

The Literacy Dashboard

2021 Update

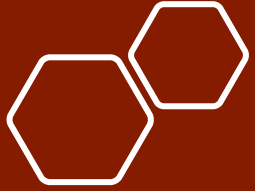
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Adults





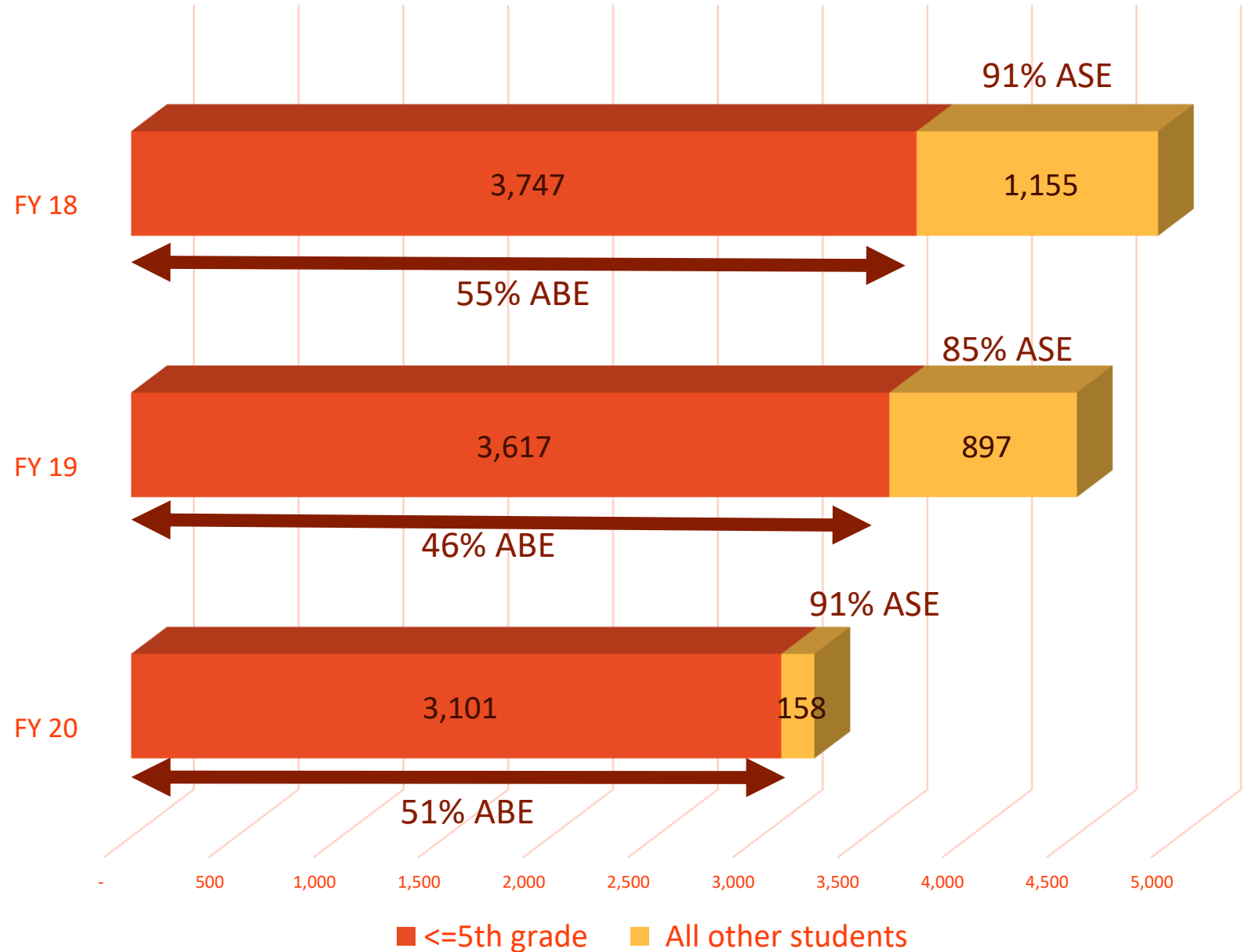
# Adult Education in Cuyahoga County

## Three programs funded by ODHE-Aspire

- Cuyahoga Community College - Ohio Options
- Cuyahoga County Public Library – Aspire Greater Cleveland
- Aspire at Polaris Career Center

Cuyahoga  
County:  
Total  
Enrollment by  
year  
Adult Basic,  
Secondary,  
and ESOL

