



# education program report

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2025

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# introduction

## Amadeusz

Amadeusz is a charitable organization that has been operating in Toronto since 2009.

Mission: Amadeusz supports young people who are incarcerated to create positive change in their lives through access to education, community programs and supports, mentorship and exceptional care.

Vision: Creating a future with equitable access to education and community support.

## education program

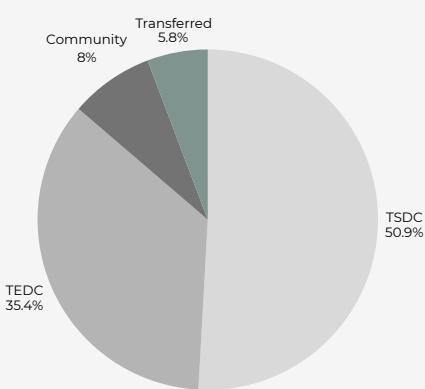
The Amadeusz education program supports young people aged 18 to 35 in working towards their educational goals. The goal of this program is to provide young people who are incarcerated with the opportunity, resources, and support to complete their high school education and to explore, prepare for, and attend post-secondary schooling.

The Amadeusz education program has three streams of programming: Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) completion, high school equivalency (CAEC) completion, and post-secondary.

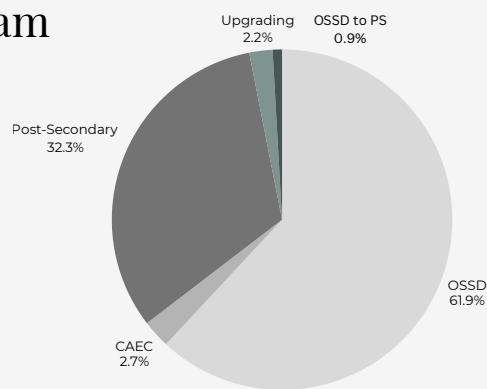
# demographics

This information is based on 226 program participants at the Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, other institutions across Canada, and in community.

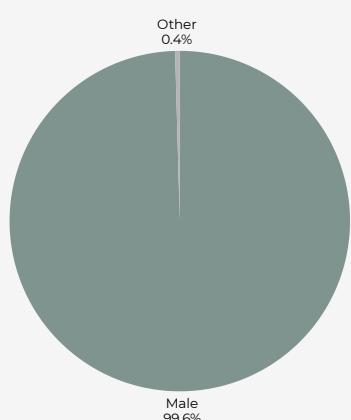
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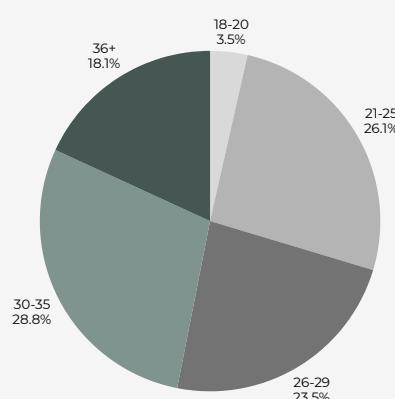
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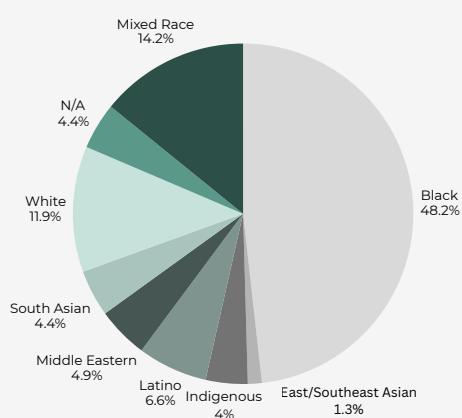
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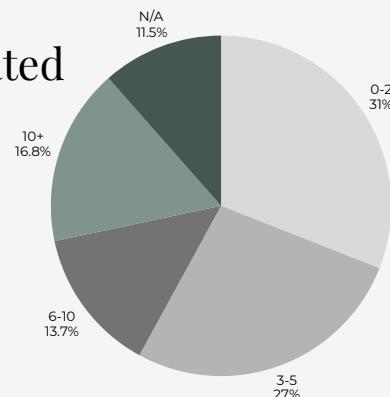
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race



times incarcerated



# statistics

young people serviced

**147**

**Ontario Secondary School Diploma completion participants**

individuals who were enrolled in Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) programming with Amadeusz. Note that two of these individuals were also post-secondary program participants in 2025.

