

**ADULT EDUCATION BASIC GRANT PROGRAM  
ADMINISTERED BY  
THE DIVISION OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**Purpose**

- The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act is the Department's major program that supports and promotes services for adults who are educationally disadvantaged.
- The National Programs account provides funding for research, evaluation studies, and demonstration programs in the field of adult education and literacy.
- The National Institute for Literacy is authorized to improve and expand the system for the delivery of adult education and literacy services.

Under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the program of Basic Grants to States is the major source of Federal support for basic skills programs. The purpose of the program is to provide educational opportunities below the postsecondary level for adults over the age of 16,

- who are not currently enrolled in school,
- who lack a high school diploma or
- who lack the basic skills to function effectively in the workplace and in their daily lives.

Instructional services are offered in three program areas: ABE – basic skills instruction below the high school level; ASE – high school level instruction; and EL – English language instruction.

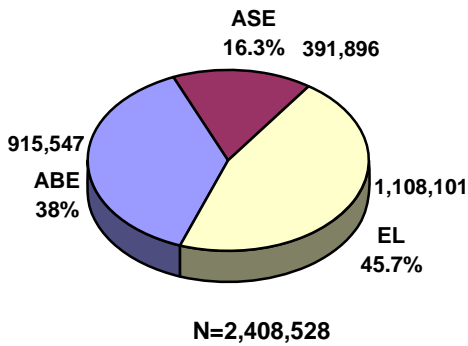
**2008 Appropriations (rounded)**

**\$ 567,468,062**

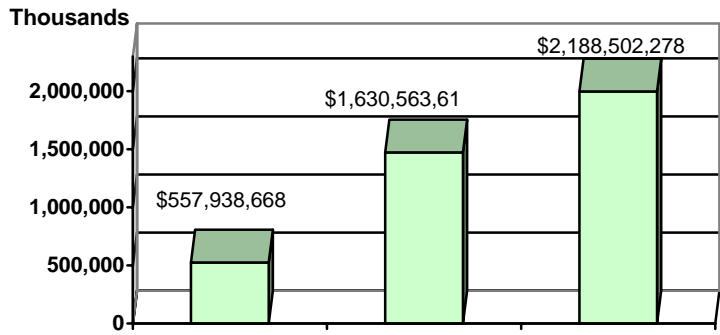
Adult Education State-Administered Basic Grants	* \$ 554,122,357
National Leadership Activities	\$ 6,877,710
National Institute for Literacy	\$ 6,467,995

\*Includes \$477,652,049 for Basic State Grants; \$66,709,857 for English Literacy/Civics Program, and \$9,760,451 for Incentive Awards

**2006-2007 Enrollment**

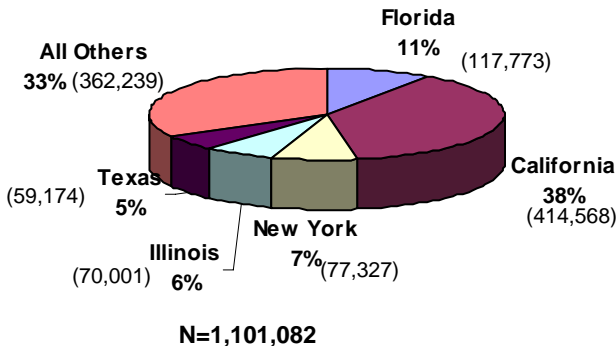


**FY 2005 Federal and Non-Federal Expenditures**

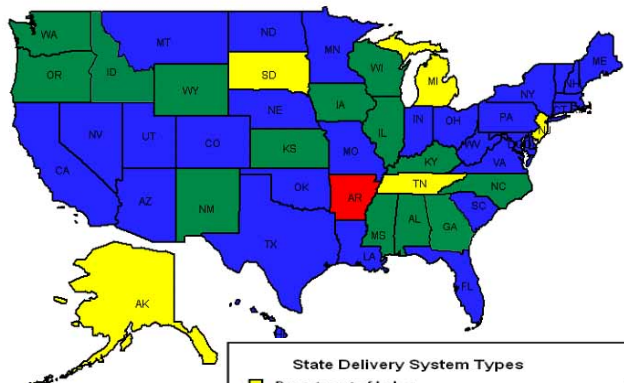


**Five States Comprise 67% of Total EL Enrollment**

Program Year 2006-2007



**State-Administered Adult Education Program Delivery System Program Year 2008-2009**



\*Includes American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas College  
\*\*Includes Palau, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands