

# St. James Parish

## Adult Skills & Opportunity

Mapped Providers: RPCC

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

### Adults Without Foundational Skills



# 11%

No High School Diploma or Equivalent

# 47%

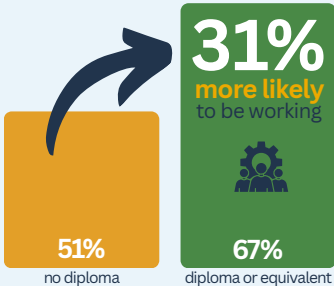


Low Reading, Writing, or Math Skills

1,667 adults in St. James Parish lack a high school diploma or equivalent and 7,222 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.

# \$11k

needed to close the adult skills gap

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

# \$460

thousand added in local wages over 10 years

Just doubling the annual number of grads once – from 3 to 6 – 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).

