

About the Program

Aspire programs offer no-cost services to help prepare adults for the high school equivalency test, postsecondary education, and employment.

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 there were 19,210 participants in Ohio.

One-Year Outcomes

One year after their last Aspire service, 47% of people were employed in Ohio, and 47% were employed with the same employer at six months and at one year after leaving Aspire. Of those who were employed, median annual earnings were \$18,600. Workers were most commonly employed in the Accommodation and Food Services, Health Care and Social Assistance, and Manufacturing industries.

During their exit period and in the following year, 8% of people who left Aspire in 2018/19 were enrolled in a public Ohio college and 5% had earned a credential at an Ohio Technical Center.

Employment Over Time

The charts below display employment patterns across a 3 year time period. For those whose Aspire services ended in 2017/18 or 2018/19, employment in Ohio reached 57% 6 months after services and remained relatively stable over time. Median annual earnings rose from \$16,700 3 months after services to \$25,400 36 months after services. Drops in employment at the 12 month and 24 month points coincide with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic for people whose services ended in 2018/19 and 2017/18, respectively.

Percent Employed



In the three years after leaving Aspire, 47% to 57% of people were employed (Statewide, Overall).

Annual Earnings



In the three years after leaving Aspire, employed individuals earned \$16,700 to \$25,400 per year (Statewide, Overall).