

# ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY: ENROLLMENT AND PROPOSALS

& THE LINK TO CHILDREN'S OUTCOMES

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# AGENDA

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## **OVERVIEW OF ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education, Adult Literacy, High School Equivalency

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## **ENROLLMENT**

Numbers and trends in all 3 systems; Native American enrollment

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## **CHALLENGES**

State rankings; the relationship between adult literacy and children's reading

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## **SOLUTIONS**

3 legislative proposals; New Mexico Literacy Institute

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## **WRAP-UP**

Good news; performance improvement; questions and answers

# 3 SYSTEMS WITHIN ADULT EDUCATION



## ADULT EDUCATION

26 programs: HSE prep, English instruction, & literacy with a workforce preparation focus; Integrated Education & Training (IET)

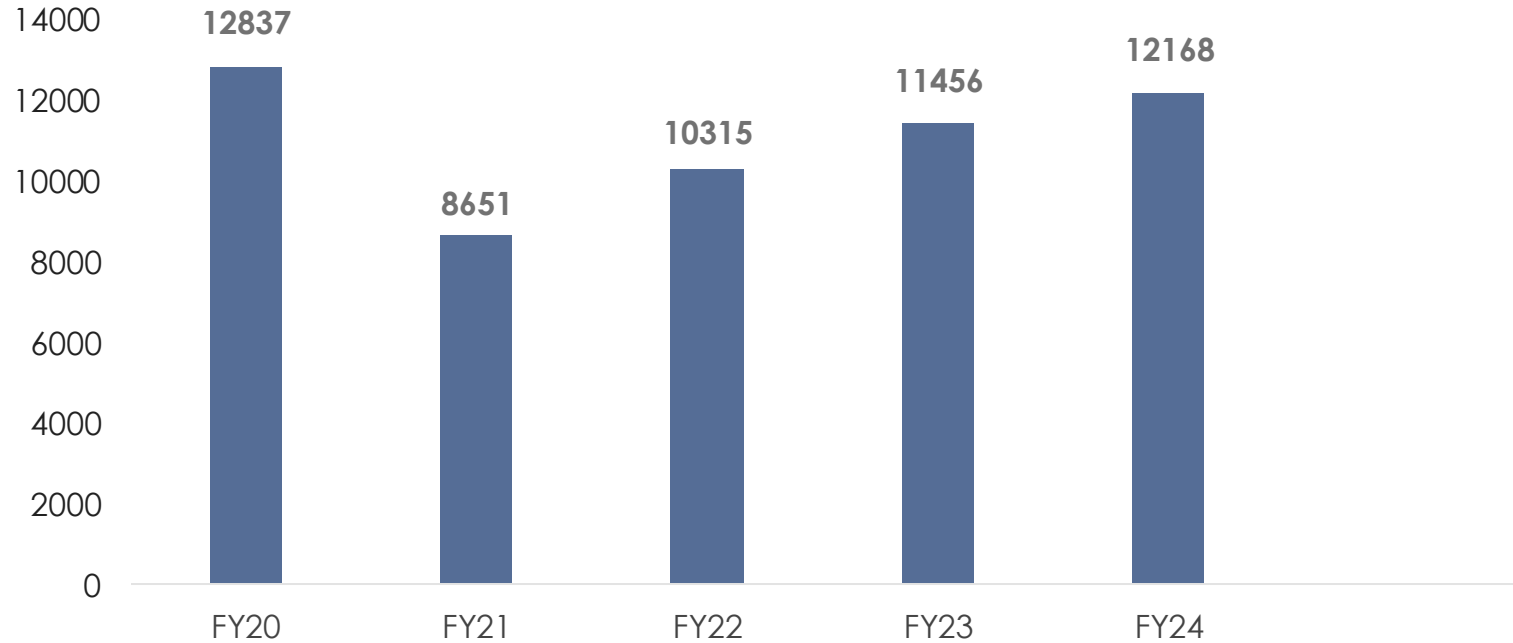
## ADULT LITERACY

18 programs: Literacy, numeracy, and digital skills. One-on-one or small group tutoring; some rural locations

## HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (HSE)

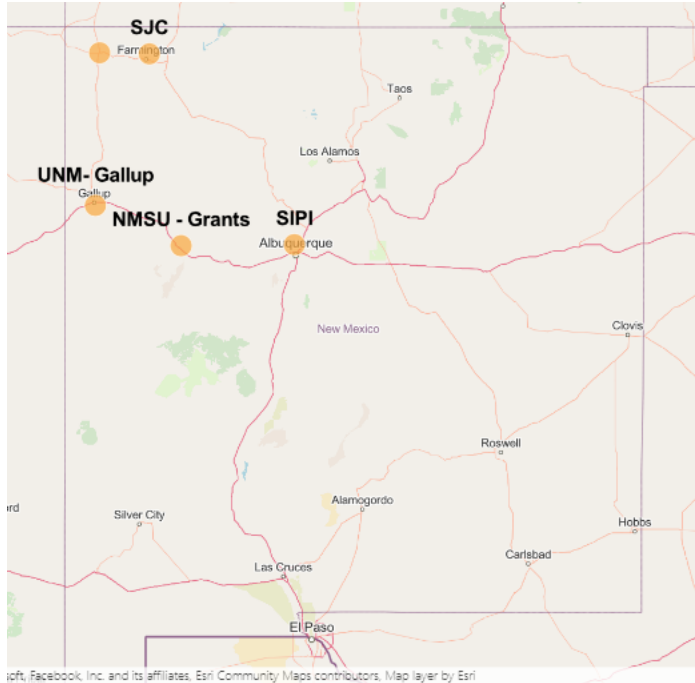
HSE testing (GED & HiSET); National External Diploma Program; serves whole state, not only AE and AL students

## Adult Education Enrollment



*NM ADULT EDUCATION INCREASED ENROLLMENT BY 6% IN FY24*

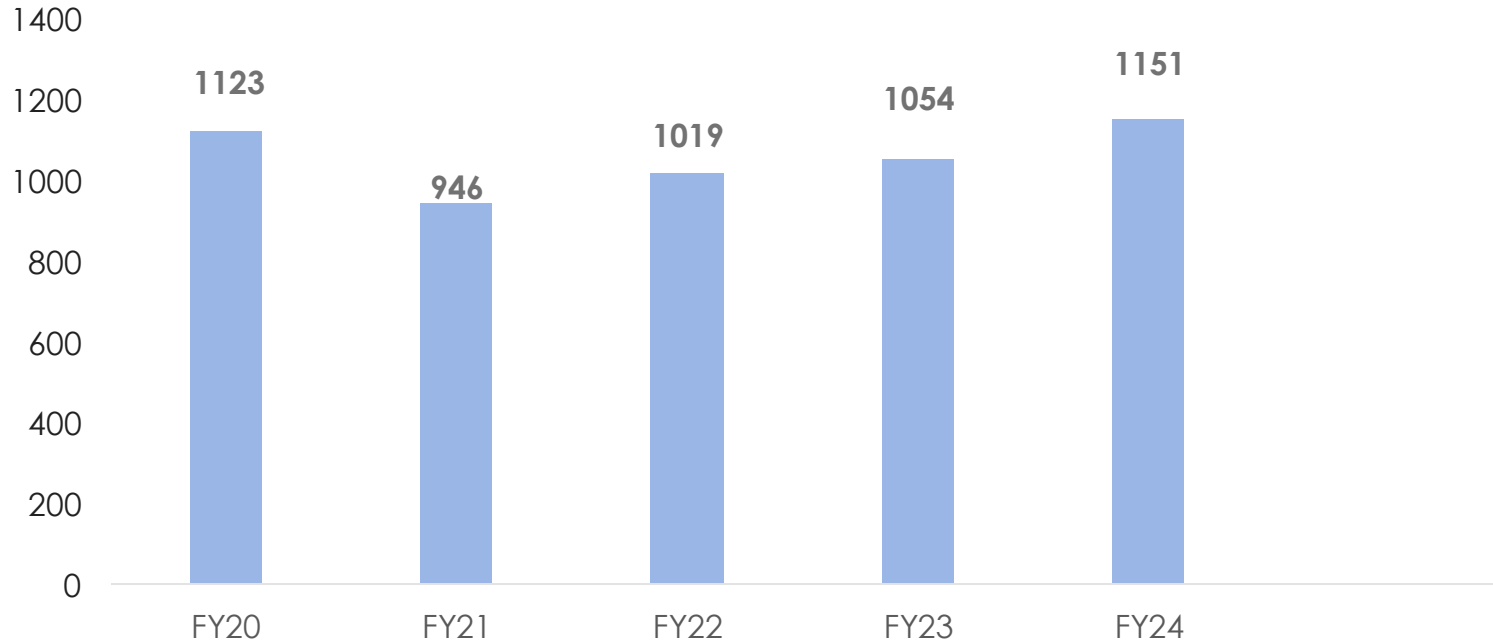
# Adult Education Programs Serving a Large Native Population



