

Four Major Conditions that Limit Access to Adult Education

1. **Geographic Conditions:** Rural areas tend to have fewer resources for education. Migrant and homeless people are also at a great disadvantage for receiving access to education.
2. **Demographic Factors:** Age and sex influence who participates and who doesn't. Young and middle-aged adults participate more than older adults. Older adults tend to have less education in general than younger people, and level of education is a good predictor of who will continue to participate in educational activities.
3. **Socioeconomic Conditions and Education:** Those from less wealthy families participate less because they don't fit into the system of education which is built and maintained by wealthier people. Lack of funds can cause all kinds of additional issues that might keep students from attending class.
4. **Cultural Determinants:** Minority groups all over the world tend to participate less than majority groups. As a member of a particular social group, you may not feel that you can trust certain forms of education and may feel uncomfortable participating in them. Additionally, immigrant populations tend not to participate in educational activities as much as native-born populations.