

Kentucky Adult Education Profile



Our Mission

The mission of Kentucky Adult Education is to prepare our students for college and career readiness by delivering a world-class education. KYAE is committed to a quality adult education system that is accountable, efficient and meets the needs of students. Across the Commonwealth, KYAE programs help adult students gain the academic skills and credentials they need to transition to postsecondary education, function productively in the workforce and support their families.

A Significant Return on Investment

For Kentucky to be successful, the nearly 410,000 Kentuckians age 18-64 (15 percent of the working-age population)

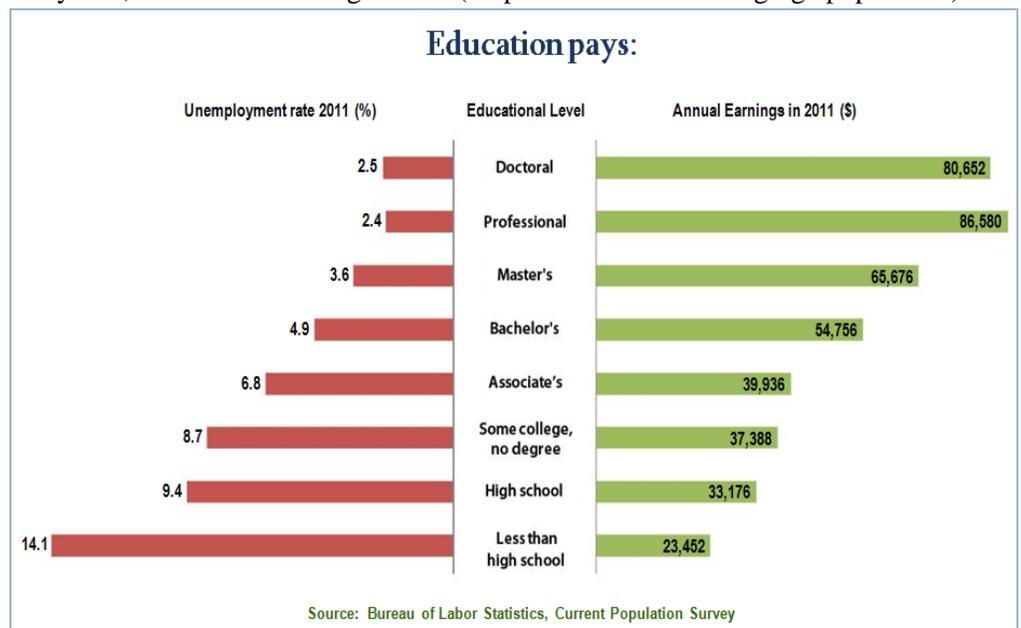
without a high school credential must have the opportunity to prepare themselves for college and careers, an opportunity that KYAE programs provide. (2006-10 ACS) Consider the following:

- The Kentucky Office of Employment and Training estimates that by 2018, some form of postsecondary education will be required for 29 percent of all jobs and 48 percent of new jobs in Kentucky.

- A person with a high school credential earns \$9,700 more per year than a high school drop-out. The potential increased earnings for GED graduates in 2011-12 alone will be nearly \$2.8 billion over a 30-year career. The chart above illustrates the relationship between education, earnings and unemployment.
- Parents are powerful educational role models. For Kentucky's schools to be successful, we must help adults achieve their educational goals.
- Individuals without a high school credential are more likely to be unemployed, three times as likely to be in poverty and eight times as likely to be incarcerated.
- Increased education has a positive effect on health status.
- Human capital infrastructure reflected as an educated and trained workforce plays a significant role in economic development efforts.

According to a recent policy paper, "The Return on Investment from Adult Education and Training," McGraw-Hill Research Foundation, May 2011:

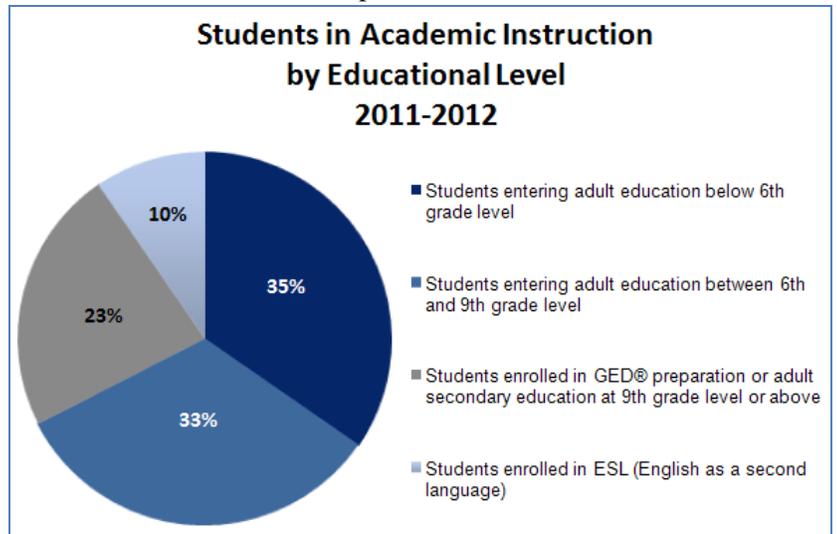
"A preemptive focus on adult education actually saves governments money by reducing societal healthcare, public assistance and incarceration costs. Adult education also improves and expands the nation's available pool of human capital by helping motivated but under educated people achieve gainful employment in today's increasingly high-tech and global job market, and at a far lower cost per learner when compared to either K-12 or higher education."