- Dine College
- NMSU – Grants
- SIPI
- San Juan College
- UNM - Gallup

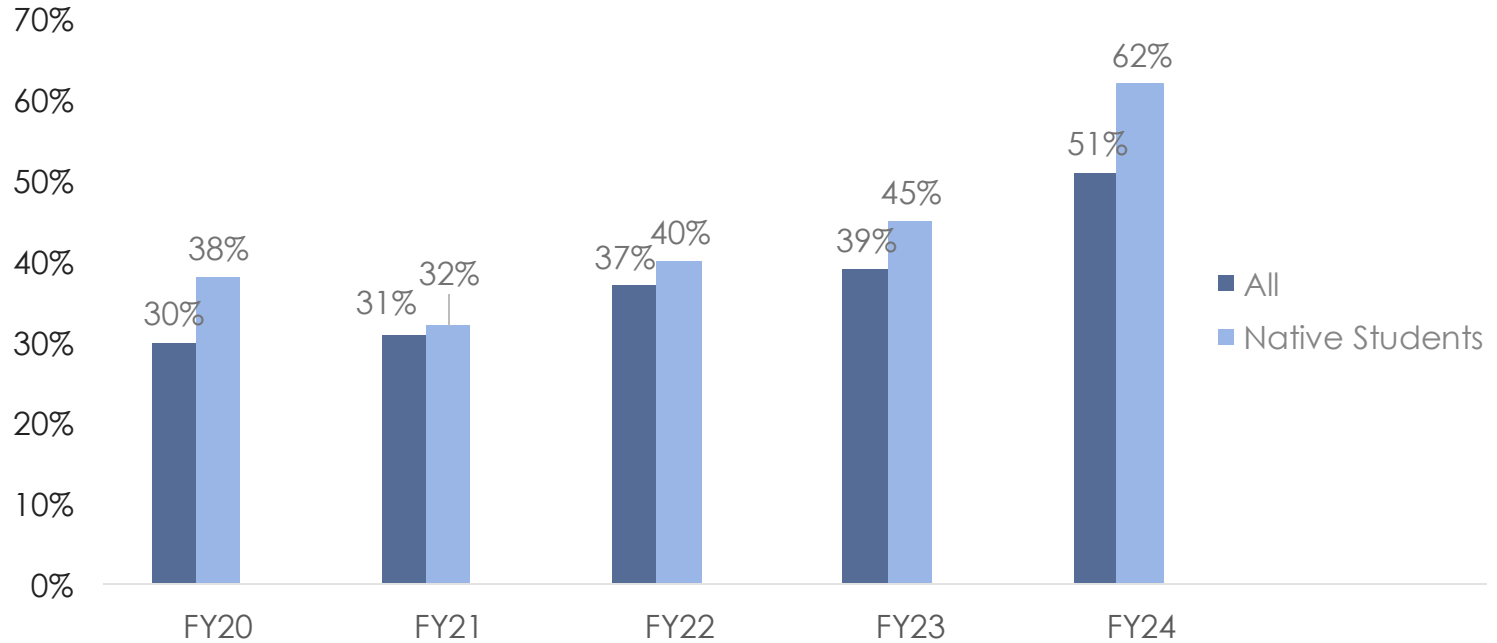
*ALL 26 ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS SERVE NATIVE STUDENTS*

