

Education Fact Sheet

- More than 90 million U.S. adults have sub-par literacy skills.¹
- About a million high school student drop out each year.²
- Limited English Proficient (LEP) students are projected to make up a quarter of all U.S. students by 2025.³
- U.S. businesses lose an estimated \$60 billion each year because of lost productivity owing to employees lacking basic job skills.⁴
- Nearly half of all U.S. adults participated in some sort of continuing education in 2004-2005.⁵
- Employment projections estimate that almost 70% of jobs require work-related training.⁶

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