

# Adult & Community Learning



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**Purpose:** This document forms the 'Adult & Community Learning' section of the South West Strategic Analysis 2008. The Strategic Analysis is the annual 'stock-take' analysis and considers labour market intelligence, performance information and Government policy to develop a full strategic picture of current education and training marketplace. The analysis is supported by national skills research (including Skills in England Report 2007, National Employer Skills Survey and Working Futures). The stock-take provides the intelligence to confirm our strategies and priorities.

**Theme:** Adult & Community Learning

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**Issue:** 1

**Review:** Revision of data to be completed August 2009

**Figure 1: ACL enrolments**

Sum of Enrolments	year		
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Qualification type			
Foundation Learning Tier	121205	3999	784
Level 2 - Directly contributes to full level 2 threshold	5	1	
Level 2 - Does not directly contribute to full level 2 threshold	5677	233	257
Level 3 - Directly contributes to full level 3 threshold			1
Level 3 - Does not directly contribute to full level 3 threshold	1010	95	87
Level 4		10	
Level not classified	153	83572	87197
Skills For Life - Leitch ESOL	8		4
Skills For Life - Leitch Literacy	27	44	154
Skills For Life - Leitch Numeracy		7	12
Skills For Life - Non Accredited	95	86	2007
Skills For Life - Target (exc Leitch)	172	236	498
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>128352</b>	<b>88283</b>	<b>91001</b>

Source: ILR C03

- > Comprehensive data collection for Adult & Community Learning is not required of providers. Data are consequently inconsistent and will support only limited analysis.
- > There were 91,000 LSC-funded enrolments on Adult [aged 20+] & Community Learning courses in the South West in 2006/07.
- > This total was 3% higher than in the preceding year, although it was 29% lower than in 2004/05, this change reflecting changes in LSC policy over the period in question.
- > Almost all [96%] of enrolments were at unclassified levels, meaning their contribution towards LSC's targets cannot be ascertained.
- > Of the remainder, the majority of enrolments were in non-accredited Skills for Life provision, which makes no direct contribution towards LSC's targets.
- > 1% of ACL enrolments in 2006/07 made a direct contribution to LSC's targets.
- >  $\frac{3}{4}$  of enrolments were in four sector subject areas. These were:
  - o Arts, media & publishing 28%
  - o Leisure, travel & tourism 19%
  - o Preparation for Life & Work 18%
  - o Health, public services and care 11%
- > Whilst ACL enrolments are widely-spread throughout all parts of the region, they are not evenly-spread; 17% of enrolments were in Gloucestershire, which has 11% of the region's adult population, whereas only 1% of enrolments were in North Somerset, which has 4% of the adult population. Indeed, only 6% of enrolments are in the West of England, the region's second-most populous sub-region.
- > The number of enrolments per year has changed markedly in some areas. For example, enrolments doubled in North Somerset between 2004/05 and 2006/07, whereas they halved in neighbouring B&NES.

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