

Montana Adult Basic & Literacy Education (ABLE)

What is Adult Basic and Literacy Education?

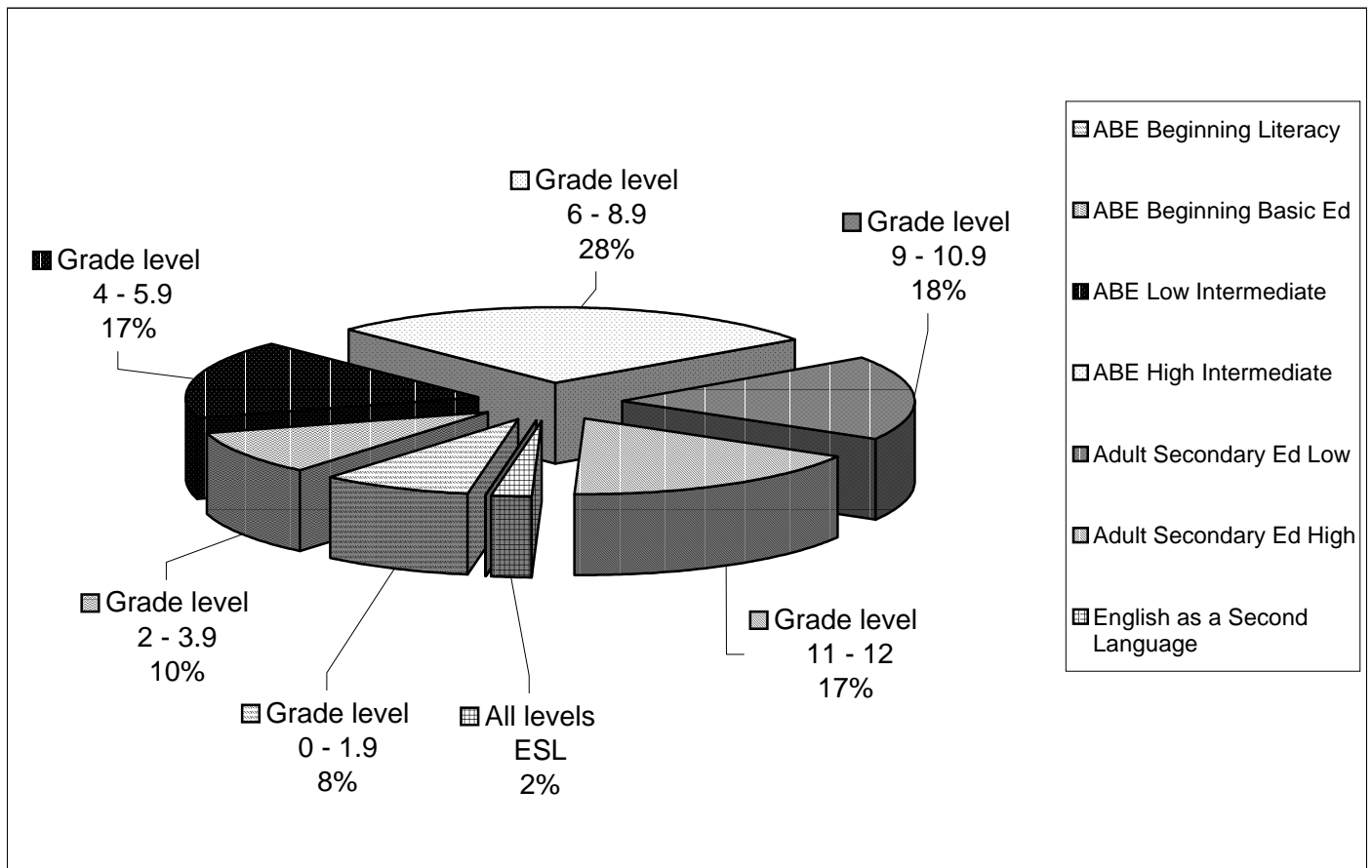
ABLE consists of many community and school based programs across the state of Montana. Through local, state, and federal funds, these programs provide reading, writing, language, and math instruction to help adults gain a GED and/or basic skills that will lead to employment.

Whom do we serve?

ABLE serves adults age 16 and older who are not enrolled in, or are not required to be enrolled in, secondary school. To be eligible, adults must lack sufficient mastery of basic skills to function in society, lack a high school diploma, and/or lack basic English skills.

In Montana, 75,000 adults aged 25 and over do not have a high school diploma or a GED. Twenty five thousand adults have less than a 9th grade education.