**6**

**high school equivalency completion participants**

individuals who were enrolled in high school equivalency (CAEC) programming with Amadeusz.

**75**

**post-secondary participants**

Individuals who were enrolled in post-secondary programming with Amadeusz. Note that two of these individuals were also high school program participants in 2025.

**608**

**additional individuals serviced**

individuals who were not enrolled with Amadeusz but were provided education-related supports, such as their transcript, information about secondary or post-secondary programs in community, a referral, etc.

# statistics

## Ontario Secondary School Diploma

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) stream of programming provides participants access to high school credit courses through various partnerships. Participants are given the opportunity to complete print-based courses to work towards obtaining their high school diploma.

**315**  
high school courses registered in

**242**  
high school courses completed

**651.75**  
PLAR credits granted

**60**  
OSSD achieved

# statistics

## high school equivalency (CAEC)

Amadeusz's high school equivalency stream of programming supports participants in preparing to write the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) assessment and obtain their Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate. Amadeusz works in collaboration with TVO ILC to offer this program stream. This is a new program stream as of 2025.

4

participants wrote the CAEC examination

4

high school equivalency certificates achieved

# statistics

## post-secondary

The post-secondary stream of programming facilitates access to college and university courses and certificates through established partnerships with post-secondary institutions. This avenue provides participants the chance to pursue college certificates through print-based courses or to fulfill courses that can be transferred to their existing post-secondary education.