# Adult Education Enrollment: Native Students



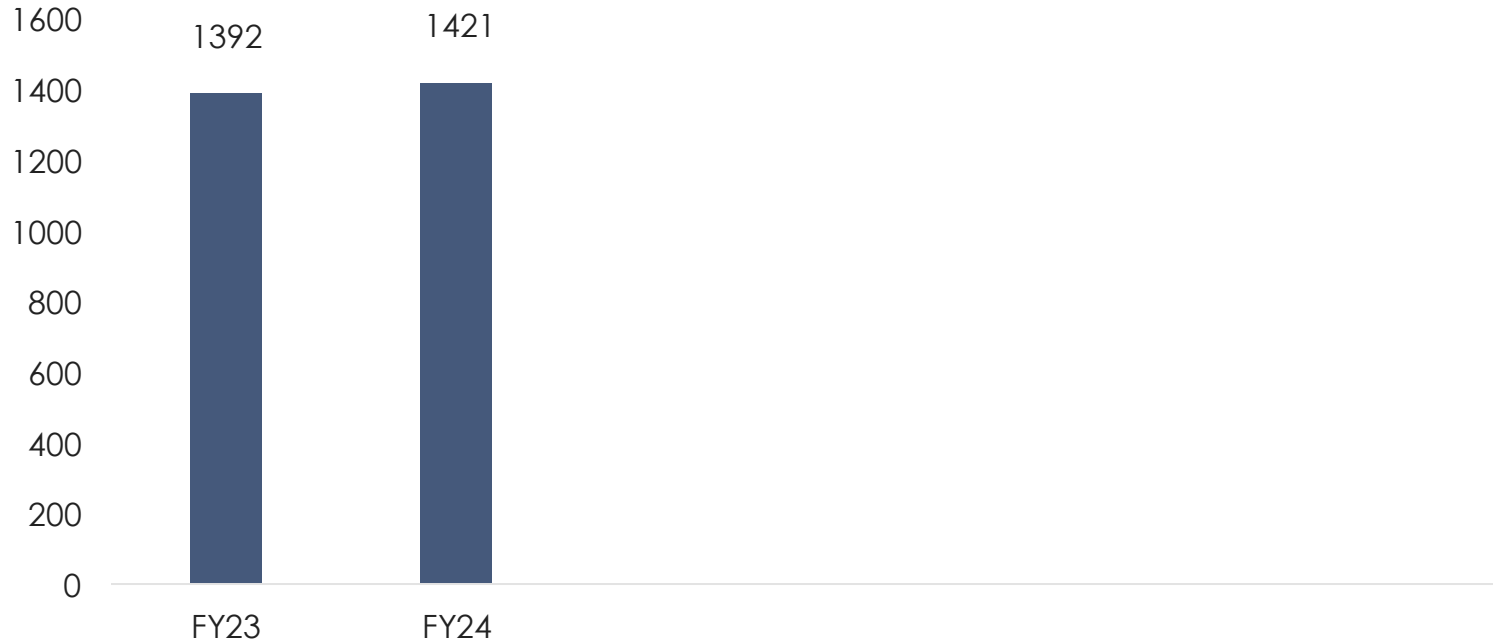
*AE NATIVE STUDENTS' ENROLLMENT INCREASED BY OVER 9%*

## Adult Education Outcomes



*ACADEMIC OUTCOMES HAVE BEEN INCREASING. NATIVE STUDENTS CONSISTENTLY HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES.*