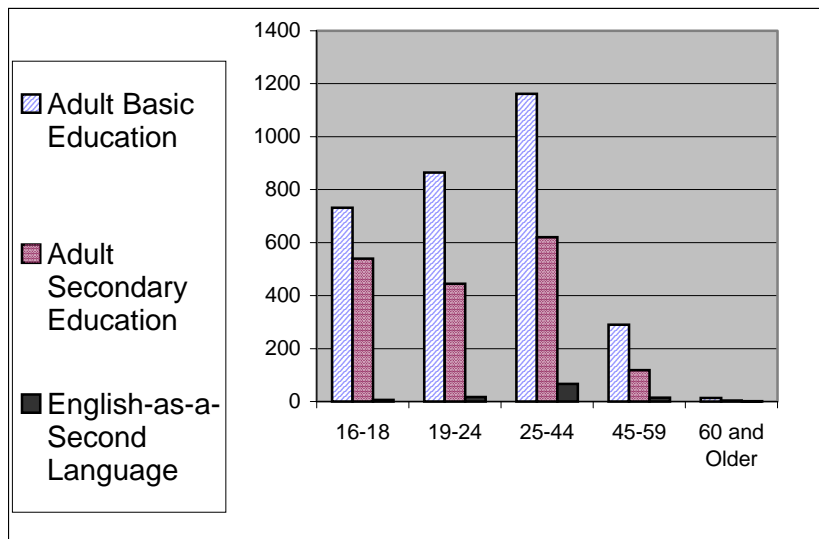
Education levels of the students enrolled in Montana's Adult Basic & Literacy Education Programs for Program Year 2001-2002.



Participant Status at Enrollment*

Disabled Adults	647
Employed	2683
Unemployed	2786
Not in the Labor Force	1206
On Public Assistance	1424
Living in Rural Areas	1393
Adults in Correctional Facilities	1044
Adults in Community Corrections	159

Age and Program Participation*



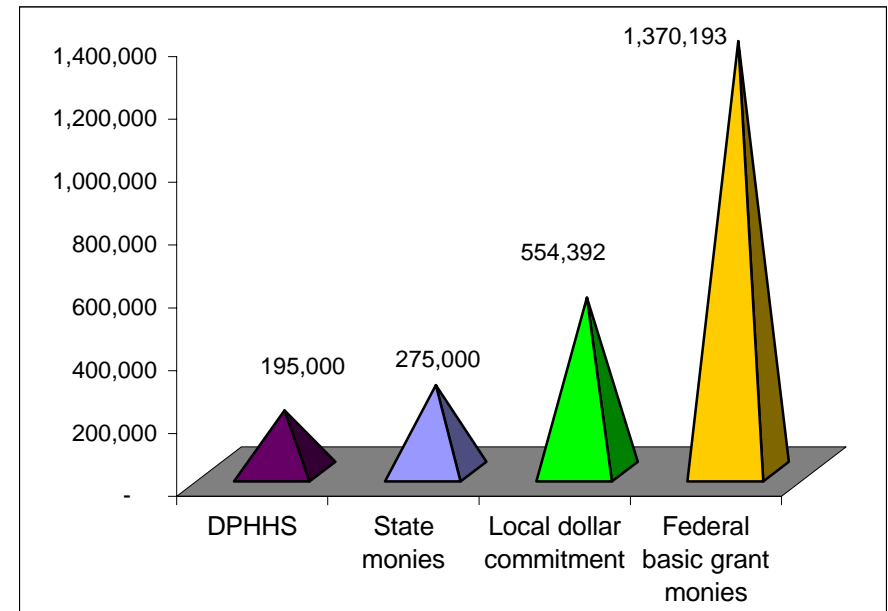
ABLE programs served 4,892 participants in 2001/2002.

Participant Outcomes*

Entered Employment	134
Retained Employment	27
Obtained a GED or Secondary School Diploma	811
Entered Postsecondary Education or Training	164
Number of Participants Posting Educational Gains	2,670

How is ABLE funded?*

In Montana, federal basic grant monies provide over 50% of the monies used to fund Adult Basic and Literacy Education programs. Local dollars from school districts and other grant sources make up 24% of the monies used for ABLE, 9% comes from contracts with DPHHS, while the state portion is 13%. The local and state contribution, are part of required maintenance of effort match for the federal dollars. The average cost per student is \$490.



*All Statistics shown are from data collected by Montana Adult Basic and Literacy Education for Program Year 2001/2002.