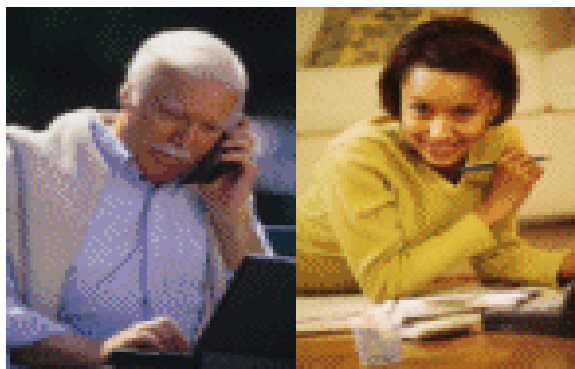




# **Sanilac Literacy Council**

**Annual Report**

**2008-09**



## *Literacy Makes a Difference*

By making a change in an adult's life, we contribute to making a change in today's world. The excellent (if alarming) report of the National Commission on Adult Literacy, "Reach Higher, America," as well as other research shows that nearly half of American adults lack the skills to hold 21st Century jobs. Also, "Right now, nearly 90 percent of the adults who need access to literacy programs cannot obtain services due to lack of funding at the federal, state, and local levels," says David C. Harvey, CEO of ProLiteracy Worldwide.

The Sanilac County Literacy Council has taken a pro-active part in effecting change for our community. With the dedication, hard work and talents of our volunteers, we are making progress on this curable social problem of functional illiteracy (able to perform simple tasks with texts, but display difficulty using most reading, writing, and computational skills considered necessary for functioning in everyday life).

Every citizen has the right to learn. Recognition of this right to learn is now more than ever a major challenge for many of our county residents. As Thomas Jefferson said, way back in 1786, "I think by far the most important bill in our whole code is that for the diffusion of knowledge among the people. No other sure foundation can be devised for the preservation of freedom and happiness..." Now, in today's environment of technology and super speed communications, the ability to read and reason about what we read is most vital.

Thank you everyone for you input, your patience and your continued support over the last 22 years. Together we **are** making a change!

Grace Temple, Director

Your District Schools

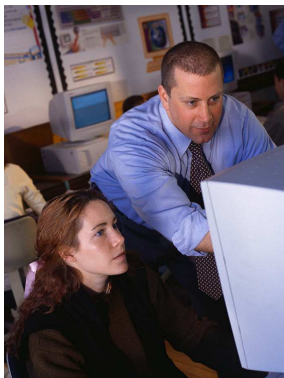
- Sanilac County, with a population of approximately 41,000 residents is located in Michigan's "Thumb" and represents 100% rural living.
- Sanilac Literacy Council, which is fully accredited by ProLiteracy Worldwide, serves over 30 new students annually.
- The Literacy Council offers many options for adults age 16 and over to upgrade their reading and/or math skills, receive help with studying for their GED, learning new job skills, helping their children obtain success in school, or become an English Language Learner.
- Our Volunteer Tutors are dedicated to student learning and strive to provide quality instruction for all students.



Sanilac Literacy Council has been accredited by **ProLiteracy Worldwide**

& received a  
**"Silver Lining Award"**

for "Outstanding Community Service"



*Literacy  
can take you  
there!*

#### Literacy Council highlights:

- A variety of Programs & Services are offered:
  - **ABE** – Adult Basic Education  
Tutoring in Reading, writing and math
  - **GED** – General Education Development  
Tutoring in preparing for the GED test
  - Family Literacy  
Adults develop literacy skills while promoting learning success of their children
  - **ESL** – English as a Second Language
  - **EL Civics** - Integrating English Literacy and Civics Education
- **17 new** enrollments for 2008-09
- **35** dedicated volunteer tutors to serve you!
- We are celebrating our **22<sup>th</sup>** year in operation!

