

Adult Education

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Adult Education Overview

Austin Community College District has served as the primary sponsor of the Adult Education (AE) in Travis County since 1973 and is the current fiscal agent of the Capital Area AE Consortium for federally funded adult education (WIOA Title II). State funding is administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Local funding is also provided by Austin Community College.

Adult Education consists of four instructional programs: English as a Second Language (ESL), GED/HSE (High School Equivalency) Preparation, College Prep, and Career Pathways.

Adult Education also provides extensive student services for its students. Services include admissions, advising, assessment, counseling, and recruitment. Once our students are in college, Adult Education stays with them through partnered instruction, support classes, scholarships specifically for AE students, and intensive advising.

Adult Education has the goal of increased student confidence and readiness for career, college and community participation through these instructional programs:

1. The Adult Basic Education (ABE/HSE/GED) Program provides instruction for four levels of Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies and Science. Classes prepare students for the achievement of the high school credential (GED, HiSet, and TASC).
2. The ESL Program offers five levels of Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking with a focus on the lowest levels of ESL. The ESL curriculum continues to improve with increased rigor and a coordinated writing and grammar curriculum which includes use of Neuhaus Multisensory Grammar.
3. The College Prep Program offers highly motivated students the opportunity to bypass or reduce their need for developmental courses by offering highly intensive, rigorous classes that prepares students for college. Employing a cohort/learning community model, the program increases student confidence and helps them achieve college readiness and TSI completion.
4. The Career Pathways Program offers career pathways courses five ways: classes developed in-house in conjunction with industry experts and corresponding ACC departments; co-taught classes with continuing education leading to industry recognized certificates such as HVAC, CNA, and Java Certification; paired student support classes with academic departments; paid student internships; and workplace ESL or GED.

AE received two Career Pathways grants in addition to our main grant: a workplace literacy grant to expand classes at local employer job sites and a grant to support Ability to Benefit efforts. New federal rules for Ability to Benefit allow students to access federal financial aid and enroll in approved level 1 certificate programs while they are working on their HSE/GED certificate.

**Adult Education
Community Partnerships**

ACC is the current fiscal agent of the Capital Area Adult Education Consortium. In accordance with TWC guidelines, Adult Education maintains a variety of partnerships to deliver Adult Education and literacy services to the Capital Area. Current partners are listed below.

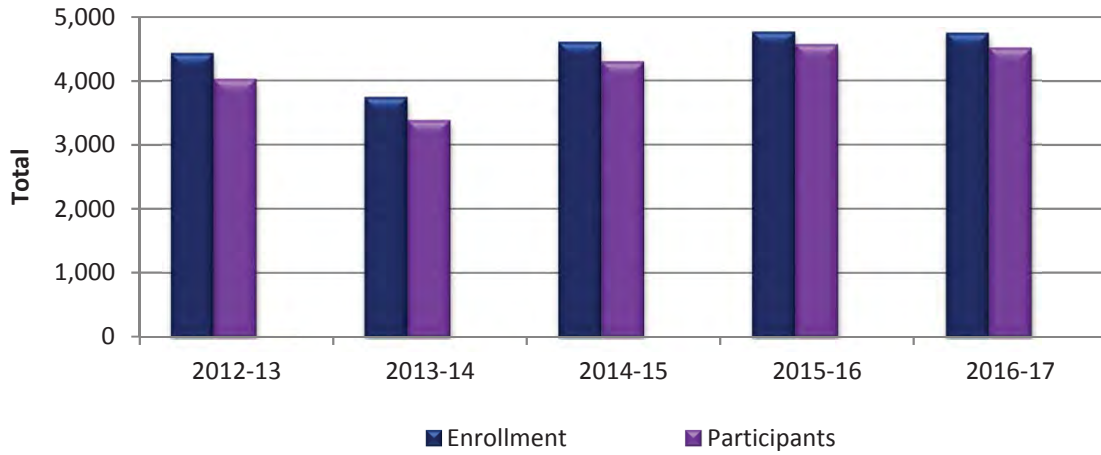
Community Partnerships (Non-Financial)

Austin Area Urban League	Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
Austin Public Libraries	Manor Independent School District
Capital Idea	Pflugerville Independent School District
City of Austin	SSP Learning Center at EUMC
Del Valle Independent School District	Southwest Key Program
Harvest Foundation	Texas Workforce Commission
Hilton North Austin	Travis County Juvenile Probation
Housing Authority of the City of Austin	Travis County Sheriff's Office
JW Marriott Austin	Wells Branch Public Library
Lifeworks Literacy Programs	

Consortium Members (Financial)

Advocacy Outreach
Austin ISD
Austin Learning Academy
Communities in Schools
Lifeworks
Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

