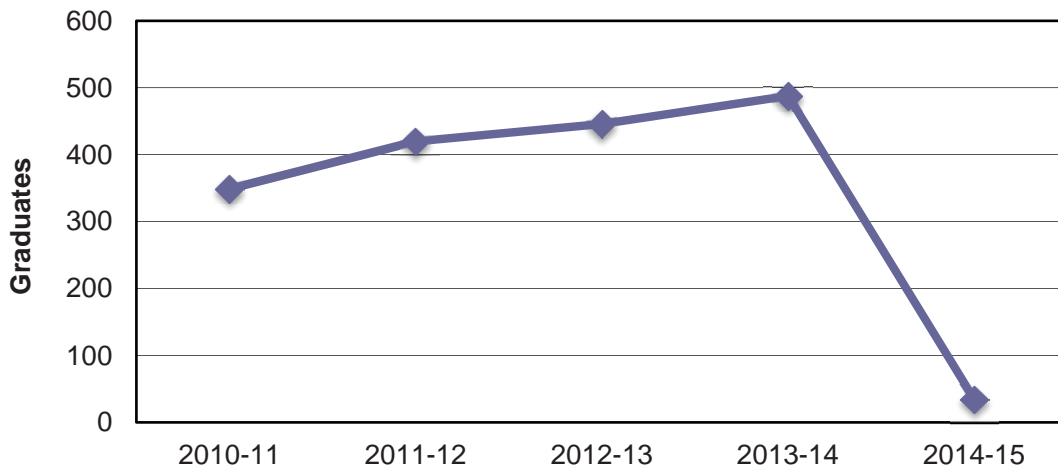


**Adult Education
Participants by Unduplicated Race/Ethnicity
Academic Years 2011 - 2015**

Unduplicated Race/Ethnicity	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
White	343	388	302	307	421
% of Total	7.77%	8.70%	7.51%	9.09%	9.80%
Black	495	492	469	338	333
% of Total	11.21%	11.03%	11.66%	10.00%	7.75%
Hispanic	3,231	3,219	2,959	2,495	3,168
% of Total	73.18%	72.14%	73.55%	73.84%	73.71%
Asian	311	324	240	208	343
% of Total	7.04%	7.26%	5.97%	6.16%	7.98%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	4	2	5	4
% of Total	0.07%	0.09%	0.05%	0.15%	0.09%
Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	8	6	9	3	9
% of Total	0.18%	0.13%	0.22%	0.09%	0.21%
Two or more races	24	29	42	23	20
% of Total	0.54%	0.65%	1.04%	0.68%	0.47%
TOTAL	4,415	4,462	4,023	3,379	4,298

Adult Education
GED Graduates
Academic Years 2011 - 2015

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Graduates	349	420	446	488	34



NOTE : Due to the implementation of new GED 2014, Austin Community College experienced a steep decline in GED completions, as did the rest of Texas.

Source: Office of Adult Education