For more Information on our services and programs, please contact us:

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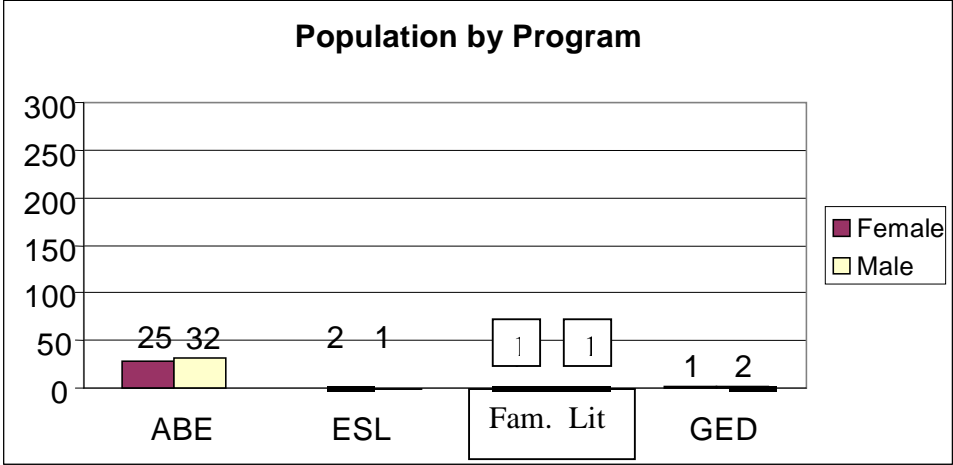
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# Student Demographics



## Program Charts



**2008-09 Statistics**

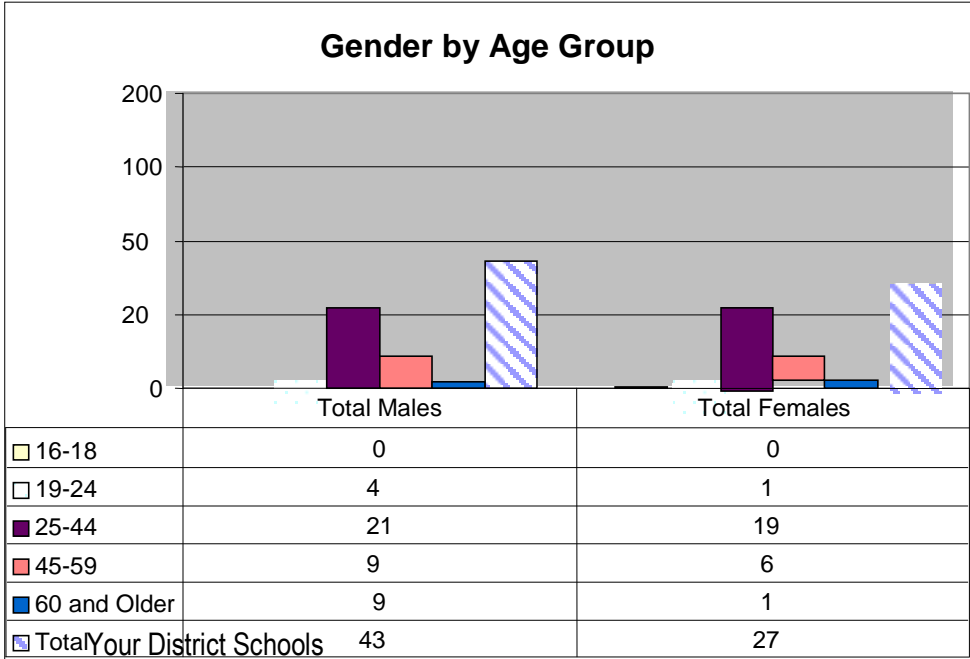
More than **50%** are considered Low Income

*Changing lives  
Through Literacy*

**2008-09 Statistics**

**89%** of students are between 19-59 years of age – **Working Age**

Many of these students are unprepared for jobs and current careers because of lack of necessary literacy and basic skills.