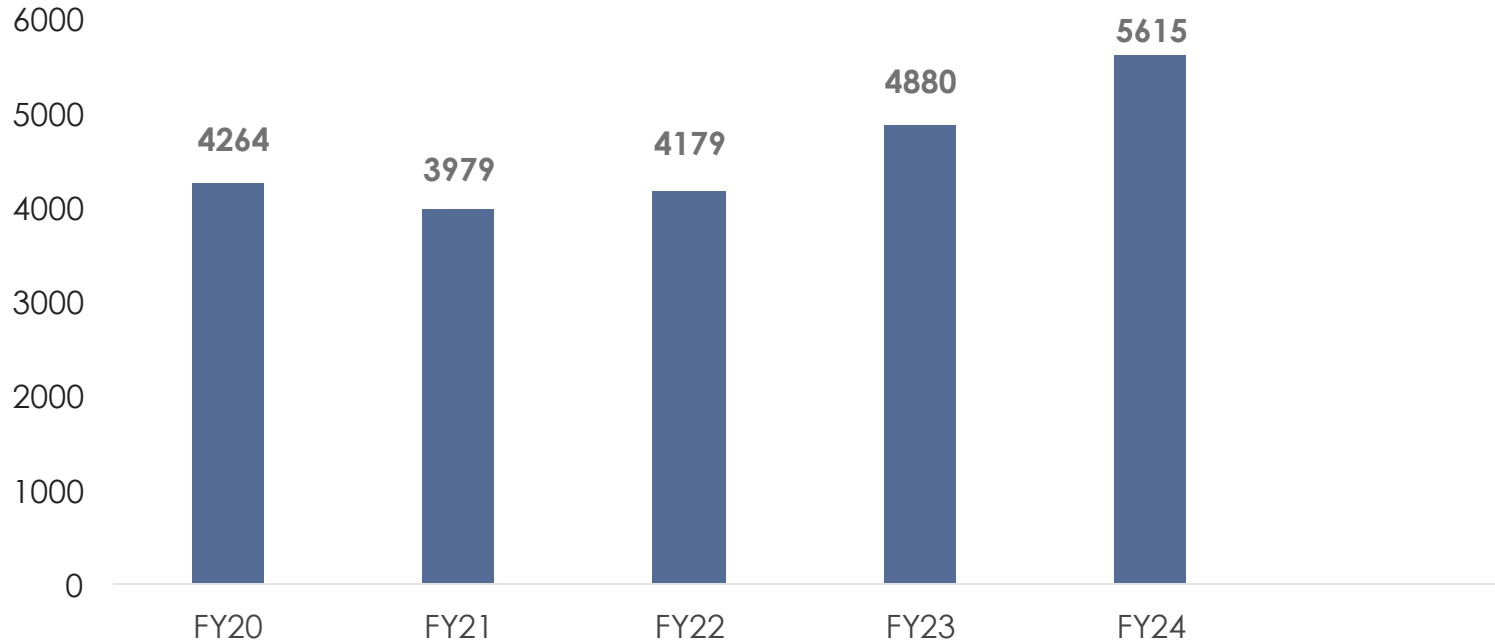
## Literacy Enrollment



*NM LITERACY ENROLLMENT INCREASED BY 2% IN FY24*



## Number of HSE Test Takers



*NUMBER OF NM HSE TEST TAKERS INCREASED BY 15% IN FY24*

## ADULT EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

All Adult Education Systems have seen an increase in enrollment in the last program year. Adult Education outcomes have also been increasing.



