



Indiana Adult Learning Landscape 2021-22

- Approximately 423,000 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 are in the labor force are 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 option, the Workforce Diploma Program was authorized by state statute in 2019.
- Each year, more students are dropping out of Indiana High Schools than are completing in all 3 of these models combined.
- 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 2021-22	Adult High Schools 2021-22	WF Diploma 2021-22	Adult Education 2022-23
Guiding Legislation	State - IC 22-4.1-20 Federal-WIOA, Title II	IC 20-24-1-2.3	IC 22-4. 1-27	State - IC 22-4.1-20 Federal-WIOA, Title II
Governing Agency	DWD	Authorizing Charters	GWC	DWD
Total Funding	\$24,610,185	\$40,331,250	\$1,000,000	\$24,610,185
State Funding	\$12,985,041 (53%)	\$40,331,250 (100%)	\$1,000,000 (100%)	\$12,985,041 (53%)
Locations	250 locations; 92 Counties	23 locations; 13 Counties	Online Only	250 locations; 92 Counties
Avg. Time to Complete	19.4 weeks*	76.4 weeks**	N/A	
Enrollment	19,430	5,196	111*^	22,226
Graduates	3,795	1,026	63*^	3,808
Cost per Student	\$1,267	\$6,750	\$9,009	\$1,107
Cost/Graduate	\$6,484.90	\$39,309.21	\$15,873	\$6,462.76
State Cost \$/Grad	\$3,421.62	\$39,309.21	\$15,873	\$3,409.93

*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 through program provider