

# Iowa Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) Overview



## Iowa Rankings & National Percentage\* Comparison on Key WIOA AEL Performance Indicators (Program Year 2021-2022)

WIOA AEL Performance Indicators	Iowa's Rank Out of 57**	Iowa Percentage	National Percentage
Adult Basic Education Measurable Skill Gain	16	51.1%	42.3%
English as a Second Language (ESL) Measurable Skill Gain	20	45.7%	39.7%
Overall Measurable Skill Gain	18	48.8%	42.3%
Quarter 2 Employment	11	52.3%	41.9%
Quarter 4 Employment	5	54.5%	36.0%
Quarterly Median Earnings	13	\$6,069	\$5,525
Credential Rate	2	73.1%	23.9%

\*Percent of participants.

\*\*Top tier, rank out of 57. The 57 includes Washington DC, US territories, etc. Specifically, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

- In PY 2021-22, adult basic education made up 57.1 percent (5,328) of participants served and ESL was 42.9 percent (4,000) for a total of 9,328 participants served.
- In PY 2020-21, Iowa integrated education and training (IET) served 159 participants with a measurable skills gain of 38.3 percent, compared to the national at 34.2 percent (Iowa median wage: \$6,437; National median wage: \$4,888).
- In PY 2020-21, Iowa integrated English literacy and civics education (IELCE) served 90 participants with a measurable skills gain of 49.5 percent, compared to the national rate of 35.3 percent (Iowa median wage: \$11,045; National median wage: \$6,533).
- Iowa AEL students completing the high school equivalency test (HiSET) in 2021 had the highest passing rate (95.9 percent) in the nation for all states. Iowa's AEL programs and instructors provide a curriculum and platform environment for learning that is designed to generate greater preparation which allows for higher scores nationally. This establishes a confidence level for subject understanding that translates to higher scores and passing rates, but also positively follows the student along their career pathway trajectory to postsecondary education and training.
- More information can be found at [https://www.iowastudentoutcomes.com/adult\\_education](https://www.iowastudentoutcomes.com/adult_education)