



Indiana Adult Learning Landscape

- Approximately 430,000 adult Hoosiers lack a high school education.
- Adults with no diploma or equivalency are far less likely to participate in the labor force. Those who do participate in the labor force are far more likely to be unemployed.
- Indiana serves adult learners through two primary models: 1) Adult Education programs; and 2) State approved Adult High Schools.
- A third model, the Workforce Diploma Program was authorized by state statute in 2019.
- Each year, more students are dropping out of Indiana High Schools than are earning diplomas in all 3 of these models combined.
- DWD has made significant efforts to increase the number of adult education participants that receive relevant workforce training alongside their adult education.
- There is a waiting list of employers seeking to participate in these kinds of training because of inadequate funding.
- The following table presents some of the relevant program data, including total funding, program locations, total enrollment, cost per student, and cost per graduate by program.

	Adult Education	Adult High Schools	Workforce Diploma Program
Guiding Legislation	State - IC 22-4.1-20 Federal - WIOA, Title II	IC 20-24-1-2.3	IC 22-4. 1-27
Governing Agency	DWD	Authorizing Charters	GWC
Total Funding	\$24,672,676	\$40,331,250	\$1,000,000
State Funding (20-21)	\$12,985,041 (53%)	\$40,331,250 (100%)	\$1,000,000 (100%)
Governor's Proposed Increase	+\$4M (PY24) +\$4.4M (UI+) +\$8M (PY25) +\$4.4M (UI+)	+\$3M (PY24) +\$11M(PY25)	+\$500,000 (PY24) +\$500,000 (PY25)
House Version 1001	\$0 (PY24) \$0 (PY25)	+\$4M (PY24) +\$13.5M (PY25)	+\$500,000 (PY24) +\$500,000 (PY25)
Locations	250 locations; 92 Counties	23 locations; 13 Counties	Online Only
Avg. Time to Complete	19.4 weeks*	76.4 weeks**	N/A
2020-21 Enrollment	17,541	5,655	515*^
2020-21 Graduates	4,744	840	116*^
State Cost/Student	\$740.27	\$6,750	\$1,941.75
Cost/Graduate	\$5,200.82	\$45,441.96	\$8,620
State Cost/Graduate	\$2,737.15	\$45,441.96	\$8,620

*Indiana Technical Education Reporting System, 2022

**The Labor Market Return to Reversing High School Dropout, 2022, Brough, Phillips, & Turner

^National Reporting System: <https://nrs.ed.gov/>

^^Indiana Department of Education: [IDOE](#) | [INview](#)

*^Data available for calendar year 2020 through program provider

Indiana Adult Education Locations compared to Adult High School Locations (2023)

