

# Beaufort Parish

## Adult Skills & Opportunity

Mapped Providers: Literacy Council

Sources: Census Bureau 2023 ACS 5 Year Estimates , [NCES PIAAC](#)

### Adults Without Foundational Skills



# 13%

No High School Diploma or Equivalent

# 36%

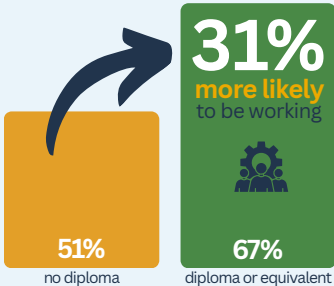


Low Reading, Writing, or Math Skills

3,675 adults in Beaufort Parish lack a high school diploma or equivalent and 9,854 struggle with basic reading, writing, or math skills.

### Economic Impact of Adult Education

#### Labor Force Participation



#### Median Annual Earnings



Adults earning diplomas are **more likely to join the workforce**, **reduce their risk of poverty by 42%**, and **rely less on public assistance**—all while helping employers fill jobs with skilled, ready workers.

### Adult Education Opportunity

Double the Diplomas. Double the Returns.

# \$21 return for every \$1 invested

Adult education pays off. **Every dollar spent creates \$21 in economic return** through higher wages and reduced costs.

# \$60k needed to close the adult skills gap

An increased annual investment would help **Beaufort produce 2x more graduates**, strengthening the local workforce.

# \$2.6 million added in local wages over 10 years

Just doubling the annual number of grads once – **from 17 to 34** – would boost incomes, increase tax revenue, and lower public costs.

One diploma can transform a life – **thousands can transform a community!**

Ready to explore the numbers?

Learn more about how adult education drives impact across Louisiana at [lapcae.coabe.org/aedata](http://lapcae.coabe.org/aedata).