**Adult Education
Total Enrollments and Participants
Academic Years 2013 - 2017**

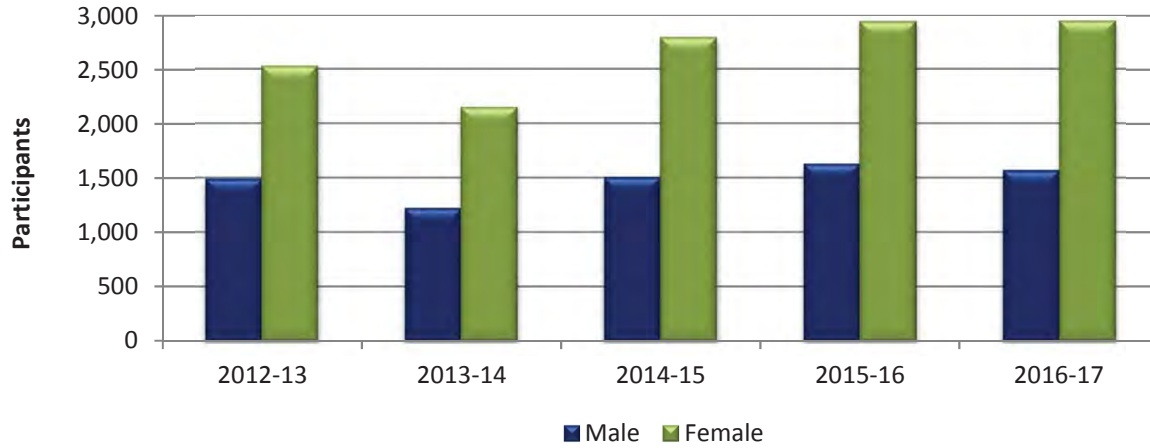


	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total Enrollment	4,424	3,741	4,601	4,763	4,743
Total Participants	4,023	3,379	4,298	4,568	4,511

NOTE: Refer to Glossary for definitions of terms.

Source: Office of Adult Education

**Adult Education
Participants by Gender
Academic Years 2013 - 2017**



Gender	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Male	1,492	1,225	1,506	1,630	1,568
% of Total	38.73%	38.37%	37.09%	35.68%	34.76%
Female	2,531	2,154	2,792	2,938	2,943
% of Total	61.27%	61.63%	62.91%	64.32%	65.24%
TOTAL	4,023	3,379	4,298	4,568	4,511

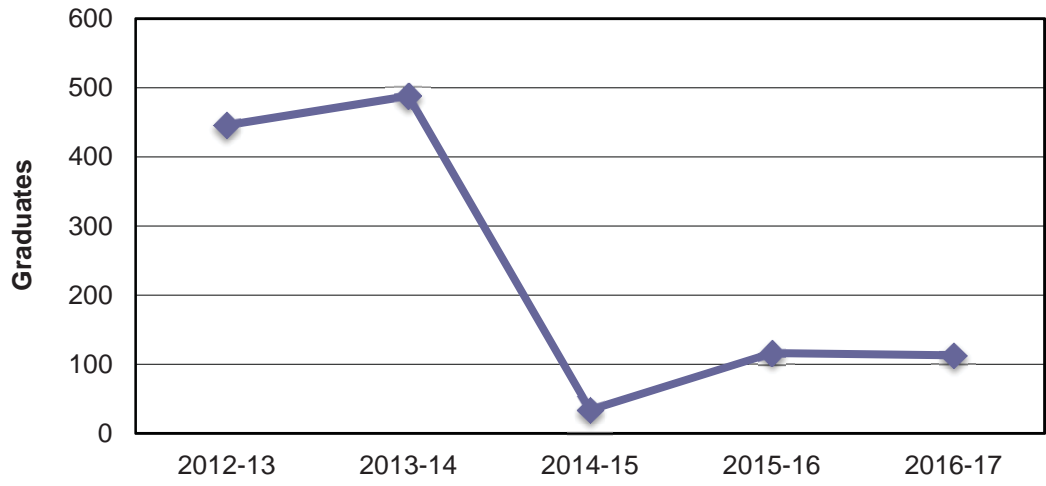
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**Adult Education
Participants by Unduplicated Race/Ethnicity
Academic Years 2013 - 2017**

Unduplicated Race/Ethnicity	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
White	302	307	421	461	435
% of Total	7.77%	8.70%	7.51%	10.09%	9.64%
Black	469	338	333	306	293
% of Total	11.21%	11.03%	11.66%	6.70%	6.50%
Hispanic	2,959	2,495	3,168	3,363	3,348
% of Total	73.18%	72.14%	73.55%	73.62%	74.22%
Asian	240	208	343	405	402
% of Total	7.04%	7.26%	5.97%	8.87%	8.91%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	5	4	4	1
% of Total	0.07%	0.09%	0.05%	0.09%	0.02%
Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	9	3	9	11	4
% of Total	0.18%	0.13%	0.22%	0.24%	0.09%
Two or more races	42	23	20	18	28
% of Total	0.54%	0.65%	1.04%	0.39%	0.62%
TOTAL	4,023	3,379	4,298	4,568	4,511

Source: Office of Adult Education

**Adult Education
GED Graduates
Academic Years 2013 - 2017**



	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Graduates	446	488	34	116	113

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

Source: Office of Adult Education