



Return on Investment Adult and Family Literacy Programs Pennsylvania

2013-2014

1. Unemployed students who got jobs:

3,985 adults gained unsubsidized employment X \$9.67/hour X 40 hours X 52 weeks = \$80,152,696 per year.

2. Increased Tax Revenue

\$80,152,696 annual earnings X 3.07% PA Tax Rate = \$2,460,687

3. Combined cost savings of each high school diploma or GED®

The combined cost for Pennsylvanians without a high school diploma or GED® of cash transfers and non-cash transfers are minus \$683 annually while a worker with a high school diploma or GED® enriches the state by \$6,067 annually through taxes despite transfer payments and other benefits. So the benefits of moving someone up educationally to a GED® or diploma is \$6,067 + \$683 or \$6,750 gain each year.

1,799 GED's obtained in 2013-2014 X \$6,750 = \$12,143,250

Credit for the cash transfers data: Paul Harrington and the Center for Labor Market Studies
Data set for the median earnings: US Census Bureau 2007-2009 American Community Survey. PA Student Data for 2013-2014: US Department of Education Office of Technical, Adult and Continuing Education

<https://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OVAE/NRS/tables/view.cfm?state=PA&year=2013&tableID=8>

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