**2008-09 Statistics**

**49%** of students are Female and **51%** Male

The largest age group - 25 to 44 years of age

## Student Performance

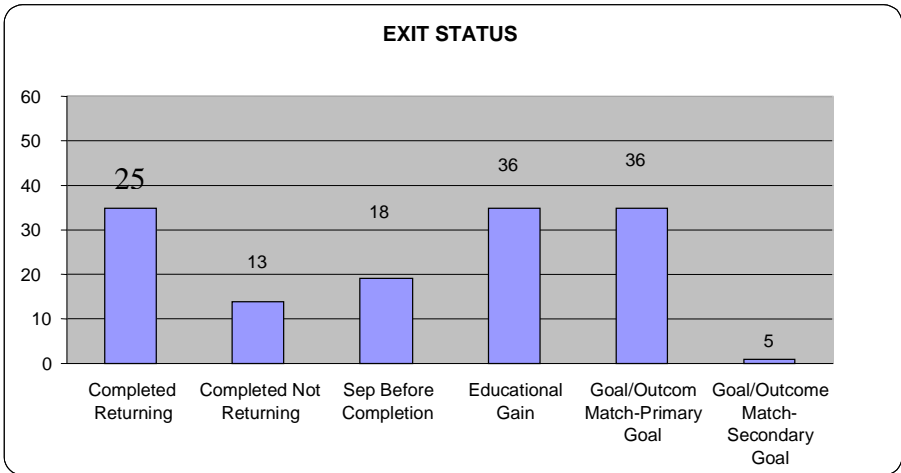


**2008-09 Statistics**

Our students have shown a **steady growth** in meeting their personal goals also;

There has been an average of a **1.5 level** increase each year.

## Completon Charts

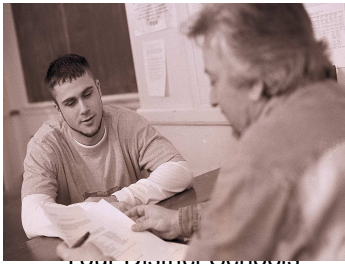


**2008-09 Statistics**

**31** Adults were served

**70%** Completed their programs

**35%** are returning



FOUR DISTRICT SCHOOLS



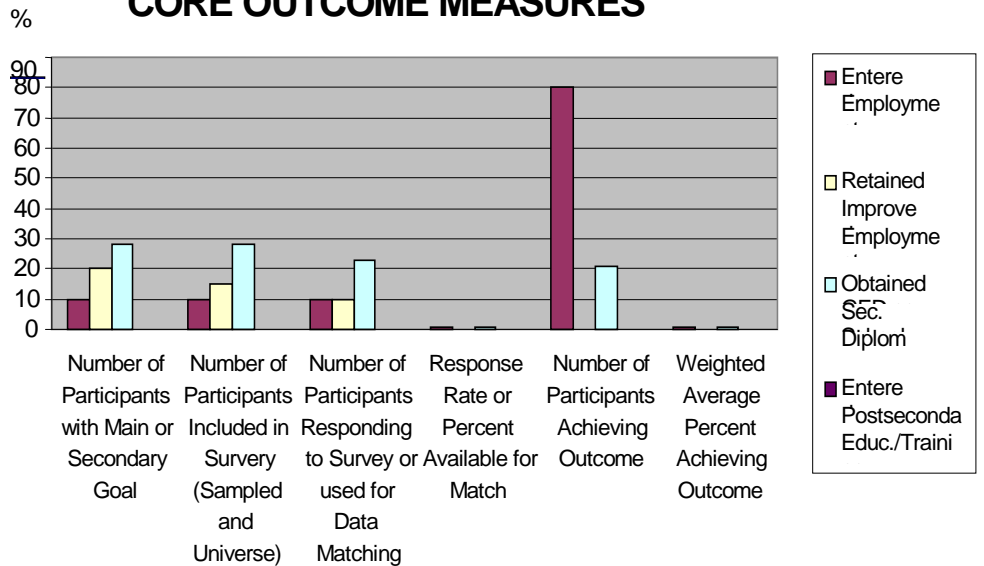
**2008-09 Statistics**

Of the 4 Core  
Follow-up  
Achievement  
Measures:

**2** Entered  
Employment

**3** Obtained a GED

**CORE OUTCOME MEASURES**



**Sanilac Literacy Council**

provides a diversity of services and programs for adults in our community. Everyone is welcomed. Each student is unique, with his or her own strengths and challenges. They come from various socio-economic groups and cultures. We strive to provide the highest degree of services and programs to meet the needs of our community.

Your District Schools