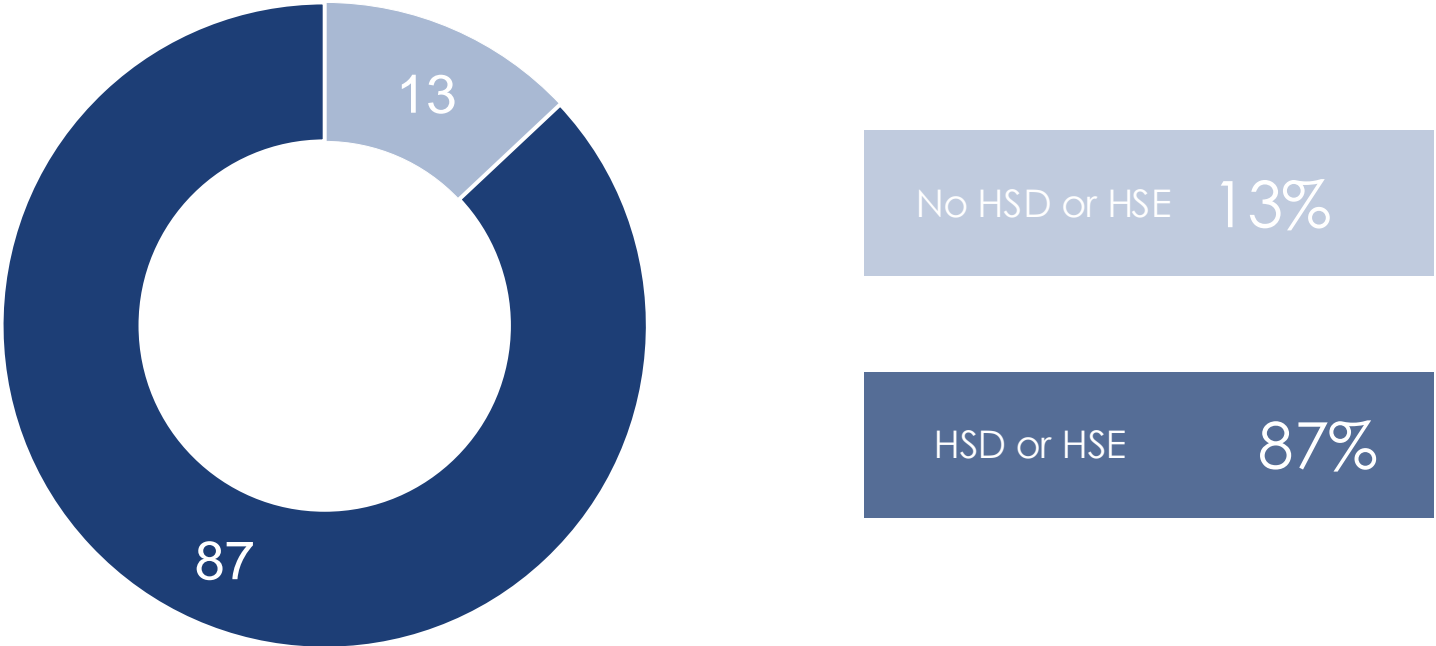


What is the need in New Mexico for Adult education and Literacy services?

# DATA LANDSCAPE

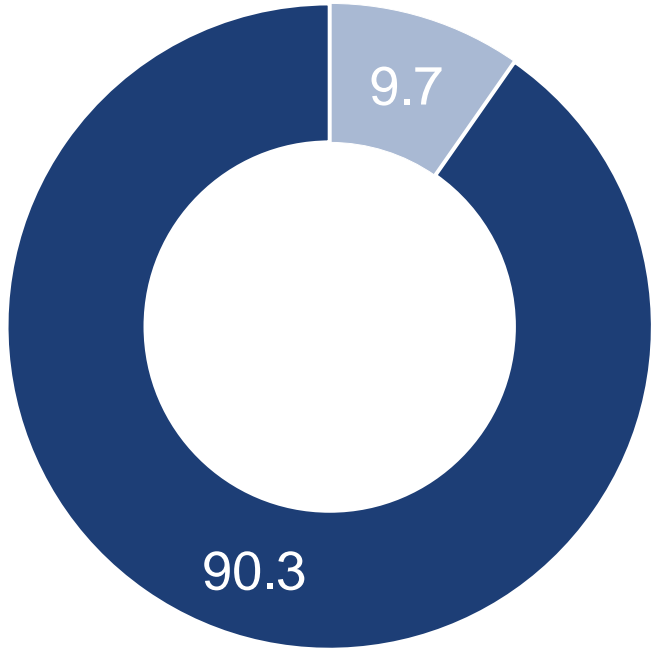
# New Mexico statistics

## HSE ATTAINMENT



*NEW MEXICO IS RANKED #47 IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENCY*

