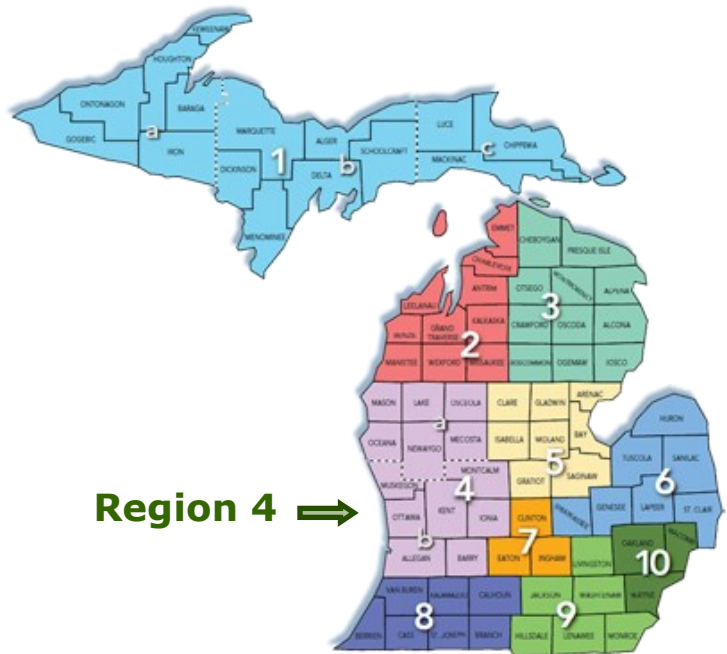


# Adult Learning Partners OF WEST MICHIGAN

## West Michigan Prosperity Region 4

Serving the 13 counties of Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, and Ottawa.



We are impacting communities by educating adults. Our mission is to provide coordinated career & technical educational training opportunities which lead to job attainment, post-secondary education and productive members of our community.

This publication provides a directory of information of adult education and services in the 13 county area of Prosperity Region 4. There are listings of providers, addresses, phone numbers and other pertinent information. The publication has the following information:

- ◆ Adult Education Statistics
- ◆ Adult Education Section 107 Providers
- ◆ Literacy Councils
- ◆ Michigan Works Agencies
- ◆ Adult Learning Partners

## West Michigan Prosperity Region 4

### Adult Education Programs include:

- ◆ ABE - Adult Basic Education
- ◆ ASE - Adult Secondary Education
- ◆ ESL - English as a Second Language
- ◆ GED - General Educational Development
- ◆ HSC - Higher Secondary Certificate
- ◆ IELCE - Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education
- ◆ CTE - Career & Technical Education

### Provides adults the opportunity to:

- ◆ Increase literacy and basic skills,
- ◆ Have equal access of program & services for all, regardless of skills and abilities,
- ◆ Prepare for jobs, career advancements, and further education & training,
- ◆ Earn a high school diploma or GED.

### 2017-18 Participants Served

Program Type	Total
Adult Basic Education	1364
Adult Secondary Education	403
English Language Acquisition	865
Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education	234
<b>Total Served</b>	<b>2,866</b>