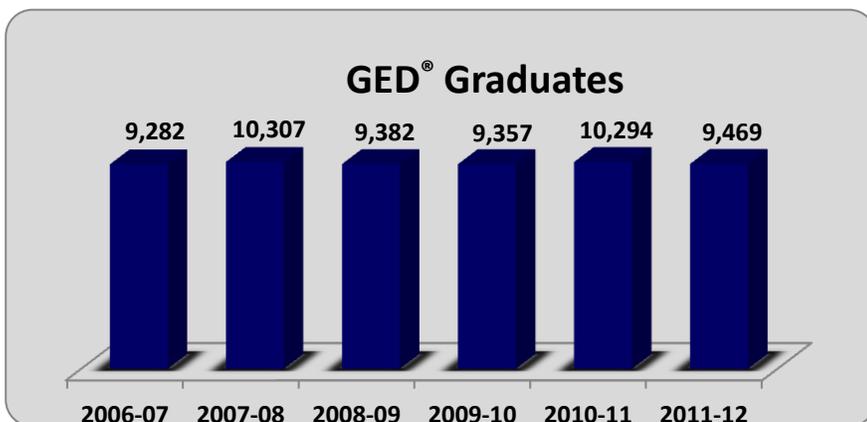
KYAE Student Profile

KYAE enrollment grew 30 percent between 2005 and 2009 – the latest national comparison data available. In that timeframe, Kentucky had the greatest percentage change in adult education enrollment of any state in the nation. In 2011-12, KYAE enrolled 39,487 students:

- 82 percent were age 18-44, adults who will be in the workforce for another two to five decades.
- 34 percent of students already had a high school credential.
- 3,776 students were in English as a second language programs.
- 5,833 students were in corrections education.



KYAE Key Outcomes



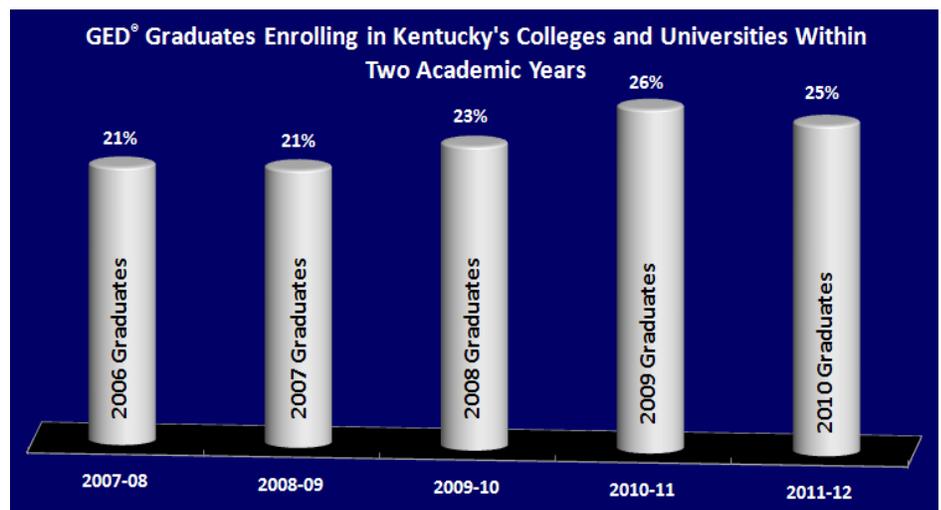
From 2000 to 2010, the working-age population (18-64) without a high school diploma or GED declined from 537,000 (21 percent) to 410,000 (15 percent) a 24 percent decline. (American Community Survey, 2006-10)

Kentucky's 2012 GED® pass rate is 80 percent, which exceeds the national GED® pass rate of 72 percent.

The most recent data, 2011-12, show that 25 percent of Kentucky GED® graduates transition to postsecondary education within two years.

Of those 2010 GED® graduates who enrolled in postsecondary education by summer 2012:

- 90 percent enrolled in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.
- 7 percent enrolled in a public four-year institution.
- 3 percent enrolled in an independent institution.



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