## New Mexico statistics



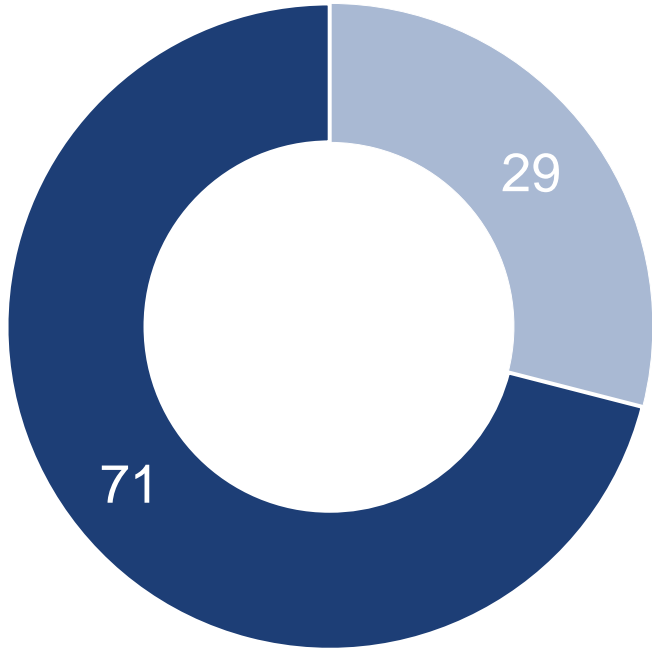
Limited English Proficiency 9.7%

English Proficiency 90.3%

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

*NEW MEXICO IS RANKED #41 IN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY*

## New Mexico statistics



Limited  
Reading  
Proficiency

29%

Reading  
Proficiency

71%

ADULT LITERACY

*NEW MEXICO IS RANKED #50 IN ADULT LITERACY*

# ADULT AND CHILD LITERACY



National research indicates a relationship between children and adult reading proficiency. Our recent data analyses for New Mexico counties (PED, Census, and PIAAC data were used) indicates the largest correlation between children's and adults' literacy compared to other socio-economic and educational factors like poverty rate, English non-proficiency, income and college completion.

## NEED FOR ADULT EDUCATION

New Mexico has a great need for all Adult Education services: High school equivalency attainment, English language learning, and adult literacy services. Providing these services not only helps adults attain family-sustaining jobs and continue to college, but also plays **a crucial role** in children's literacy improvement – a goal we all share.





## 3 Legislative Proposals

- Additional \$3m for Adult Education: improve teacher pay, recruit new teachers, serve more New Mexicans
- Additional \$1.5m for Adult Literacy: increase number of programs & family literacy programs, better support existing programs, more access to PD
- \$1.5m for HSE System: Free testing for all; new testing centers, including mobile testing; statewide awareness-raising campaign

## New Mexico Literacy Institute

- Structured literacy, an approach based on the science of reading
- Services for the youngest New Mexicans – from cradle to career
- Adult and family literacy are integrated into the Institute
- Summer Reading Institute: nearly 10,000 served



## LITERACY PROGRAMS INCREASING

- In 2023, we increased adult literacy programs from 8 to 18
- Connecting small adult literacy programs to each other and to PD



## INTEGRATED EDUCATION & TRAINING (IET)

- An exciting workforce development model for adult learners
- Industry-recognized credentials
- Increases in credentials, programs, and enrollment



- All Adult Education academic and employment performance outcomes increased in last 2 years
- Adult Education ranking changed from #50 (FY20) to #20 (predicted in FY24) in academic outcomes nationally
- New testing centers opened
- First *mobile* testing center opened

## PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

# CHANGES TO HSE PROCESS

## TOTAL TRANSCRIPT

Scores from different publishers can be combined into the credential

## ONE AND DONE

Campaign to encourage test takers to take the last remaining HSE exam

## ELIMINATION OF TEST SCORES' EXPIRATION PERIOD

Passed subject scores no longer expire after 3 years

## CHANGE IN COOLING OFF TIME

Waiting time between retakes was decreased to the smallest allowed by publishers

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