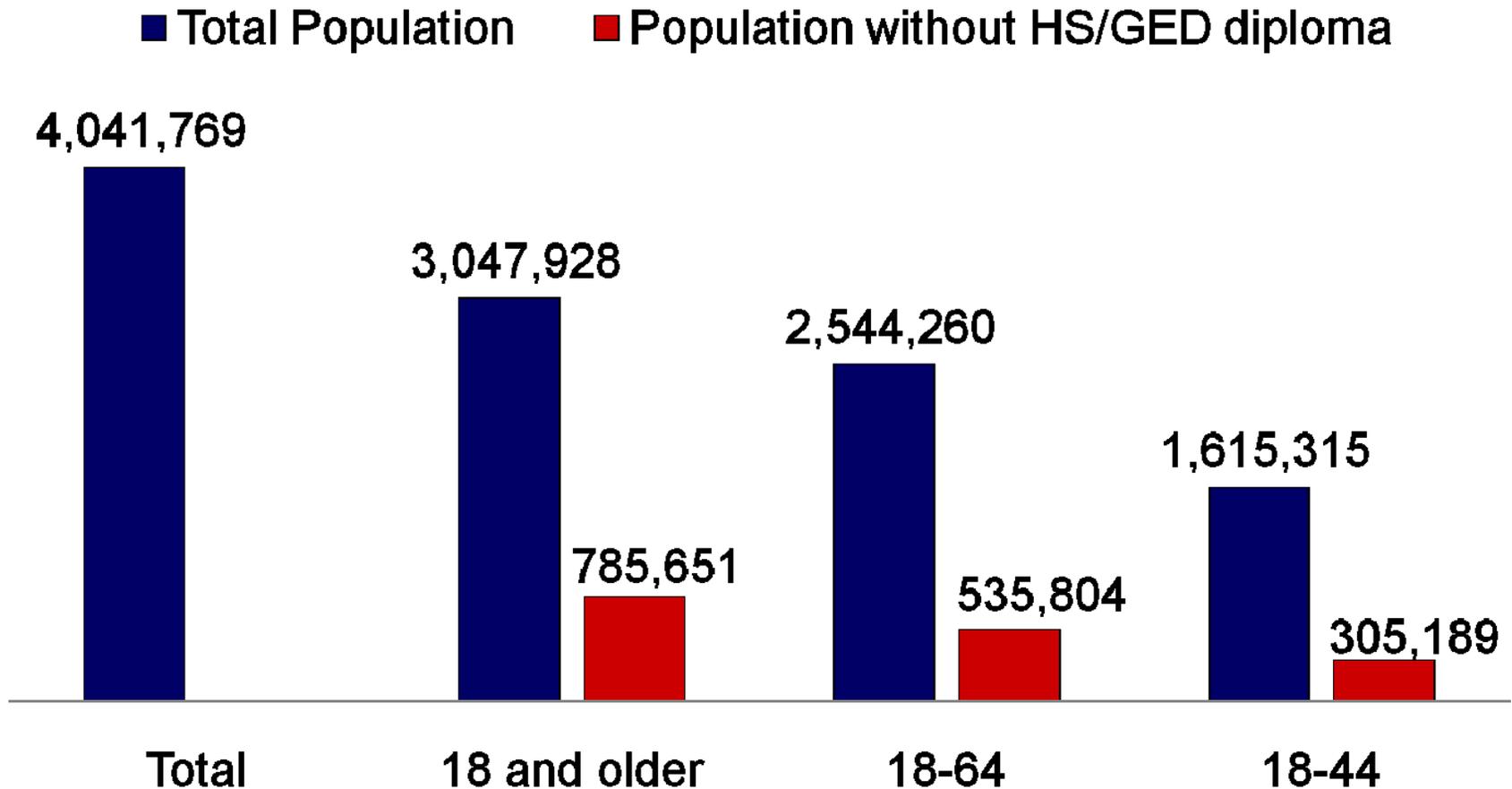


Workforce Opportunities

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KYAE Target Population



Kentucky's Workforce

- In the last 50 years the workforce needs have shifted from 60% unskilled to 68% skilled.
- This generation is the first generation in the U.S. and the only one among the developed nations that is less educated than the previous generation.

