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Indiana Adult Learner Charter Schools Annual Report

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FY 2018 to FY 2024

Annual Adult Learner Charter School Report:

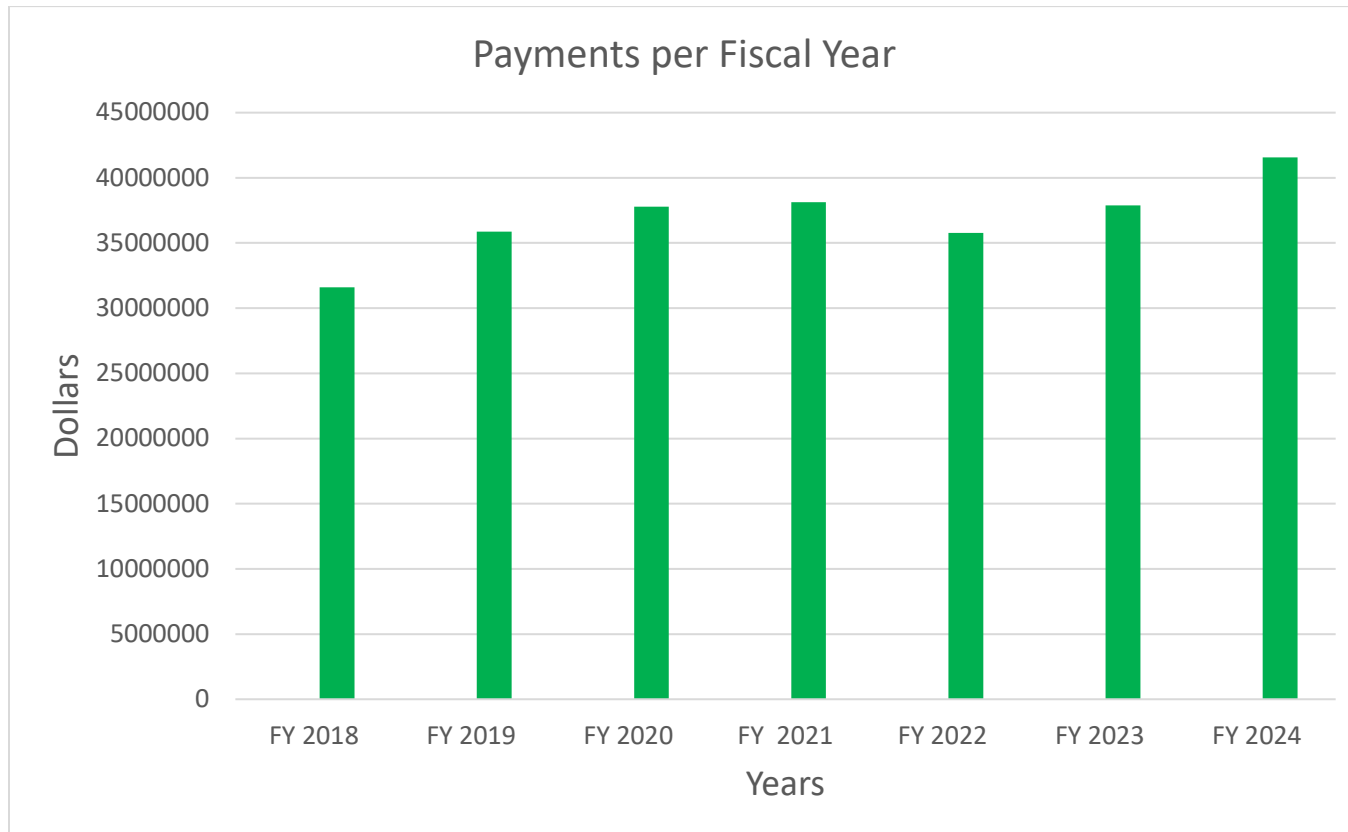
This report provides a brief overview of enrollment and funding history for adult learner charter schools. The initial appropriation and language regarding adult learner charter schools was adopted under HEA 1001-2013. The program has a statutory formula and enrollment cap defined by the Indiana General Assembly as part of the biennium budget process. Under current law, adult learner charter schools are not eligible for additional state funding unless the general assembly enacts an appropriation for the adult high school. (I.C. 20-24-7-14)

Adult Learner Distribution History:

The Adult Learner payments were previously paid through the state tuition support payments along with other public charter schools. Beginning with fiscal year 2014, I.C. 20-24-7-13.5 modified the funding for adult learner charter schools and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) began distributing funds from the adult learner appropriation to adult learner charter schools. Below are previous fiscal year distribution totals to adult learner charter schools. Under I.C. 20-24-7-13.5(e) state funding for each fiscal year is based on a schedule set by the State Budget Agency and approved by the governor. The dates of monthly distributions follow that of tuition support, with one payment being made at least every forty days.

Actual Distribution by Fiscal Year (FY)							
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total	\$31,590,000	\$35,876,250	\$37,776,375	\$38,140,875	\$35,781,210	\$37,894,905	\$41,571,393.75

The graph below provides an overview of total payments per fiscal year:



Adult Learner Eligibility :

The schools listed under I.C. 20-24-7-13.5(a) are the only charter schools that are eligible for Adult Learner payments. Those schools include Excel Centers for Adult Learners, Christel House DORS, and Gary Middle College charter school.

Adult Learner Participation :

State law caps the full-time equivalency (FTE) count of students funded through the Adult Learner program. The adult learner charter schools are held to the FTE caps in place for each type – Excel Centers for Adult Learners, Christel House DORS, and Gary Middle College charter school.

Beginning with school year 2021-2022, adult learner charter schools were required to submit student level data through Data Exchange. For adult learners, data collection of the full-time equivalency (FTE) count uses instructional days and minutes to determine the individual student count. Information on the submission process can be found in the [Data Exchange Knowledge Hub](#). Beginning in FY 2024, the fall FTE count day is October 1, unless that day falls on a state or federal holiday. The spring count date will remain in February. Both counts require State Board of Education approval.

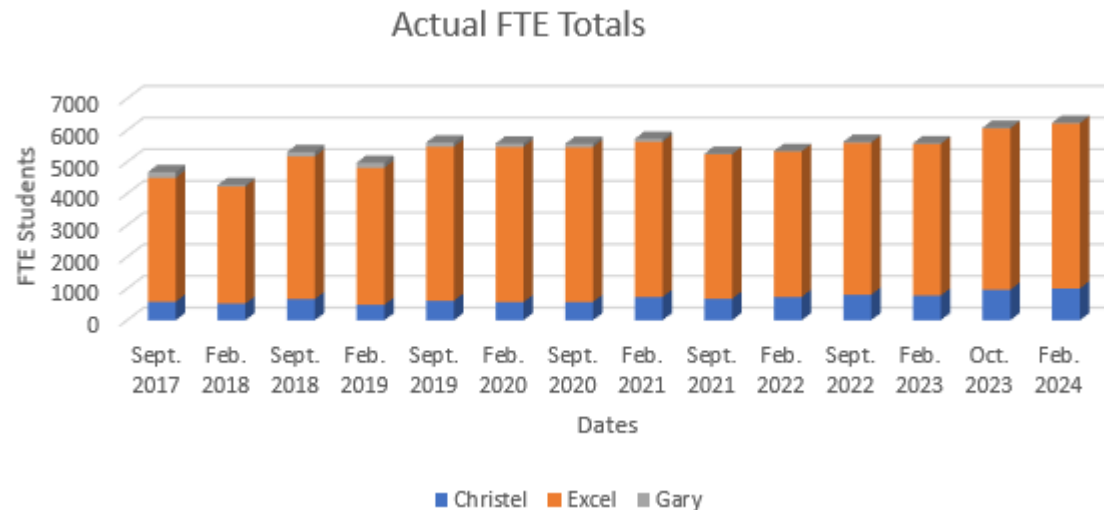
FTE caps for the current and preceding fiscal years are referenced in the table below. The caps did not change in FY 2020 through FY 2023. However, for FY 2024 and FY 2025, the FTE cap increases for Excel Centers.

Current and Historical Full-time Equivalency Student Caps			
	Excel Center for Adult Learners	Christel House DORS	Gary Middle College
FY 2018	4,250	675	200
FY 2019	4,700	825	200
FY 2020	4,900	825	250
FY 2021	4,900	825	250
FY 2022	4,900	825	250
FY 2023	4,900	825	250
FY 2024	5,350	1,000	250
FY 2025	6,550	1,000	250

Actual participation by charter school type can be found in the table below:

Charter School Name	Sept. 2017 FTE	Feb. 2018 FTE	Sept. 2018 FTE	Feb. 2019 FTE	Sept. 2019 FTE	Feb. 2020 FTE	Sept. 2020 FTE	Feb. 2021 FTE	Sept. 2021 FTE	Feb. 2022 FTE	Sept. 2022 FTE	Feb. 2023 FTE	Oct. 2023 FTE	Feb. 2024 FTE
Excel	3,908	3,694	4,501	4,328	4,859	4,900	4890	4903	4558	4591	4794	4783	5094	5211
Gary MC	185	48	145	158	134	111	104	95	21.13	16.71	36.97	29.15	22.57	23.88
Christal House	587	524	669	489	617	572	577	735	680	735	805	780	963	1003
Total Amount of Students	4,680	4,266	5,315	4,975	5,610	5,583	5,571	5,730	5,259.13	5,342.71	5,635.97	5,592.15	6,079.57	6,237.88

The graph below reflects the growth in the statewide FTE count for adult learner charter schools based on the actual FTE counts submitted during the spring and fall membership collection.



Appendix A provides a more detailed view of the table for each participating adult learner charter school.