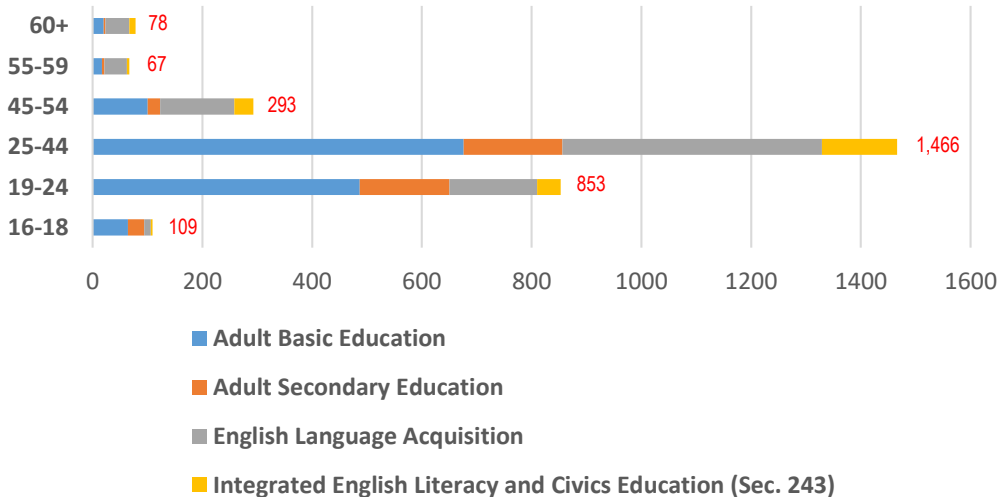


Fact — many of the Adult Education participants are enrolled in more than one program. They may be improving their math and reading while enrolled in vocational training courses or completing their high school equivalency.

Click [here](#) for more information on [Adult Education in Michigan](#)



### 2017-18 Participants by Program Type & Age



## 2017-18

### Statistics for Adult Education Participants in Prosperity Region 4

- ◆ A total of 2,866 adults were served by Region 4 .
- ◆ 48% of adults served are in Adult Basic Education who read below the 9th grade level, a 2% increase
- ◆ 30% of adults have English as their second language.
- ◆ More than half of the adults served are unprepared for current career opportunities because of lack of necessary literacy and basic skills. These participants are served in the ABE and ESL programs.
- ◆ 93% of all participants enrolled are between the working ages of 19-59 years of age. Over half of the total participants are in the 25-44 age category. Many participants are in the workforce, attending classes while striving to improve themselves.
- ◆ Data for the charts and graphs were provided by the Michigan Adult Education Reporting System (MAERS).

# Section 107 Adult Education

Spring 2019

This listing provides information on the adult education programs in the thirteen county area of Prosperity Region 4. They are listed by county and include over 40 sites. Please contact the districts below for information on programs in your area.

