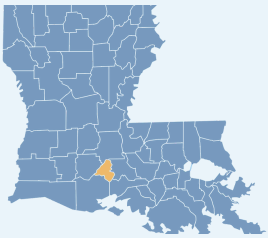


Lafayette Parish

Adult Skills & Opportunity

Mapped Providers: SOLACC, VITA, LA Corrections

Sources: Census Bureau 2023 ACS 5 Year Estimates , NCES PIAAC

Adults Without Foundational Skills

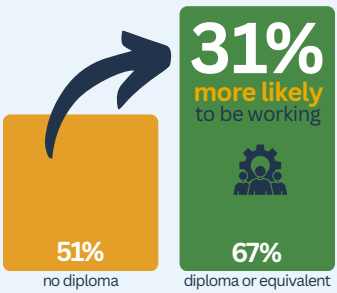
10%
No High School Diploma or Equivalent

35%
Low Reading, Writing, or Math Skills

19,218 adults in Lafayette Parish lack a high school diploma or equivalent and **65,023 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.

$676k needed to **close** the **adult skills gap**

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

$29.3 million added in local wages over 10 years

Just doubling the number of grads once – **from 193 to 386** – 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.

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