**Tapping the Potential**

**ARKANSAS**

**Profile of Adult Education Target Population**

**TOTAL STATE POPULATION**

2,918,803

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**369,592** adults or **13%** of the total state population are adults without a high school credential.

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**41,532** adults or **1%** of the total state population are adults who do not speak English well or at all.

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**Investments in Adult Education**

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<th>Area</th>
<th>2009</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<tr>
<td>Federal</td>
<td>$5,450,340</td>
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<td>State</td>
<td>$19,549,129</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$24,999,469</strong></td>
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Of those **1%** who do not speak English well or at all:

- **31%** had a high school credential or more.
- **69%** had no high school credential.

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**ADULTS, NO HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIAL**

**ADULT TARGET POPULATION**

**by SEX**

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<th>Employment Status</th>
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<td>Employed</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>Unemployed</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>43%</td>
<td>57%</td>
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**by AGE**

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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>16–18</th>
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**by RACE**

- White: 71%
- Black American: 9%
- Asian: 65%
- Hispanic: 24%

**by ETHNICITY**

- Non-Hispanic: 85%
- Two or more: 15%
- 92%
ADULTS, NO HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIAL
SPEAKS ENGLISH VERY WELL OR WELL

by SEX

- Male: 63%
- Female: 37%

by AGE

- 16–18: 16%
- 19–24: 36%
- 25–34: 24%
- 35–54: 25%
- 55–64: 51%
- 65+: 19%

SPEAKS ENGLISH NOT WELL OR NOT AT ALL

by SEX

- Male: 61%
- Female: 39%

by AGE

- 16–18: 11%
- 19–24: 48%
- 25–34: 29%
- 35–54: 43%
- 55–64: 37%
- 65+: 32%

by RACE

- White: 54%
- Native American: 4%
- Asian: 9%
- Two or more races: 28%

by ETHNICITY

- Hispanic: 17%
- Non-Hispanic: 83%