

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Snapshot

LOUISIANA



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

Louisiana

252

↓ (below national average)

Louisiana proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)

27%

Level 2
(226-275)

38%

At or above Level 3
(Above 275)

35%

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:

St. Tammany	270	Iberia	239
Bossier	264	East Feliciana	238
Ascension	262	Richland	238
East Baton Rouge	260	Catahoula	238
Lafayette	260	Evangeline	237
St. Charles	258	Washington	237
Vernon	257	Caldwell	237
Livingston	257	Iberville	237
Cameron	256	Assumption	236
Lincoln	256	Franklin	236
Calcasieu	255	Morehouse	236
Beauregard	253	Avoyelles	235
Jefferson	253	St. Mary	235
Orleans	252	Claiborne	234
Ouachita	251	St. Landry	234
Plaquemines	251	Concordia	232
Natchitoches	250	St. Helena	230
Caddo	249	Tensas	222
Rapides	249	Madison	220
West Baton Rouge	248	East Carroll	215
Tangipahoa	248		
Sabine	248		
Grant	247		
Jefferson Davis	246		
Lafourche	246		
St. Bernard	245		
Union	245		
St. John the Baptist	244		
Bienville	244		
Terrebonne	244		
West Feliciana	244		
Acadia	244		
St. Martin	244		
Webster	244		
Vermilion	243		
Allen	242		
De Soto	242		
LaSalle	242		
Pointe Coupee	242		
Red River	242		
St. James	241		
West Carroll	240		
Jackson	240		
Winn	239		

Numeracy

Average scale score:

National
249Louisiana
233
↓ (below national average)

Louisiana proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)**42%**Level 2
(226-275)**32%**At or above Level 3
(Above 275)**26%***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:

St. Tammany	257	Orleans	231	LaSalle	225
Bossier	248	Rapides	230	Union	225
Ascension	247	West Baton Rouge	230	Pointe Coupee	224
Cameron	245	Sabine	230	St. John the Baptist	224
Lafayette	244	Grant	230	Webster	224
Livingston	242	Jefferson Davis	230	Bienville	222
St. Charles	242	Tangipahoa	229	Red River	222
Vernon	241	Caddo	228	De Soto	221
East Baton Rouge	240	Natchitoches	228	West Carroll	221
Calcasieu	238	West Feliciana	228	St. James	221
Beauregard	237	Acadia	227	Jackson	220
Jefferson	236	Terrebonne	227	Assumption	220
Plaquemines	234	Vermilion	227	Iberia	220
Lincoln	234	St. Bernard	227	Evangeline	219
Lafourche	231	St. Martin	226	East Feliciana	219
Ouachita	231	Allen	226	Winn	218

Counties sorted by average numeracy scale score (continued):

Catahoula	218
Iberville	217
Caldwell	217
Washington	217
Avoyelles	217
Richland	216
Franklin	216
St. Mary	215
St. Landry	213
Morehouse	213
Claiborne	211
Concordia	209
St. Helena	207
Madison	194
Tensas	194
East Carroll	186