Name & Address	County	Phone	ESL	GED	HSD	CTE	Locations & Websites
<b>Allegan Public Schools - Adult Education</b> 550 5th St., Allegan, MI 49010	Allegan	269-673-5431 Ext 3022		X	X	X	Free classes including on-line classes, flexible schedules. 9 AM-7 PM. GED testing site. Facebook - Allegan Adult Education & Online School and search the same on <a href="http://www.alleganps.org">www.alleganps.org</a>
<b>Plainwell Renaissance Adult Education</b> 798 E Bridge St, Plainwell, MI 49080	Allegan & Barry	269-685-8911	X	X	X	X	Sites in Plainwell, Wayland, & Hastings. Please visit <a href="https://facebook.com/pwadulted">facebook.com/pwadulted</a> for details.
<b>Belding Area School District Adult Education</b> 775 Orchard St., Belding, MI 48809	Ionia	616-794-4602	X	X	X	X	Belding morning & nights, Ionia & Greenville evenings. Facebook - Belding Adult Education or <a href="http://www.bas-k12.org/adult-education">www.bas-k12.org/adult-education</a>
<b>Portland Public Schools - Adult Education</b> 1090 Ionia Road, Portland, MI 48875	Ionia	517-647-2987			X	X	Earn your diploma in our classroom based or virtual adult education classes.
<b>Kent ISD Adult Education</b> 3600 Byron Center Ave., Wyoming, MI 49519	Kent	616-530-7500	X	X	X	X	Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Godwin Heights. Website: <a href="http://www.kentisd.org/parents--community/adult-education/">www.kentisd.org/parents--community/adult-education/</a> or <a href="https://facebook.com/KentISDAdultEducation">facebook.com/KentISDAdultEducation</a>
<b>Rockford Public Schools Adult Education</b> 350 N. Main Street, Rockford, MI 49341	Kent	616-863-6324		X	X	X	Located in northern Kent County, offering day & evening classes, M-TH, onsite & online.
<b>Sparta Area Schools Adult Education</b> 480 S. State St., Sparta, MI 49345	Kent	616-887-7321	X	X	X	X	Cedar Springs, Comstock Park, Kenowa Hills, Northview, Lowell, Sparta, NW Grand Rapids. <a href="https://facebook.com/SpartaAdultEducation">Facebook - Sparta Adult Education</a> or <a href="https://bit.ly/2UUCvJW">https://bit.ly/2UUCvJW</a> ,
<b>Mason-Lake Adult Education</b> 300 West Broadway, Scottville, MI 49454	Mason & Lake	231-757-3713 Ext 133		X	X	X	Ludington, Scottville & Baldwin with HSC and Employment skills.
<b>Carson City-Crystal Adult/Alternative Academy</b> 217 Park St., Crystal, MI 48818	Montcalm	989-584-6927		X	X		Offers ABE, HSD GED programs in the Central Michigan area.
<b>Central Montcalm Adult Education</b> 710 N. State St., Stanton, MI 48888	Montcalm	989-831-2402		X	X		Message us on Facebook - Central Montcalm Adult Education. Open TWTh, Independent studies, online & Instructor led classes.
<b>Fruitport Community Schools Adult Education</b> 357 North 6th Street. Fruitport, MI.49415	Muskegon	231-865-4130		X	X	X	Southern Muskegon County with ABE, GED prep, and HSD classes.
<b>Orchard View Adult Education</b> 2900 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442	Muskegon	231-760-1953	X	X	X	X	Orchard View, Oakridge, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights & Mona Shores districts. <a href="http://enrollmuskegon.org/">enrollmuskegon.org/</a> and <a href="http://orchardviewce.org/adult-education">orchardviewce.org/adult-education</a> or <a href="https://facebook.com/OrchardViewAdultEducation">Facebook - Orchard View Adult Education</a>
<b>White Lake Area Adult Education</b> 541 E. Slocum, Whitehall, MI	Muskegon & Oceana	231-766-3001	X	X	X		Northern Muskegon County & Oceana County with ESL, HS, GED & ABE programs.
<b>Fremont Adult Education</b> 350 W. Cedar, Fremont, MI 49412	Newaygo Mecosta Osceola	231-924-0470		X	X	X	Fremont, MIWORKS in Big Rapids & Reed City. Facebook - Quest Educational Programs or <a href="http://www.fremont.net/parentscommunity/abe/">www.fremont.net/parentscommunity/abe/</a>
<b>Grant Public Schools - The Learning Center</b> 331 E State St, Grant, MI 49327	Newaygo	231- 834-5622	X	X			A great place for adult students to learn ESL or prepare for the GED.
<b>Evert Public Schools Adult Education</b> 321 North Hemlock, Evert, MI 49631	Osceola	231-734-4222		X			GED and ABE classes based upon student needs. Flexible scheduling.
<b>Zeeland Adult Education</b> 96 W. 15th Street, Holland, MI 49423	Ottawa & Allegan	616-494-8803	X	X	X	X	Allendale, Coopersville, Fennville, Holland, Grand Haven, Hudsonville, West Ottawa, Zeeland. <a href="http://www.zps.org/schools/programs/adult-ed">www.zps.org/schools/programs/adult-ed</a>

This publication provides information on the literacy councils and programs in the thirteen county area of Prosperity Region 4. They are listed alphabetically by county. Please contact the districts below for information on programs in your area.

