

# Adult Literacy and Numeracy Snapshot ILLINOIS



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](https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/piaac/state-county-estimates.asp)

## Literacy

### Average scale score:

National

**264**

Illinois

**266**

■ (same as national average)

### Illinois proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1  
(Below 226)

**20%**

Level 2  
(226-275)

**32%**

At or above Level 3  
(Above 275)

**48%**

*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	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>266</b>	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:

Monroe	280	Stephenson	267	Livingston	260
DuPage	280	Logan	266	Henderson	260
Champaign	278	Jasper	266	Cook	259
Kendall	277	Franklin	266	Greene	258
McLean	277	Lee	265	Perry	257
Woodford	277	Moultrie	265	Hardin	256
McHenry	277	Cumberland	265	Brown	256
Piatt	276	Ford	265	Vermilion	256
Tazewell	275	Carroll	265	Randolph	256
Lake	274	Union	265	Lawrence	255
Sangamon	274	St. Clair	265	Fayette	252
Menard	274	Saline	265	Pulaski	251
Washington	273	Bureau	265	Cass	250
Grundy	272	Edgar	265	Alexander	241
Madison	272	Macon	265		
Jersey	272	Fulton	264		
DeKalb	272	Rock Island	264		
Wabash	272	Warren	264		
Jackson	271	Wayne	264		
Clinton	271	Marion	264		
Will	271	Whiteside	264		
Effingham	271	Morgan	264		
Hancock	271	LaSalle	263		
Williamson	270	Pope	263		
Adams	270	Pike	263		
McDonough	270	Jefferson	263		
Edwards	270	Winnebago	263		
Jo Daviess	270	Shelby	263		
Richland	270	Gallatin	263		
Coles	269	Bond	262		
Peoria	269	Scott	262		
Mercer	269	Christian	262		
De Witt	269	Mason	262		
Clark	268	Kane	261		
Henry	268	Kankakee	261		
Crawford	268	Knox	261		
Putnam	268	Calhoun	261		
Clay	268	Massac	261		
White	268	Schuyler	261		
Hamilton	267	Douglas	261		
Ogle	267	Boone	260		
Macoupin	267	Iroquois	260		
Stark	267	Johnson	260		
Marshall	267	Montgomery	260		

## Numeracy

### Average scale score:

National  
**249**

Illinois  
**252**  
 (same as national average)

### Illinois proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1  
(Below 226)  
**30%**

Level 2  
(226-275)  
**31%**

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	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>252</b>	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:

Monroe	270	Wabash	259	Ogle	255
DuPage	269	Will	259	Peoria	255
Kendall	267	Madison	258	Coles	254
McHenry	266	Jo Daviess	258	Clay	254
Woodford	265	Effingham	258	McDonough	254
Piatt	265	Hancock	258	Clark	254
Tazewell	264	Edwards	258	White	254
McLean	263	Richland	257	Macoupin	254
Champaign	263	Williamson	257	Jackson	254
Lake	262	Adams	257	Hamilton	254
Washington	262	DeKalb	257	Marshall	254
Menard	261	Crawford	256	Stark	253
Sangamon	260	Mercer	256	Logan	253
Jersey	260	Henry	256	Moultrie	253
Grundy	260	De Witt	255	Jasper	253
Clinton	260	Putnam	255	Lee	252

## Counties sorted by average numeracy scale score (continued):

Cumberland	252	Hardin	243
Stephenson	252	Greene	242
Franklin	252	Randolph	242
Ford	251	Brown	242
Union	251	Lawrence	240
Warren	251	Vermilion	238
Carroll	251	Fayette	237
Edgar	251	Cass	234
Bureau	251	Pulaski	234
Pope	251	Alexander	220
Fulton	251		
Saline	251		
Whiteside	251		
Wayne	251		
Rock Island	250		
LaSalle	249		
Macon	249		
Marion	249		
Kane	249		
Pike	249		
Gallatin	249		
Jefferson	249		
Morgan	249		
St. Clair	248		
Douglas	248		
Christian	248		
Shelby	248		
Winnebago	248		
Bond	248		
Mason	247		
Johnson	247		
Boone	247		
Massac	247		
Calhoun	247		
Scott	246		
Iroquois	246		
Kankakee	246		
Montgomery	246		
Knox	246		
Henderson	245		
Livingston	245		
Schuyler	244		
Cook	244		
Perry	243		