National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)



- National Career Readiness Certificate
- Kentucky Employability Certificate

What does the NCRC/KEC measure?

- Reading for Information
- Applied Mathematics
- Locating Information

Certificate Levels

- **Platinum** – minimum level score of 6
- **Gold** – minimum level score of 5
- **Silver** – minimum level score of 4
- **Bronze** – minimum level score of 3

Certificate Levels

- **Bronze** – 35 percent of the jobs profiled
- **Silver** – 65 percent of the jobs profiled
- **Gold** – 90 percent of the jobs profiled
- **Platinum** – 99 percent of the jobs profiled

Microsoft®
Elevate America
Voucher Program



Microsoft Elevate America

- Microsoft is providing one million Microsoft Learning vouchers for no cost access to Microsoft eLearning courses and select Microsoft certification exams
- 500,000 e-learning Vouchers Nationwide
- 500,000 Microsoft Business Certification exams nationwide

Kentucky Agreement

- 20,250 Total Kentucky Vouchers
- Microsoft E-learning
 - 9,000 Windows XP & Office 2007 or Windows Vista & Office 2007
 - 2,250 IT Professional Standard & Extended Library
- Enhance the Technical Job Skills of Individuals in Kentucky
- Signed October 5, 2009
- Microsoft Business Certification Exam
- Program Effective Date January 3, 2010
- 90-day Distribution Period