Name & Address	County	Phone	Description
<b>Barry County Literacy Council</b> 227 E. State St.; Hastings, MI 49058	Barry	269-948-9900	Adult literacy with one-on-one tutoring.
<b>Ionia County Literacy Council</b> 301 W. Main St., Ionia MI 48846	Ionia	616-389-8525	Provides one-on-one tutoring for adults in reading, math, and English speaking skills.
<b>Literacy Center of West Michigan</b> 1120 Monroe NW, Ste 240, Grand Rapids 49503	Kent	616-459-5151	Serving below 9th grade reading level & 18+ years old. One-on-one tutoring in ABE & ESL, family literacy, & workplace literacy.
<b>WORD~ESL Tutoring, Dominican Center</b> 2023 E. Fulton St, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	Kent	616-454-4874	One-on-one ESL tutoring, computer-assisted learning, & citizenship classes. No charge.
<b>Ludington Public Library</b> 217 East Ludington Ave., Ludington, MI 49431	Mason	231-843-8465	One-on-one tutoring in reading & English.
<b>Mecosta County Literacy Council - Big Rapids</b> Community Library, 426 S. Michigan, 49307	Mecosta	231-796-4848	One-on-one tutoring programs & reading to children at schools.
<b>Retired Senior Volunteer Program</b> 14485 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307	Mecosta	231-796-4848	Tutoring in GED, high school for adults by retired teachers at the Big Rapids Library.
<b>Montcalm Adult Reading Council</b> 200 W. Judd St., Greenville, MI 48838	Montcalm	616-754-6359 ext. 4	Literacy for adults & families, using one-on-one tutoring, small groups, adult basic education & ESL.
<b>Read Muskegon,</b> 26 E. Broadway Ave, Muskegon Heights, MI 49444	Muskegon	231-747-7273	One-on-one tutoring, literacy labs, family literacy & life skills classes. Workforce Development, ESL & Programs for incarcerated adults.
<b>True North Community Services Project Literacy</b> 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412	Newaygo	231-924-0641	Free, flexible & confidential tutoring in reading, ESL.
<b>Adult Literacy Council - Friends of Cadillac Public Library,</b> 411 South Lake St., Cadillac, MI 49601	Osceola	231-775-6541	One-on-one tutoring for counties of Osceola, Lake, Wexford, and Missaukee counties.
<b>READ Holland</b> 705 Brookfield St., Holland, MI 49423	Ottawa	616-335-3859	One-on-one tutoring for English speaking adults in reading and writing to improve literacy skills.
<b>READ NW Ottawa</b> PO Box 429, Grand Haven, MI 49417	Ottawa	616-843-1470	One-on-one tutoring for ESL learners & native speakers in reading and speaking English.



Excerpt and table from the following report - March 21, 2019

## Willing to work and ready to learn: More adult education would strengthen Michigan's economy, 2019

"Adult education is the key to preparing (low skilled) workers for occupational training and skilled employment."

**Table 1: Too Many Low-Skilled Michigan Adults Are Left Out of Adult Education**

Program Year	Total Funding	Adults Age 25-44 Without a High School Diploma or GED			Adults Age 18-64 Who Speak English "Less Than Very Well"		
		Total Number	Number in Adult Education	Percent in Adult Education	Total Number	Number in ESL Adult Education	Percent in ESL Adult Education
2010-11	\$36,380,063	237,752	12,676	5.3%	209,665	8,392	4.0%
2011-12	\$36,771,835	236,705	14,063	5.9%	219,700	8,582	3.9%
2012-13	\$35,965,116	226,918	14,100	6.2%	225,035	8,282	3.7%
2013-14	\$35,188,316	228,485	14,044	6.1%	219,825	8,302	3.8%
2014-15	\$34,125,274	208,266	13,566	6.5%	231,633	8,564	3.7%
2015-16	\$37,374,263	210,368	13,796	6.6%	234,253	8,543	3.6%
2016-17	\$37,206,101	212,206	15,593	7.3%	247,556	9,942	4.0%
2017-18	\$37,054,207	196,271	16,228	8.3%	231,379	9,775	4.2%

\*The number of adults enrolled in ESL may include adults over age 64. Approximately 6-8% of adults in ESL programs each year are over 60 years of age. Sources: U.S. Department of Education and Michigan House Fiscal Agency (Funding); Michigan Adult Education Reporting System tables (Adult education participation); American Community Survey 1-year estimates (High school and English speaking status)

## West Michigan Prosperity Region 4

Michigan Works! offers a wide variety of programs designed to help employers find skilled job seekers & job seekers find satisfying careers. Please contact the Service Centers below for information on programs in your area.

