

Funding Challenges to Adult Education Nationally

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[CLASP](#) [www], a research agency that provides data and studies to support "policy solutions that work for low-income people," has posted a new [fact sheet](#) [pdf] on adult education federal funding and enrollment trends from 1998 to 2012. It shows that federal funding for adult education has declined steadily from 2003 to 2009, and held steady in 2010-12, with an overall decline of 17 percent. Enrollment figures follow the funding decrease, with a 27 percent decrease in enrollment. The study notes that many states have long waiting lists for adult education classes.



Many states, including California and New York, have made significant cuts to adult education or eliminated it from state funding entirely. Florida has implemented tuition for adult education and English as a Second Language courses, which has resulted in a 38 percent decline in enrollment.

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