Adult Learner Payments per Student:

Schools are currently paid based on the number of adult learner charter school students, who are Indiana residents, expressed as full-time equivalents, multiplied by the per student funding amount of \$6,750. Initially, IDOE uses an estimate for funding until actual FTE counts are reviewed, and reconciliation occurs. Before April 1 of each year, charter school personnel submit an estimate of the fall FTE count for the adult learner charter school, which is considered when the Office of School Finance develops an estimate to use until actual counts are available. When multiplied by the per student funding amount, the fiscal year estimate is divided by twelve to determine a monthly payment amount. The Office of School Finance distributes funds during July through October based on the estimated FTE count for each charter school.

The Office of School Finance reconciles these payments based on six-month time periods, July through December, and January through June, using the full-time equivalency student count determined during each period. FY 2018 and FY 2019 were reconciled to the September count for the whole fiscal year. The per student amount increased from \$6,600 to \$6,750 per student beginning in FY 2018 and continuing through FY 2024. For FY 2024 and FY 2025, the appropriation increases for each fiscal year.

If the appropriation for adult learners is insufficient, the distributions are proportionately reduced to each recipient to avoid exceeding the fiscal year cap. Current and historical appropriations are:

	Appropriation
FY 2018	\$34,593,750
FY 2019	\$38,643,750
FY 2020	\$40,331,250
FY 2021	\$40,331,250
FY 2022	\$40,331,250
FY 2023	\$40,331,250
FY 2024	\$44,512,500
FY 2025	\$52,512,500

Adult Learner Reports:

State law required adult learner charter schools to annually report certain information to the State Board of Education.

(I.C. 20-24-7-13.5) The report must include preceding school year information that includes:

- The number of adult learners enrolled in the charter school.
- The demographics of adult learners enrolled in the charter school.
- The graduation rates of the adult learners enrolled in the charter school; and
- Specific outcomes for adult learners enrolled in the charter school, as of graduation and as of two years after graduation.

Information on this requirement can be found at <https://www.in.gov/sboe/2682.htm>.

APPENDIX A

Adult Learner FTE Counts by Participating Charter School

Corp	Charter School Names	Sept 17 FTE	Feb 18* FTE	Sept 18 FTE	Feb 19* FTE	Sept 19 FTE	Feb 20 FTE	Sept 20 FTE	Feb 21 FTE	Sept 21 FTE	Feb 22 FTE	Sept 22 FTE	Feb 23 FTE	Oct 23 FTE	Feb 24 FTE
9050	Excel Center Clarksville	186	192	282	284	316	338	306	316	304	308	304	310	342	295
9055	Excel Center Hammond	95	141	251	223	232	251	221	243	157	142	180	156	171	180
9070	Gary Middle College, West	0	0	48	59	35	20	44	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
9160	Excel Center Muncie	0	0	245	229	258	258	274	244	272	282	278	277	275	269
9190	Excel Center Gary	0	0	27	46	100	126	114	132	115	124	137	114	125	109
9305	Excel Center in Richmond	280	248	251	283	252	248	219	202	203	201	205	200	202	203
9335	Excel Center Lafayette Sq Mall	371	356	333	360	354	337	345	344	328	340	339	338	346	363
9345	Excel Center Lafayette	315	304	315	312	339	328	325	342	332	334	332	340	358	361
9355	Excel Center Kokomo	345	318	348	309	348	362	366	348	342	352	345	341	374	352
9385	Christel House DORS	335	298	669	489	617	572	577	735	680	735	805	780	963	1003
9750	Anderson Excel Center	313	273	289	230	299	312	305	305	283	298	295	294	308	287
9840	Excel Center University Heights	390	397	382	389	398	392	353	353	371	415	392	390	345	399
9855	Excel Center Noblesville	184	148	187	181	200	184	187	188	188	185	188	191	204	199
9885	Gary Middle College, Gary	185	48	97	99	99	91	60	53	21.13	16.71	36.97	29.15	22.57	23.88
9900	Excel Center South Bend	248	204	250	173	258	238	267	263	216	138	149	163	176	207
9910	Excel Learners for Adults	1,057	998	1,187	1,156	1,228	1,237	1,289	1,275	1,133	1,131	1,230	1,218	1,243	1,290
9995	Excel Center Shelbyville	124	115	154	153	155	166	163	176	155	158	148	146	157	142
8655	Excel Center Bloomington	0	0	0	0	122	124	156	172	106	95	129	123	114	120
9440	Christel House DORS West	252	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9539	Excel Center Elkhart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	88	143	182	249	267
9036	Excel Center Southeast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	168
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* Feb. 2018 and Feb. 2019 were information only and not used for funding purposes.

Note: Feb. 20 FTE counts for Excel Center for Adult Learners exceeded the 4,900 cap. FTE count was proportionately reduced from 4,917 for Excel Centers to 4,900 to remain within the cap enrollment.

Note : Feb. 2021 counts for Excel Center for Adult Learners exceeded the 4,900 cap. FTE Count was proportionately reduced from 4,904 for Excel Centers to 4,900 to remain within the cap enrollment.