

# The Challenge...

## Low-skilled adults are:

**2X** more likely to be unemployed

**3X** as likely to be in poverty

**4X** as likely to be in poor health

**8X** as likely to be incarcerated

**43 Million** working age Americans lack the skills needed for many of the nation's fastest growing and highest paying jobs.

**31%** of US workers need help building their digital skills<sup>vi</sup>

**51.4 Million** low-skilled adults in literacy

**75.1 Million** low-skilled adults in numeracy

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Low education and skill levels of adults are a fundamental barrier to every major challenge facing the United States, including early childhood education, education reform, economic development, and improving the health and well-being of the nation's families and communities.

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# The Results...

**1.5 Million**

students are enrolled in adult education programs.

**74%**

of adults in our programs are people of color.

**\$7,100**

increased income for learners that complete 2 years of adult education classes.

**\$9,620** is what a person with a high school diploma or equivalent earns an on average than a nongraduate.

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