

Orleans Parish

Adult Skills & Opportunity

Mapped Providers: DCC, Hope House, YEP, YMCA, LA Corrections

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

Adults Without Foundational Skills



11%

No High School Diploma or Equivalent

47%

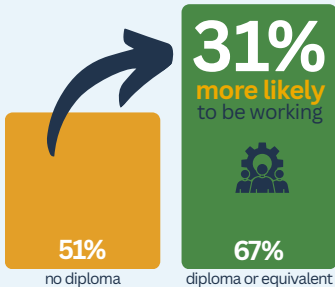


Low Reading, Writing, or Math Skills

32,604 adults in Orleans Parish lack a high school diploma or equivalent and 141,759 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.

\$501k

needed to close the adult skills gap

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

\$21.7

million added in local wages over 10 years

Just doubling the annual number of grads once – from 143 to 286 – 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.

