The Department of Education supports many adult education programs.

The Adult Education program authorized under Title II of the Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funded 1,712 providers throughout the United States during program year 2021–22.\(^1\)

The most common type of adult education grantee are local education agencies (LEAs) (e.g., school districts). A little less than half of all adult education grantees funded under Title II of WIOA are LEAs.

Agencies that receive funding for adult education are diverse.

In addition to local education agencies, other grant recipients include public and private nonprofit agencies, institutions of higher education, and more. These grantees also fund additional subrecipients.

In program year 2021–22:
Many people working in diverse capacities are needed to make adult education possible.

Teachers represent the largest category of personnel in adult education programs, comprising 70% of the adult education workforce. Most teachers, 67%, are employed part-time. Only 20% of teachers are employed full-time and 13% are volunteers.

In program year 2021–22:

- Local Teachers: 41,253
- Local Paraprofessionals: 5,981
- Local Counselors: 1,969
- Local-level Administrative/Supervisory/Ancillary Services: 9,974
- State-level Administrative/Supervisory/Ancillary Services: 505

Most full- and part-time teachers are experienced.

Most full- and part-time teachers, 72%, hold an education certification. About 26% of teachers hold an adult education certification and 11% hold a TESOL certification. Other certifications are not specifically related to adult education or English language acquisition, and teachers may hold more than one certificate.

Number of teachers with certification in program year 2021–22:

- Adult Education: 9,365 (26%)
- TESOL: 4,039 (11%)
- K–12: 14,153 (39%)
- Special Education: 1,738 (5%)
- No Certification: 10,245 (28%)

1 All data are from NRS Table 14 (WIOA funding and agencies receiving funding), and NRS Table 7 (adult education personnel and certifications).

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