**94**  
post-secondary courses registered in

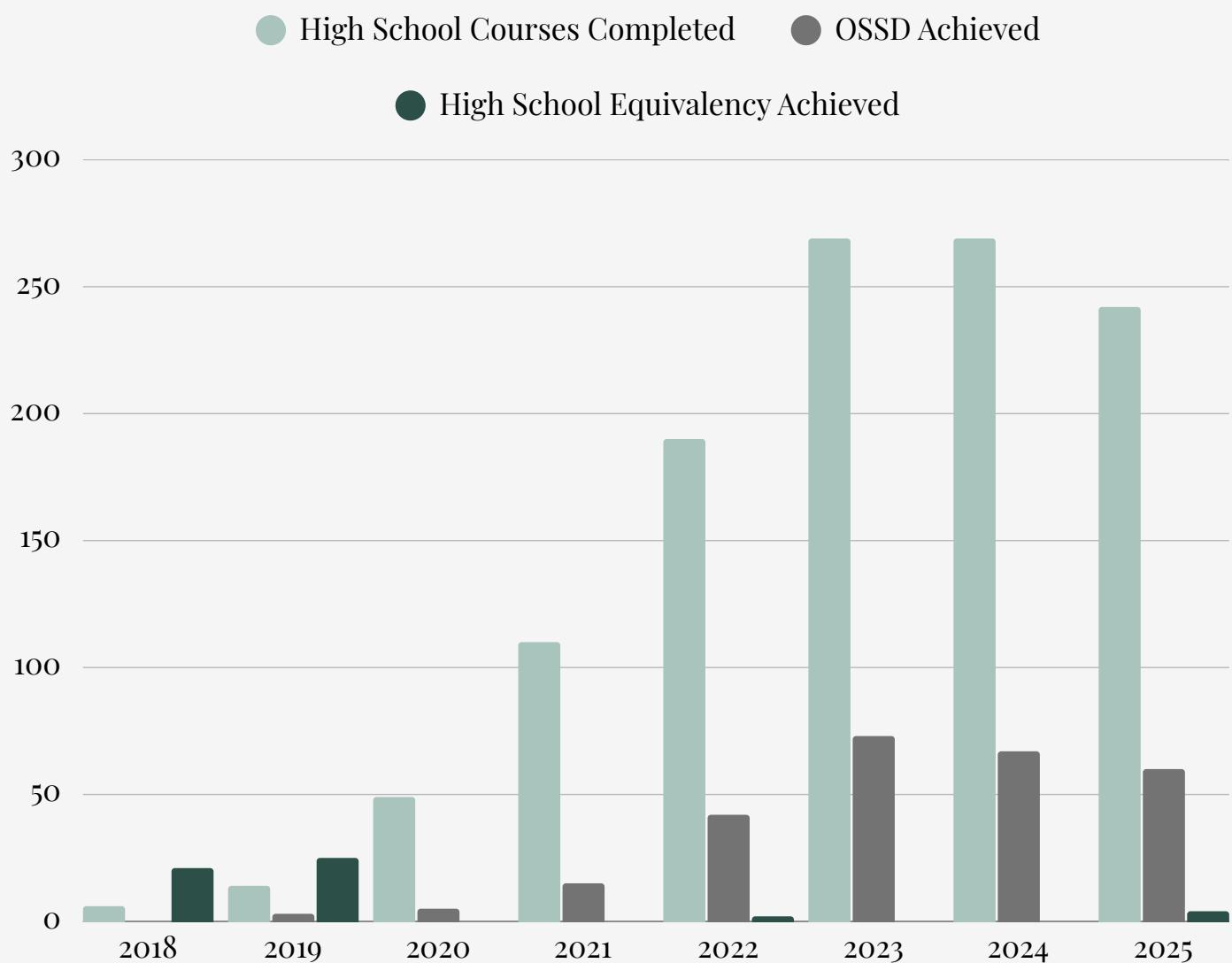
**103**  
post-secondary courses completed

**7**  
post-secondary certificates achieved

*\*Note that completion rates exceed registration rates as some courses began in the previous year and were completed in 2025.*