- **ONE-ON-ONE CAREER COACHING** - Employment Preparation, Job Search Assistance, Job Seeking Resources, Access to Job Postings, Career Planning
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** - Training Scholarships for in-demand careers
- **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT)** - Career or Occupational Skills Training, Life Skills Training, Free Workshops
- **SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR** - Military Veterans, Disabled Persons, Dislocated Workers



Employers Served  
802

Job Seekers Served  
48,103

Job Seekers Who  
Received Training  
79

<i>Michigan Works! Service Centers</i>	<u>County</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<b>Lake County Service Center</b> 5252 M-37, Baldwin, MI 49304	Lake	231-745-2703	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Mason County Service Center</b> 920 E. Tinkham, Ludington, MI 49341	Mason	231-843-2563	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Mecosta County Service Center</b> 14330 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307	Mecosta	231-796-0049	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Newaygo County Service Center</b> 5479 West 72nd Street, Fremont, MI 49412	Newaygo	231-924-3230	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Osceola County Service Center</b> 240 East Church Ave., Reed City, MI 49677	Osceola	231-832-3131	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Oceana County Service Center</b> 195 North Michigan Ave., Shelby, MI 49455	Oceana	231-259-2000	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm



Employers Served  
2,577

Job Seekers Served  
103,873

Job Seekers Who  
Received Training  
657

<i>Michigan Works! Service Centers</i>	<u>County</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<b>Allegan Service Center</b> 3255 122 Ave., Allegan MI 49010	Allegan	269-686-5079	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Fennville Service Center</b> 220 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408	Allegan	269-561-2001	<b>M-W</b> 8 am - Noon & 1 - 5 pm
<b>Hastings Service Center</b> 136 E. State St., Hastings, MI 49058	Barry	616-649-9850	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Ionia Service Center</b> 301 W. Main St., Ionia, MI 48846	Ionia	616-389-8525	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Franklin Service Center</b> 121 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507	Kent	616-336-4040	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>North Kent Connect</b> 10075 Northland Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341	Kent	616-866-3478	<b>M, W, F</b> 8 am - Noon & 1 pm - 5 pm
<b>Westside Service Center</b> 215 Straight Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504	Kent	616-336-4460	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Greenville Service Center</b> 114 S. Greenville West Dr, Greenville, MI 48838	Montcalm	616-754-3611	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Muskegon Service Center</b> 316 Morris Ave., Muskegon, MI 49440	Muskegon	231-724-6381	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm
<b>Holland Service Center</b> 121 Clover St., Holland, MI 49423	Ottawa	616-396-2154	<b>M-F</b> 8 am - 5 pm

This publication provides information on additional adult providers and services in the thirteen county area of Prosperity Region 4. They are listed alphabetically. Please contact the organizations below for information on programs in your area.