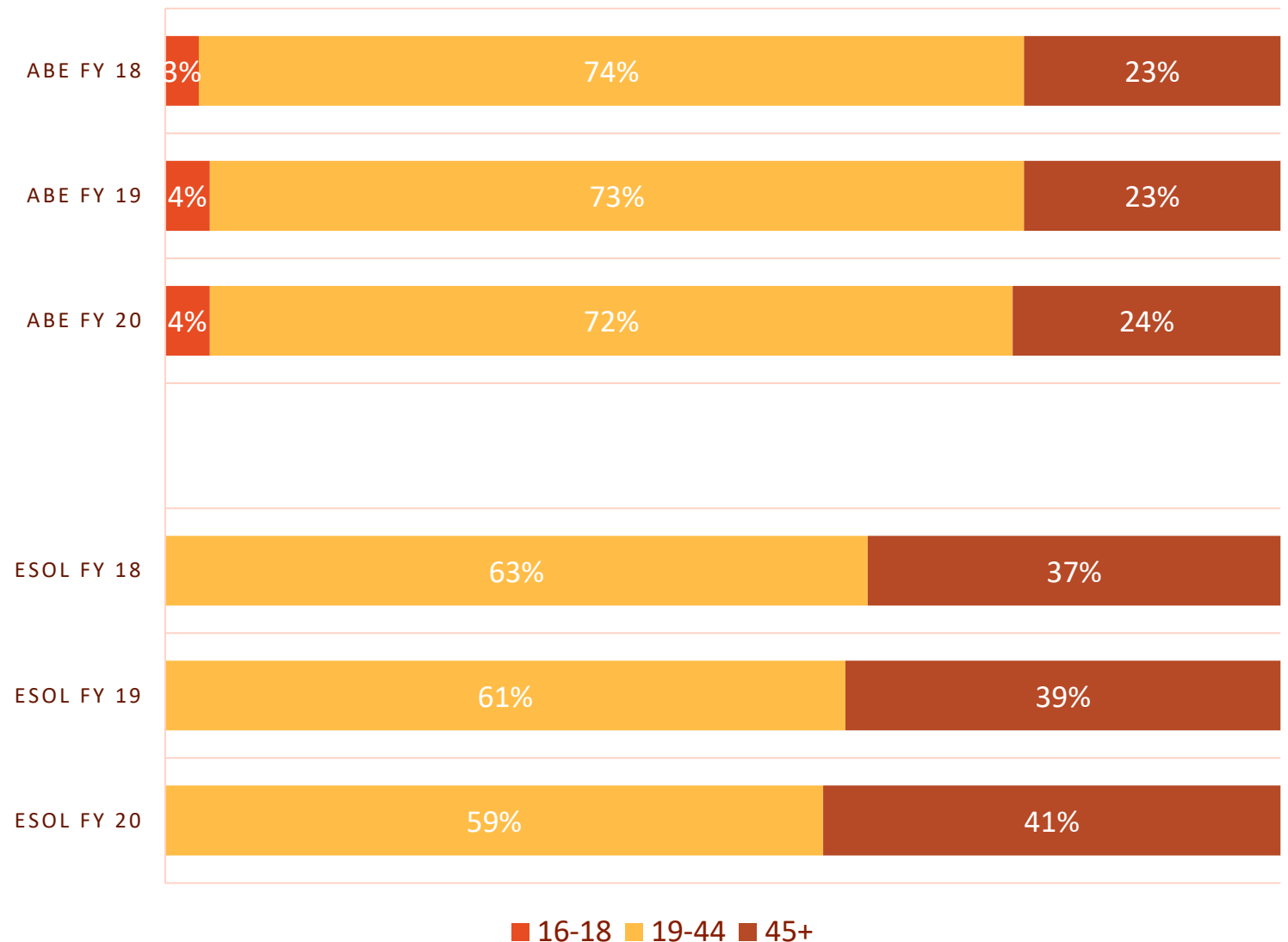
Comparison of Literacy Levels at Enrollment



