**2015-16 Adult Student Fact Book**

**Adult Learners | Data Highlights**

from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission

- **11,014** TCAT adult learners
- **24,773** community college adult learners
- **21,389** university adult learner undergraduates

- **57,176** adult learners enrolled as undergraduates in public higher education
- **11,486** undergraduate adult learners at TICUA institutions, accounting for **19.1%** of total headcount across the institutions.

- **3%** of undergraduate adult learners in Fall 2015 were coming into public higher for the first time.
- **97%** had previously been enrolled (either the prior semester or at some point prior).

**Institutions with Largest Enrollment of Adult Learners**

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**Most Popular Adult Student Undergraduate Major Fields**

- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Health Professions & Services
- Business Management
- Engineering
- Protective Services & Public Affairs

**TCAT Enrollment by age group 2014-15**

- **26.4%** (Age 19 & below)
- **26.0%** (Age 20 - 24)
- **23.8%** (Age 25 - 34)
- **23.3%** (Age 35 - 64)
- **0.5%** (Over Age 64)

**Among adult undergraduates at public colleges and universities:**

- **58.2%** are female
- **29.4%** are non-white
- **55.7%** are Pell-eligible

**Among adult undergraduates at TICUA institutions:**

- **63.3%** are female
- **39.8%** are non-white
- **61.2%** are Pell-eligible

For more information and data on adult learners, visit [www.tn.gov/thec](http://www.tn.gov/thec)