Name & Address	County	Phone	Description
<b>Allegan County Area Technical &amp; Education Institute</b> 2891 116th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010	Allegan	269-512-7700	Nineteen technical training programs as well as vocational training opportunities for students with special needs
<b>Career Connect, MECEOLA Tech Center</b> 15830 190th Ave., Big Rapids, MI 49307	Mecosta	231-796-0016	A free career and technical training program for students enrolled in adult education.
<b>Grand Rapids Community College Adult Education</b> 622 Godfrey Ave., SW, Grand Rapids	Kent	616-234-3172	ESL, ABE, & Citizenship classes available mornings, evenings, and Saturdays.
<b>Grand Valley State University - Center for Adult &amp; Continuing Studies</b> - 301 West Fulton, Grand Rapids	Kent	616-331-7180	Post-secondary degree completion; bachelor's & master's degrees in 200+ areas of study at multiple centers in West Michigan.
<b>LINKED Muskegon, MAISD Career Tech Center</b> 200 Harvey Street, Muskegon, MI 49442	Muskegon	231-760-1997	Students are dually enrolled in adult education and a technical training program for 18 weeks offered T&Th 3:30-6:30 pm.
<b>MACAE (Michigan Assoc. for Community &amp; Adult Ed)</b> 826 Municipal Way, Lansing, MI 48917	State Wide	517-492-1367	State adult education association providing training & professional development and resources for adult & alternative education.
<b>Michigan Career &amp; Technical Institute</b> 11611 Pine Lake Rd., Plainwell, MI 49080	Barry	269-664-4461	Post-secondary vocational & technical occupational training, specializing in serving adults with disabilities. <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mcti">www.michigan.gov/mcti</a>
<b>Thompson M-TEC, OAISD</b> 6364 136th Ave Pvt., Holland, MI 49424	Ottawa	616-738-8935 Ext 4200	Post Secondary certificate programs in Healthcare, Manufacturing, Commercial and Residential Skills Trade, Office & Technology
<b>Steepletown Neighborhood Services</b> 671 Davis Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504	Kent	616-451-4215	GED, Post-Secondary Preparation & Transition Activities, Pre-school, and Culinary Leadership Academy

## The Need for Adult Education Services

- ◆ 809,579 working age Michigan adults lack a high school diploma, 127,096 reside in Region 4 communities.
- ◆ 1 out of 10 low-income working families have a parent that does not speak English well.
- ◆ Many community college students need remediation in basic skills.

## Data on Growth & Prosperity

The West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance established a common set of shared metrics that will track the region's progress on critical economic, environmental, and social outcomes. Check out their website - [www.wmdashboard.org](http://www.wmdashboard.org)



## Region 4 - ALPWM - 13 County Demographics\*

Total # of Region 4 adults over 18 years old without a diploma = 127,096

\* Source - US Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates & Michigan League for Public Policy/May 2016/Willing to Work and Ready to Learn

County	Total Adults 18 & Older	Adults 18-24 without diploma	% of Total	Adults <9th grade without diploma	% of Total	Adults 25-64 >9th grade without diploma	% of Total	Totals Adults without diploma
Allegan	72,449	1,334	1.8%	2,524	3.5%	5,018	6.9%	8,876
Barry	37,791	582	1.5%	934	2.5%	2,485	6.6%	4,001
Ionia	42,008	1,100	2.6%	1,316	3.1%	3,307	7.9%	5,723
Kent	403,285	7,956	2.0%	17,322	4.3%	25,406	6.3%	50,684
Lake	6,553	226	3.4%	424	6.5%	1,140	17.4%	1,790
Mason	16,546	466	2.8%	554	3.3%	1,189	7.2%	2,209
Mecosta	28,223	633	2.2%	805	2.9%	2,027	7.2%	3,465
Montcalm	39,296	954	2.4%	1,572	4.0%	3,811	9.7%	6,337
Muskegon	106,299	2,696	2.5%	3,208	3.0%	9,308	8.8%	15,212
Newaygo	28,955	773	2.7%	1,451	5.0%	3,242	11.2%	5,466
Oceana	15,694	561	3.6%	906	5.8%	1,648	10.5%	3,115
Osceola	13,542	433	3.2%	664	4.9%	1,342	9.9%	2,439
Ottawa	176,406	3,771	2.1%	5,386	3.1%	8,622	4.9%	17,779
<b>Total Region 4</b>	<b>987,047</b>	<b>21,485</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>37,066</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>68,545</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>127,096</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>7,681,837</b>	<b>133,112</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>209,210</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>467,257</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>809,579</b>