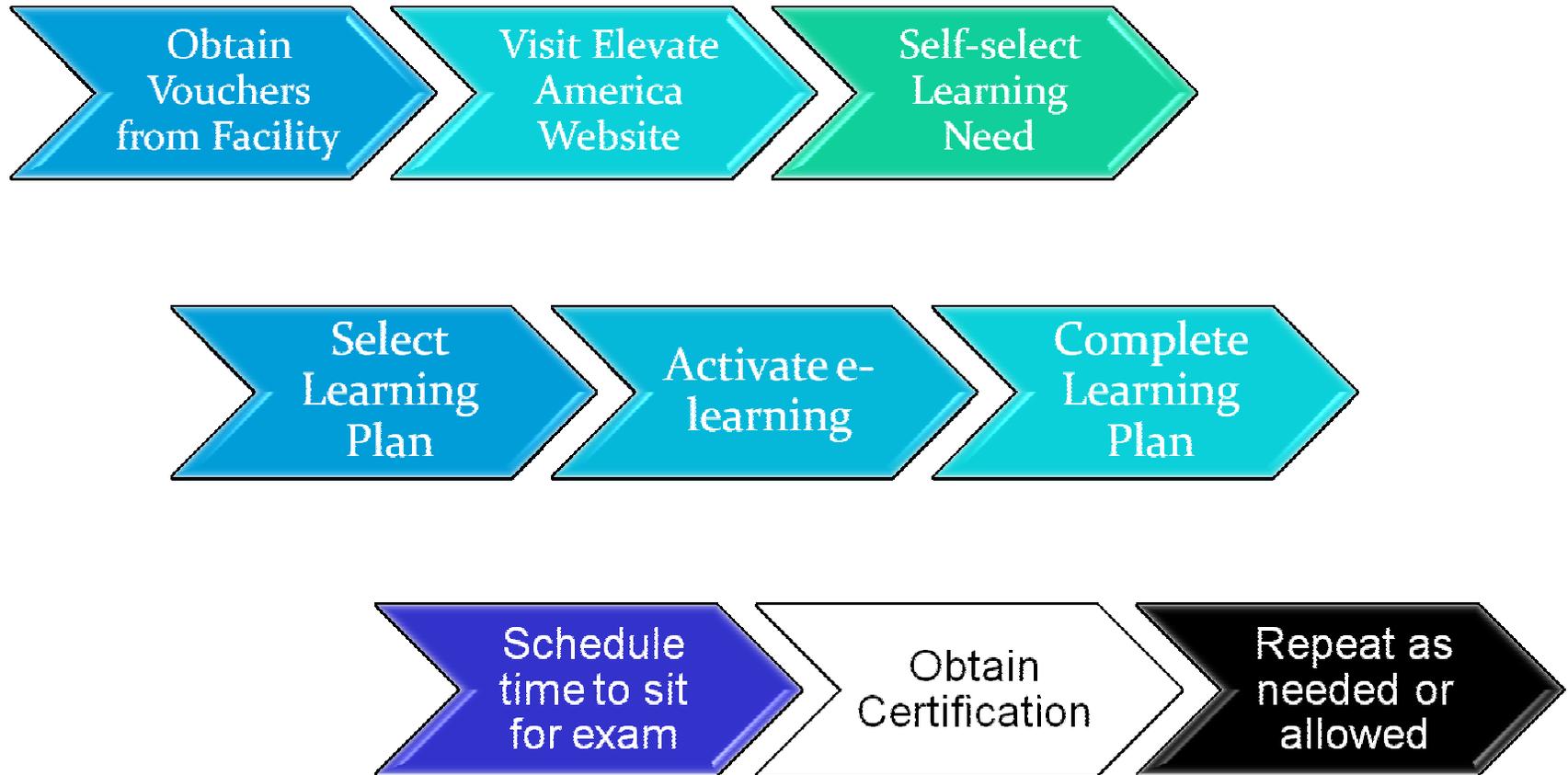
Voucher Distribution

- Website Voucher Request
- Paper for Participants Under 18
- Dislocated Worker Priority
- Kentucky Program Partners
 - Workforce Investment Boards
 - Adult Education
 - KCTCS
 - KDE
 - Office of Career and Technical Education
- Limited to One Voucher per Request

Getting Started: Vista and Office 2007

Digital Literacy	Windows Vista Essentials	Core Word 2007	Core Excel 2007	Core PowerPoint 2007	Core Outlook 2007
5 courses 5 assessments 1 certificate test	1 1.25-hour e-learn course 1 assessment	3 1-hour e-learn courses 3 assessments	2 1-hour e-learn courses 2 assessments	2 1-hour e-learn courses 2 assessments	2 1-hour e-learn courses 2 assessments
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer Basics• The Internet & World Wide Web• Productivity Programs• Computer Security & Privacy• Digital Lifestyle	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start working with Windows Vista.• Navigate and customize the Vista UI.• Work with programs in Windows Vista.• Work with files and folders in Windows Vista.• Work with Internet Explorer 7	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5419: Getting Started with Microsoft Office Word 2007• 5420: Editing and Proofreading Documents in Microsoft Office Word 2007• 5421: Formatting Documents in Microsoft Office Word 2007	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5425: Getting Started with Microsoft® Office Excel® 2007• 5426: Performing Calculations on Data in Microsoft Office Excel® 2007	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5431: Getting Started with Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007• 5432: Working with Slides in Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5437: Getting Started with Microsoft® Office Outlook® 2007• 5438: Working with E-mail Messages in Microsoft Office Outlook 2007

Customer Experience



Testing Centers

- Microsoft Certification Exam
 - One Topic Area (i.e., Excel, Word, Outlook)
 - Office 2007
 - Must specify certification exam at time of voucher request.
- Certiport Testing Sites
 - Adult Education
 - KCTCS
 - KDE
- Additional Sites Possible
- Vouchers - Must be Used Within 90 days

IT Professional Standard & Extended Library

- Enterprise Administrator
- Server Administrator
- Systems Administrator
- Systems Engineer
- Support Technician
- Database Administrator
- Web/Windows Developer

Outstanding Items

- Completion of Website
- Listing of Available On-line Access Points
- Listing of Testing Centers
- Approval of Request Form (under 18 only)
- Marketing Materials
- Joint Kentucky/Microsoft Announcement
- Press Release

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GED2JOB Pilot

- Pilot funded by EKCEP thru American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act)
- Assist 500 Individuals in Attaining their GED[®] Diplomas

GED2JOB Pilot

- Students who are enrolled in the program receive \$4 per hour during GED preparation while at the learning center.
- 15 hours of Work Readiness Training
- Payment of GED Testing Fees

GED2JOB Pilot

Career Pathway Options

- A scholarship for up to two years of additional training at a post-secondary institution or licensed proprietary school, or
- A limited paid internship of up to 160 hours with one employer, or
- Direct placement in on-the-job training.

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