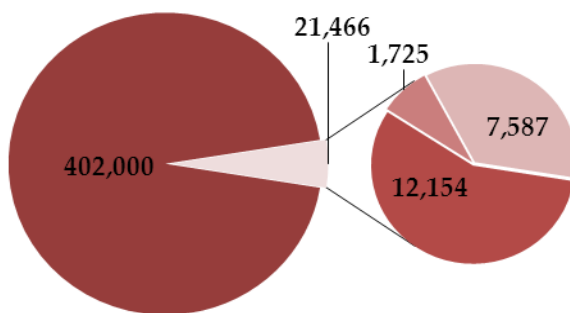


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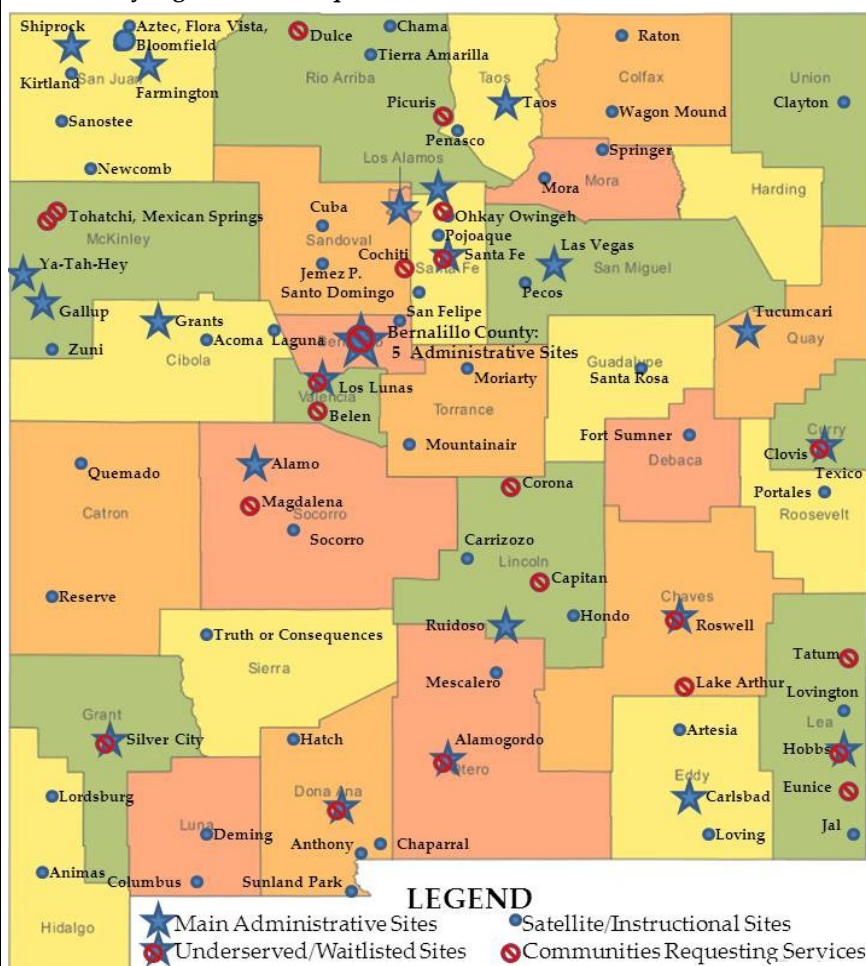
Over 400,000 New Mexico Adults do not have a high school diploma and/or English language skills. New Mexico ABE currently serves only 5% of the population in need.



- Population in Need of Services (402,000)
- Beginning Literacy (12,154)
- Adult Secondary - GED Prep (1,725)
- English as a Second Language (7,587)

In 2010-11, over 1,000 students eligible for service were waitlisted at existing programs due to lack of capacity and over 2 dozen additional communities or community organizations requested ABE services.

Programs and Enrollment 2010-11



ABE Program	Students
Albuquerque GED (formerly SER de NM)	220
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.	110
Catholic Charities	1,001
Central NM Community College	3,024
Clovis Community College	700
Dine College	280
ENMU-Roswell	1,576
ENMU-Ruidoso	230
Luna Community College	203
Mesalands Community College	90
Navajo Technical College (closed 2011)	108
NM Dept. of Corrections	2,239
NM Junior College	544
NMSU-Alamogordo	335
NMSU-Carlsbad	720
NMSU-Doña Ana	3,564
NMSU-Grants	278
Northern NM College	385
Sage Lifelong Learning	233
San Juan College	811
Santa Fe Community College	1,934
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic	302
UNM-Gallup	637
UNM-Los Alamos	304
UNM-Taos	254
UNM-Valencia	1,141
Western NM University	266
TOTAL	21,471

The New Mexico Higher Education Department Adult Basic Education Division serves adults 16 years of age and older who function below the high school completion level. The 26 Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs in the state provide opportunities for New Mexico's adults to improve their lives through free classes assisting students in:

- Learning basic literacy and numeracy skills
- Earning a GED high school diploma
- Learning English as a second language (ESL) and Civics
- Preparing for college and careers

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Over 21,000 students served annually at New Mexico ABE programs across the state are making significant gains in quality of life through earning a high school diploma and greater access to employment and higher education.

THE ABE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

\$49,331,340	-	\$5,670,260	=	\$43,661,080
Savings + Increased Income		09-10 State ABE Budget		New Mexico's Return on Investment

- \$21,456,240 in new income from 1,209 students gaining jobs (1,209 x 2,080 hrs x \$7.50/hr.) and 1,248 students receiving job promotions (1,248 x 2,080 hours x \$.50/hr.)
- \$27,199,100 in enhanced earning potential from GED Graduates (2,407 students x \$11,300/yr.)
- An estimated savings of \$676,000 from 59 students leaving public assistance (59 x \$13,000 annual average TANF benefits for family of four)

ABE is AFFORDABLE

Cost for NM K-12 students : \$7,698 / year per student; For College Students: \$10,195 / year per student

For ABE Students: **\$264 / year per student**

ABE is EFFECTIVE

ABE produced 2,407 GED Graduates in 2010-11; over 1,000 ABE Students enrolled in college courses; and over 1,200 previously unemployed students entered the workforce.

ABE is CHANGING LIVES



A GED Family - The Salazars of Sunland Park, New Mexico

Mrs. Lizet Salazar first came to the Learning Center at Dona Ana Community College to inquire about the ESL and GED programs because she wanted her son Luis to finish his high school education and to learn English. Lizet developed her own interest in the program and enrolled both Luis and herself in ESL and GED classes. Lizet was the first in the family to obtain her high school diploma in June 2010 and Luis finished one month later in July. With the realization "que si se puede", Lizet's husband, Alejandro, enrolled in August 2010 and earned his diploma in December 2010. Soon to follow was Lizet's nephew, Cesar, who was also part of household. He enrolled in January 2011 and completed all his GED official tests in English. The four of them graduated as a family in May 2011. Today, Luis and Cesar have are continuing their education and are enrolled in college classes at Dona Ana Community College.

From left to right: Lizet Salazar, her son Luis, nephew Cesar, and husband Alejandro at DACC's May 2011 GED Graduation Ceremony.

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