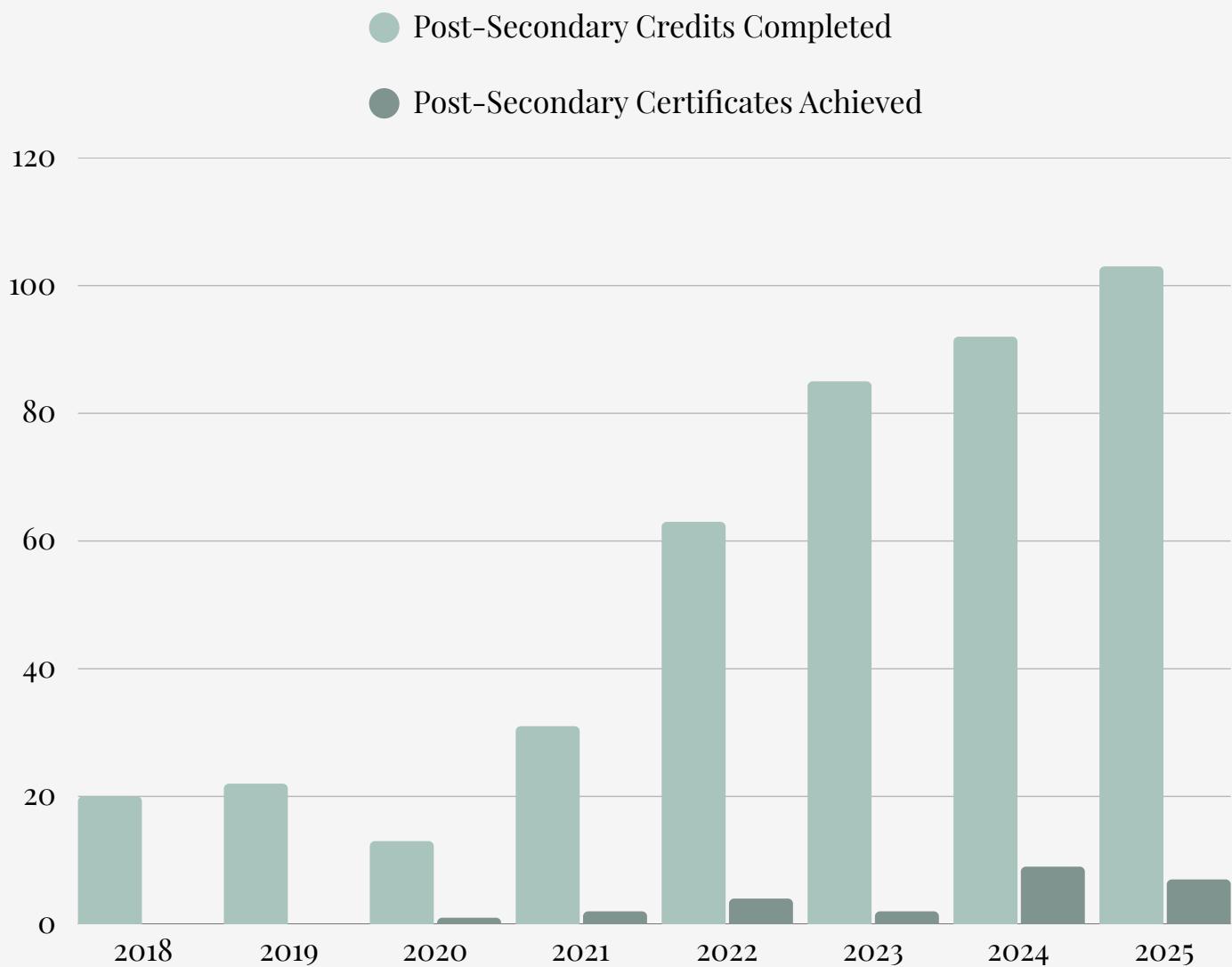
# statistics

## over time: high school



# statistics

## over time: post-secondary



# program highlights

## High School Equivalency Program Stream: CAEC

Amadeusz developed a partnership with TVO ILC to offer the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) in a paper-based format to participants at the Toronto South and Toronto East Detention Centers. This provides access to an alternative pathway for high school completion.

## 2025 Amadeusz Scholarship

In 2025, ten \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to young people who have been released from incarceration, are currently in community, and registered or will be registered for full-time post-secondary studies in 2025. Read more [here](#).

## Graduation Ceremonies

In 2025, 42 OSSD graduates and three post-secondary graduates were celebrated in six graduation ceremonies at the Toronto South Detention Centre and Toronto East Detention Centre. Ceremonies includes speeches, presentation of diploma, cap and gown photos, and more.

## Maytree Story

In October of 2025, Maytree published an article on their website called “Delivering on the Right to Education in a Punishing System.” This article spoke on the barriers to education that two past Amadeusz participants faced before, during, and after their incarceration. It can be found [here](#).



# program impact

I have had plenty of time to go over & re-think my situation and re-evaluate what is most important to me. Education will change my life.

The Amadeusz program has helped me quite significantly in terms of making a stable plan for the sake of a better future.

Every step I take, it empowers me, knowing that I'm doing this program, getting good grades and keeping at it.

Amadeusz helped me realize I'm still able to do something positive in my life, and the teachers helped me find hope.

It is said "If you want to be more powerful in life educate yourself." I feel that, more powerful. Thank you Amadeusz.

Everything has changed for me. No more saying I can't. I can because Amadeusz opened the door and welcomed me in happily and helped me see that I can.

# circle of support

We could not do this work without the support of our funders, partners, and all those who believe in the mission and vision of Amadeusz. Thank you for your generosity and commitment. To our participants, thank you for trusting us to be a part of your educational journey.



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