FY 2018  
through FY  
2020

Consistently  
prime working  
age adults are  
largest  
number  
served

AGE GROUP OF ASPIRE CLIENTS WHO BEGAN WITH A GRADE LEVEL AT OR BELOW  
5TH GRADE, BY ASPIRE PROGRAM TYPE

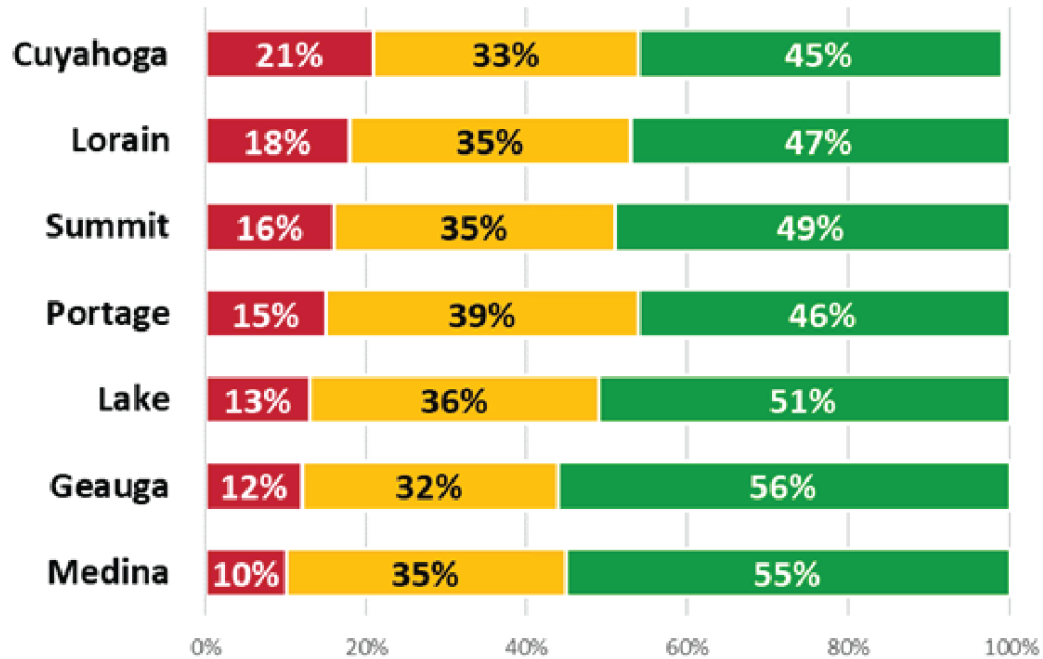


## What is PIAAC?

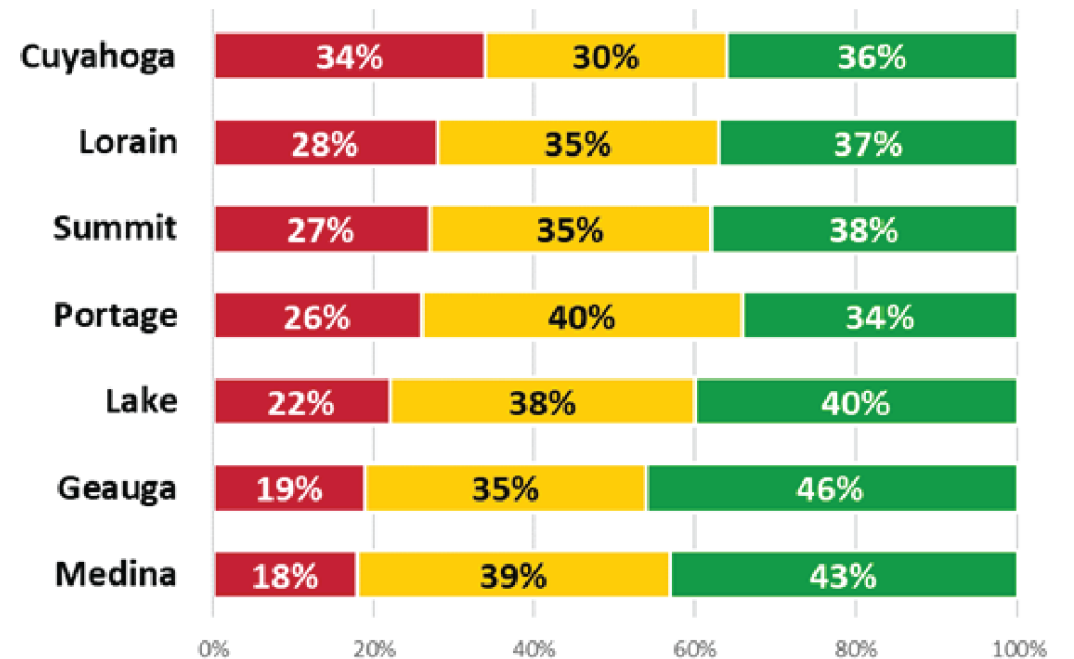
- The Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) is a cyclical, large-scale study that was developed under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). **The assessment focuses on workplace skills needed for successful participation in 21st-century society and the global economy.**

# Literacy and Numeracy Levels in Northeast Ohio Counties

## Literacy Levels



## Numeracy Levels



Note: Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.



How do the literacy levels play a part in the development of the skills needed for in-demand jobs?



How can we prepare adults for in-demand jobs using this data?



Our recent report:

## Employers: Advancing Literacy is Key to Advancing Your Workforce

- ❖ 54% of in-demand jobs in Ohio require skills beyond high school but not a four-year degree
- 54% of American adults are not proficient in literacy
- 64% are not proficient in numeracy
- 24% are operating at the lowest level of digital skills
- Cuyahoga County is consistent with the national average



# 2022 Opportunities to Advance Literacy and Increase Employment

01

Use Contextualized Literacy and Numeracy with Skills Training

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Connect Adult Literacy to Workforce and Economic Development

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Connect Contextualized Literacy to Employers and Sector Partnerships