

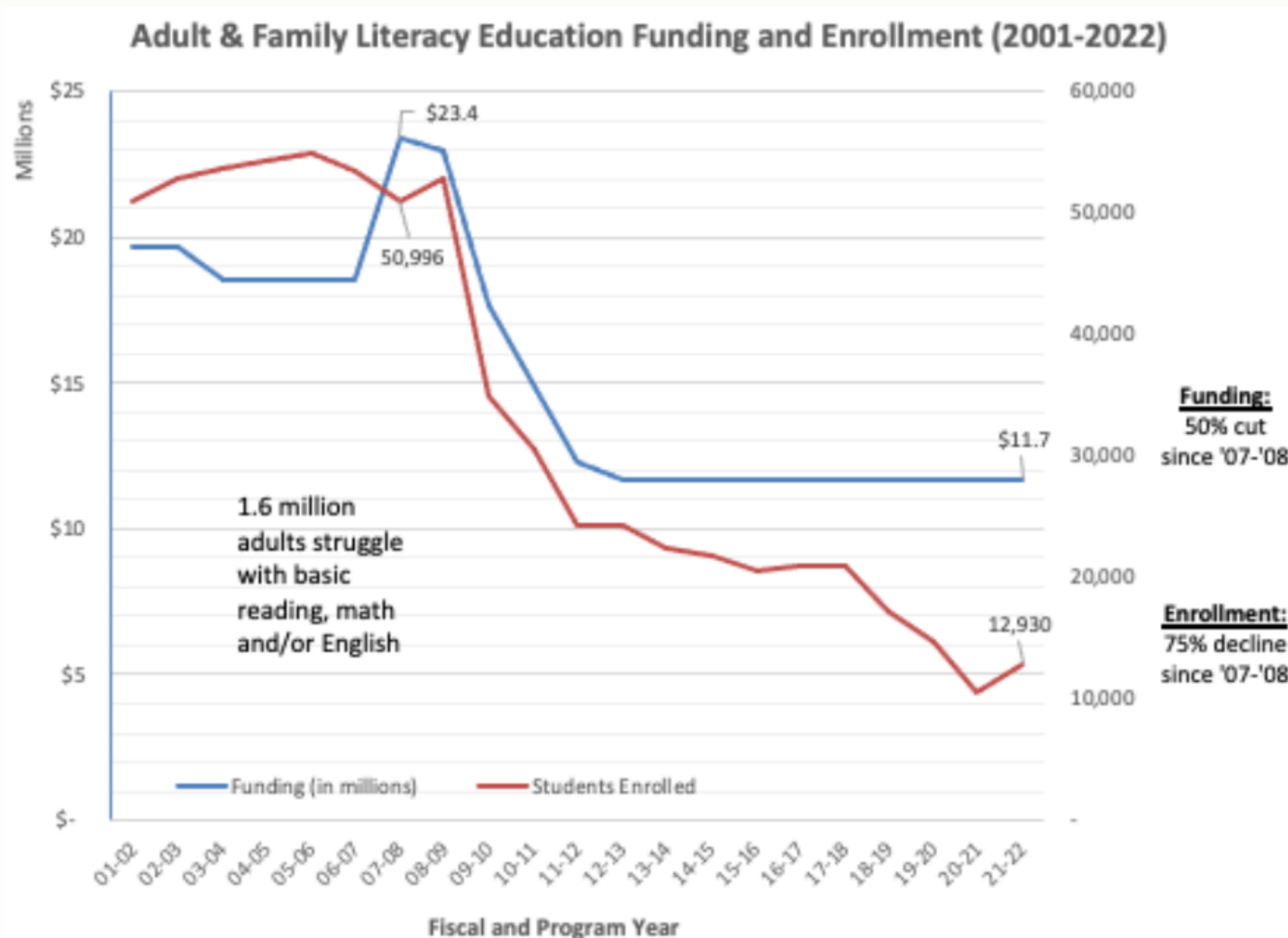


## Adult and Family Literacy Education in Pennsylvania

Access to adult basic education leads to expanded opportunities for PA's working age adults.

Adult and Family Literacy Education **is** workforce development.

# THE PROBLEM: CAPACITY vs. NEED

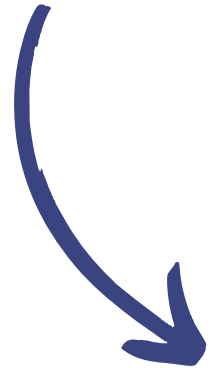
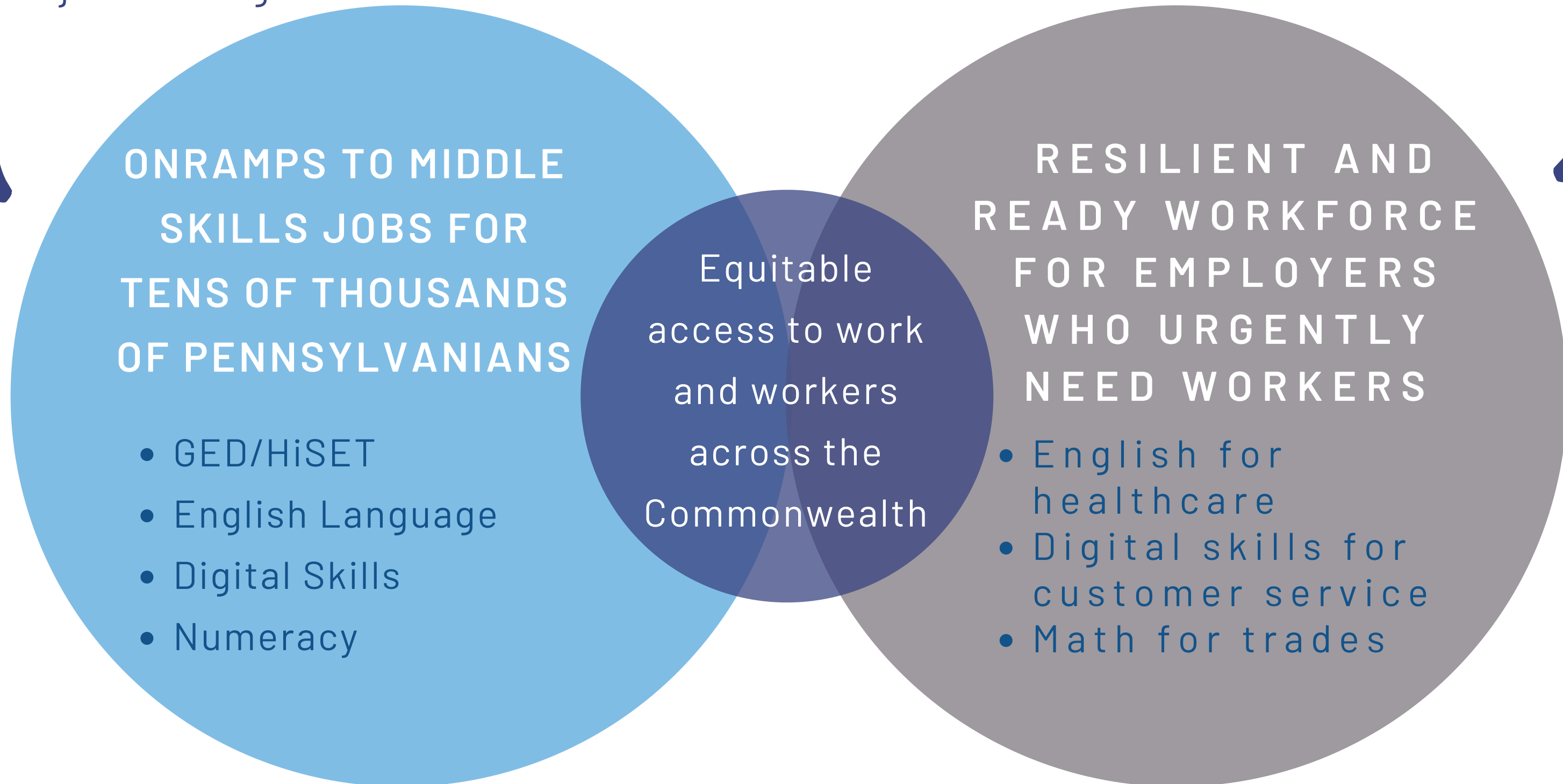


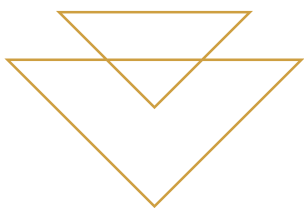
- 1,025,756 Pennsylvanians *do not* have a high school diploma.
- 1,117,169 PA adults *lack* English language proficiency.
- 67,861 PA students *dropped out* of high school in the last 5 years.

Adult basic and career education provides HSE credentials and essential skills that are gatekeepers to post-secondary education and job training.

# WHAT'S AT STAKE

Adult basic and career education needs flexible resources to accelerate employability and employment by contextualizing basic skills to employer needs.





- 15 years of flat funding has starved adult basic and career education of resources needed for innovation, scale, and equity.
- Many rural programs are too small to influence the workforce system.
- Programs in cities have huge waiting lists.

## **Pennsylvania's Low-Skilled Adults and Employers Need**



### CLARITY & ACCURACY

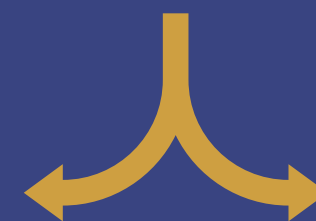
Rename line item in the PDE's Budget to "Adult Basic and Career Education" to better reflect actual programming and expand support for these investments.

### RESOURCES & IMPACT

An infusion of \$33.3 million will move more adults into middle-skills work and help employers fill openings.

#### IMMEDIATE IMPACT

\$18.3 million will expand access to high quality robust adult basic and career education for 9,000+ adults across Pennsylvania.



#### FUTURE-PROOF

\$15 million funds a competitive grant (Adult Education and Workforce Recovery Fund) to catalyze creation of innovative programs that meet urgent employer needs.