

# Kentucky Adult Education

# PROFILE

## Who we are ...

Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) is a unit of the Council on Postsecondary Education. We provide free adult education services in each of Kentucky's 120 counties.

**VISION:** Kentuckians will experience a higher standard of living and quality of life through increased educational attainment.

**MISSION:** To prepare adult students to succeed in a global culture and economy by delivering a world-class education.

## What we do ...

### We provide ...

- Academic instruction aligned to college- and career-readiness standards
- Preparation and coaching for next steps (i.e., college and career)

### ... for ...

- Individuals without a high school diploma
- Individuals with a high school diploma with emergent needs
- English language learners (ELL) (literacy and civics)
- Individuals participating in integrated education and training
- Individuals in corrections facilities

### ... to help them prepare for ...

- GED® high school equivalency test
- Postsecondary education and training
- National Career Readiness and Kentucky Essential Skills Certificates (NCRC, KESC)
- Employment

## Why we do it ...

### Low-skilled adults are:

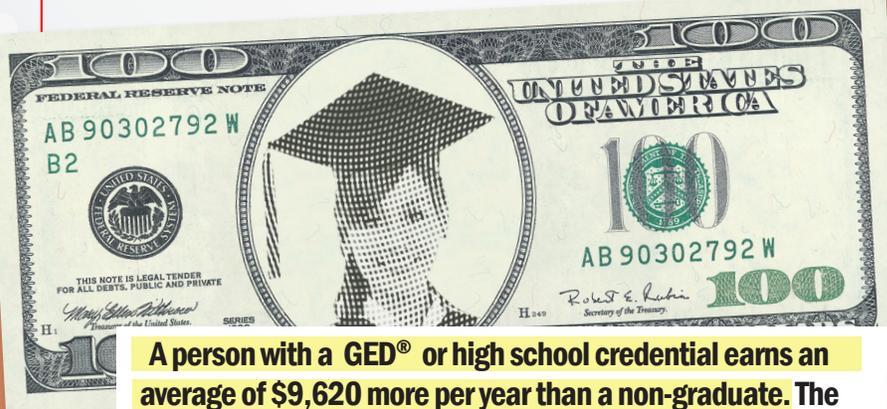
- 2x more likely to be unemployed
- 3x as likely to be in poverty
- 4x as likely to be in poor health
- 8x as likely to be incarcerated

“Adult illiteracy is a fundamental barrier to every major challenge facing Kentucky, including early childhood education, education reform, economic development, and improving the health and well-being of Kentucky’s families and communities.”

- The Kentucky Adult Education Act of 2000

# 62%

By 2020, 62% of all jobs in Kentucky will require some level of postsecondary education.



A person with a GED® or high school credential earns an average of \$9,620 more per year than a non-graduate. The potential increased earnings for 2015-16 Kentucky GED® graduates alone will be nearly \$1 billion over a 30-year career.

## Who we serve ...

In 2015-16, KYAE enrolled 23,244 students.

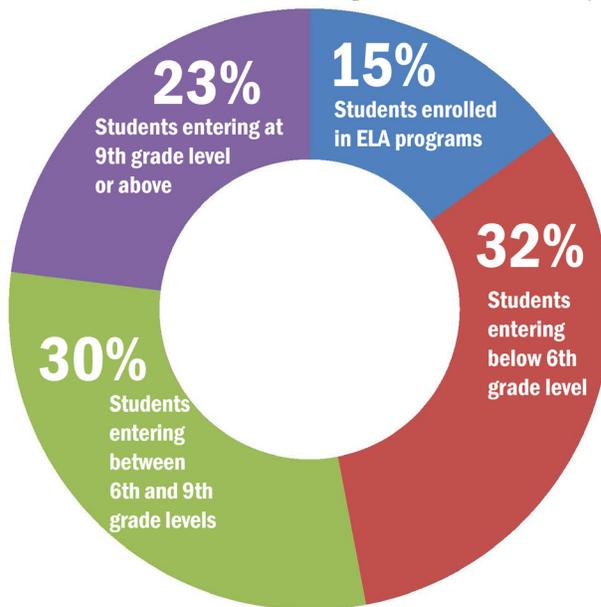
**84%** were ages 18-44, adults who will be in the workforce for another two-to-five decades.

**39%** of students already possessed a high school credential.

**3,555** were English language acquisition (ELA) students.

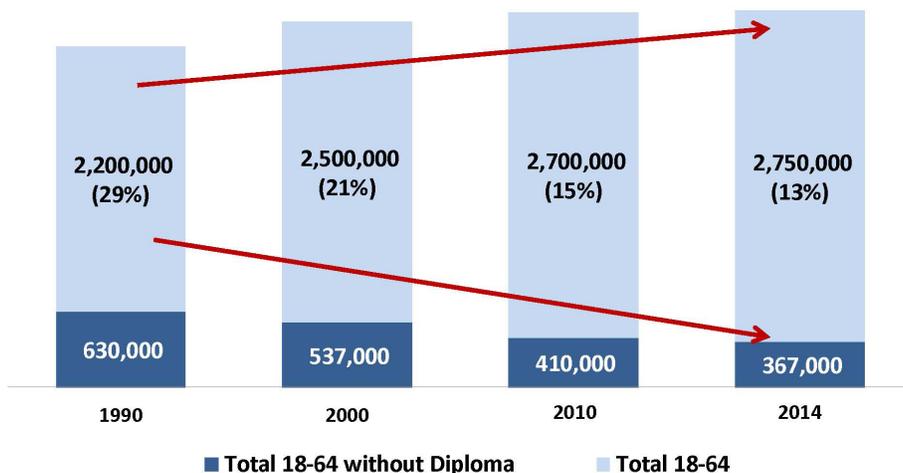
**6,260** were students in corrections education programs.

## Students in Academic Instruction by Educational Level, 2015-16



## How we're doing ...

### Percentage of Working Age (18-64) Kentuckians Without a High School Diploma or GED® Credential



Source: Census Data, 2000; ACS 5-years estimates, 2006-2010 and 2010-2014

**31% DECREASE!**

# of Kentuckians without HS/GED® diploma - from 2000 to 2014  
4th best in nation!

**89%**

Kentucky's GED® pass rate for 2015-16 was 89%\* - among the TOP 10 in the nation!

- July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, GED Testing Service®

\* Among those states that report GED data, Kentucky's GED pass rate exceeds the national pass rate of 82%. Both of these pass rates include an influx of passers added because of the test recalibration.

**"Kentucky has far more experience than most states in strengthening adult access to postsecondary education."**

- "Graduating to College: Three States Helping Adult Education Students Get a College Education," Working Poor Families Project

**Transitioning**

Nearly one out of four of Kentucky's GED® graduates enroll in Kentucky's colleges and universities within two academic years.