

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Snapshot

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U.S. PIAAC Skills Map: State and County Indicators of Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Skills Map provides the most comprehensive snapshot of key workforce skills in every state and county in the United States. Users can easily access information about the literacy and numeracy proficiency of adults aged 16-74 and compare performance between individual states and counties. Results are reported as the state or county average score on a scale of 0-500 and as the percentage of adults at the lowest levels of proficiency (at or below Level 1), medium proficiency (at Level 2), and the highest levels of proficiency (at or above Level 3).

The data in the tool are generated by a technique called small area estimation. The statistical models used to calculate the state and county estimates relied on combined data from the 2012, 2014, and 2017 Program of the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) in conjunction with 2013-2017 data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) to produce reliable estimates. The estimates are predictions of how the adults in a given state or county would have performed had they taken the PIAAC assessments. For more information on the tool, please visit the PIAAC State and County Estimates page: nces.ed.gov/surveys/piaac/state-county-estimates.asp

Literacy

Average scale score:

National

264

Idaho

270

 (same as national average)

Idaho proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)

16%

Level 2
(226-275)

34%

At or above Level 3
(Above 275)

49%

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

States sorted by average literacy scale score:

New Hampshire	279	Connecticut	271	Oklahoma	263
Minnesota	279	Kansas	271	South Carolina	263
Vermont	277	South Dakota	271	Arizona	262
District of Columbia	277	Michigan	271	Kentucky	261
Alaska	277	Hawaii	270	Georgia	260
North Dakota	276	Virginia	270	Tennessee	260
Washington	275	Idaho	270	West Virginia	260
Utah	274	Ohio	268	New York	260
Iowa	273	Maryland	268	Florida	259
Oregon	273	Indiana	266	Alabama	259
Maine	273	Pennsylvania	266	Arkansas	259
Wisconsin	273	Rhode Island	266	California	257
Massachusetts	273	Missouri	266	Nevada	255
Montana	273	Illinois	266	Texas	254
Wyoming	272	North Carolina	265	Mississippi	252
Colorado	272	New Jersey	264	New Mexico	252
Nebraska	271	Delaware	264	Louisiana	252

Counties sorted by average literacy scale score:

Latah	283
Madison	282
Ada	280
Valley	278
Boise	277
Teton	277
Kootenai	275
Bannock	273
Bonneville	273
Nez Perce	271
Caribou	271
Bonner	270
Franklin	270
Jefferson	270
Lemhi	268
Butte	267
Oneida	267
Bear Lake	267
Idaho	267
Custer	266
Elmore	266
Fremont	265
Lewis	265
Camas ¹	265
Twin Falls	265
Clearwater	265
Blaine	265
Adams	263
Bingham	262
Boundary	260
Payette	259
Benewah	257
Shoshone	256
Gem	256
Cassia	255
Canyon	255
Washington	254
Minidoka	248
Power	248
Gooding	246
Lincoln	245
Jerome	244
Owyhee	242
Clark ¹	236

Numeracy

Average scale score:

National
249Idaho
256
↑ (above national average)

Idaho proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)**26%**Level 2
(226-275)**35%**At or above Level 3
(Above 275)**39%***Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.*

States sorted by average numeracy scale score:

New Hampshire	268	South Dakota	259	Arizona	247
Minnesota	268	Hawaii	259	Oklahoma	247
Vermont	265	Kansas	258	Kentucky	247
North Dakota	264	Connecticut	258	South Carolina	246
Alaska	264	Virginia	257	New York	245
Washington	262	Idaho	256	West Virginia	245
Utah	262	Michigan	256	Tennessee	245
Iowa	261	Maryland	255	California	244
Massachusetts	261	Ohio	254	Georgia	243
Oregon	260	Rhode Island	253	Florida	243
Maine	260	Pennsylvania	252	Arkansas	243
Montana	260	Missouri	252	Alabama	242
District of Columbia	260	Illinois	252	Nevada	240
Colorado	260	Indiana	252	Texas	238
Wyoming	260	New Jersey	250	New Mexico	235
Nebraska	259	North Carolina	249	Mississippi	234
Wisconsin	259	Delaware	249	Louisiana	233

Counties sorted by average numeracy scale score:

Latah	269	Idaho	253	Cassia	242
Ada	268	Butte	253	Shoshone	241
Valley	267	Fremont	252	Washington	240
Madison	266	Custer	252	Canyon	240
Teton	266	Elmore	252	Gem	239
Boise	265	Bear Lake	252	Power	235
Kootenai	262	Twin Falls	251	Minidoka	233
Bonneville	260	Clearwater	251	Gooding	231
Bannock	260	Lewis	251	Lincoln	230
Jefferson	259	Blaine	251	Jerome	229
Caribou	258	Bingham	248	Owyhee	225
Nez Perce	258	Adams	248	Clark ¹	219
Franklin	257	Camas ¹	248		
Bonner	257	Payette	244		
Oneida	254	Boundary	243		
Lemhi	254	Benewah	243		