

**Table 298. Participation in Adult Education: 2004–2005**

[In thousands (211,607 represents 211,607,000), except percent. For the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old. Adult education includes enrollment in formal education activities in the previous 12 months. Excludes participants in only postsecondary degree, certificate, or diploma programs as full-time students. Based on the Adult Education Survey of the National Household Education Survey Program and subject to sampling error; see source and Appendix III for details.]

Characteristic	Adult population (1,000)	Participants in adult education				
		Number taking adult education courses <sup>1</sup> (1,000)	Percent of total <sup>1</sup>	Type of course (percent)		
				College or university degree program	Work-related course	Personal interest course
<b>Total, 2005</b> . . . . .	<b>211,607</b>	<b>93,939</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Age:</b>						
16 to 30 years old . . . . .	48,544	25,040	52	8	25	23
31 to 40 years old . . . . .	40,009	20,839	52	6	34	23
41 to 50 years old . . . . .	45,662	21,983	48	3	36	20
51 to 65 years old . . . . .	46,211	18,767	41	2	28	20
66 years old and over . . . . .	31,181	7,310	23	–	5	19
<b>Sex:</b>						
Male . . . . .	101,596	41,724	41	4	24	18
Female . . . . .	110,011	52,216	47	4	29	24
<b>Race/ethnicity:</b>						
White, Non-Hispanic . . . . .	146,614	66,909	46	4	29	22
Black, Non-Hispanic . . . . .	23,467	10,878	46	4	27	24
Hispanic . . . . .	26,101	9,824	38	4	17	15
Other . . . . .	15,426	6,328	41	5	24	22
<b>Educational attainment:</b>						
Less than high school . . . . .	31,017	6,851	22	–	4	11
High school diploma or GED . . . . .	64,334	20,955	33	2	17	16
Some college . . . . .	58,545	30,070	51	6	31	25
Bachelor's degree or higher . . . . .	57,711	36,063	62	7	46	29
<b>Marital status:</b>						
Married . . . . .	132,008	58,748	45	3	29	21
Living with partner, unmarried . . . . .	12,498	4,879	39	4	26	16
Separated/divorced/widowed . . . . .	30,170	10,874	36	2	20	19
Never married . . . . .	36,930	19,439	53	8	23	26
<b>Employment/occupation</b>						
Employed . . . . .	152,450	78,879	52	5	36	22
Professional or managerial . . . . .	48,647	34,138	70	8	56	29
Services, sales, or support . . . . .	65,289	31,609	48	5	31	22
Trades . . . . .	38,514	13,132	34	2	19	13
Unemployed or not in labor force in past 12 months . . . . .	59,157	15,060	25	1	4	20
<b>Household income:</b>						
\$20,000 or less . . . . .	34,670	9,552	28	2	11	16
\$20,001 to \$35,000 . . . . .	35,839	12,866	36	4	18	17
\$35,001 to \$50,000 . . . . .	33,376	14,122	42	2	23	22
\$50,001 to \$75,000 . . . . .	47,114	22,494	48	5	33	21
\$75,001 or more . . . . .	60,607	34,904	58	5	39	27
<b>Children under 10 in household:</b>						
Yes . . . . .	57,560	26,746	46	5	29	20
No . . . . .	154,047	67,193	44	4	26	22

– Represents or rounds to zero. <sup>1</sup> Includes English as a Second Language, basic education skills, vocational or technical diploma programs, and apprenticeship programs each with a total participation rate of about 1 percent.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Adult Education Survey of the National Household Education Surveys Program 2005, unpublished data.