

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

Mississippi
252
↓ (below national average)

Mississippi proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)
28%

Level 2
(226-275)
37%

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:

Madison	275	Jasper	244
Lamar	271	Attala	244
Rankin	269	Simpson	244
Lafayette	267	Marion	243
DeSoto	264	Calhoun	242
Oktibbeha	262	Copiah	241
Hancock	262	Clay	241
Pearl River	259	Winston	241
Lee	259	Pike	240
Jackson	258	Benton	240
Forrest	256	Panola	239
Harrison	256	Wayne	239
Newton	256	Amite	239
Itawamba	255	Marshall	239
Webster	255	Chickasaw	238
Carroll	254	Kemper	238
Lauderdale	254	Bolivar	237
Alcorn	254	Leake	237
Lincoln	254	Walthall	236
George	253	Washington	236
Lowndes	252	Adams	235
Jones	252	Coahoma	235
Union	252	Sharkey	235
Stone	252	Scott	234
Tate	251	Jefferson Davis	232
Tippah	251	Yazoo	231
Franklin	251	Tunica	230
Pontotoc	251	Leflore	229
Choctaw	250	Sunflower	229
Warren	250	Claiborne	226
Prentiss	249	Tallahatchie	225
Tishomingo	249	Noxubee	224
Hinds	249	Humphreys	223
Lawrence	249	Wilkinson	222
Monroe	248	Quitman	221
Neshoba	247	Holmes	220
Clarke	246	Jefferson	215
Greene	246	Issaquena ¹	214
Perry	246		
Covington	246		
Yalobusha	246		
Grenada	245		
Montgomery	245		
Smith	245		

Numeracy

Average scale score:

National
249

Mississippi
234
↓ (below national average)

Mississippi proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)
43%

Level 2
(226-275)
30%

At or above Level 3
(Above 275)
27%

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:

Madison	261	Union	238	Neshoba	231
Rankin	257	Webster	237	Monroe	231
Lamar	256	Pontotoc	237	Lawrence	231
Lafayette	251	Forrest	237	Clarke	230
DeSoto	250	Stone	236	Perry	229
Hancock	248	Tippah	236	Warren	229
Pearl River	244	Tate	235	Smith	228
Lee	244	Lauderdale	235	Grenada	228
Oktibbeha	243	Jones	235	Yalobusha	227
Itawamba	243	Lincoln	235	Covington	227
Jackson	242	Tishomingo	235	Hinds	226
George	239	Prentiss	234	Attala	226
Alcorn	239	Lowndes	233	Montgomery	226
Newton	239	Franklin	233	Simpson	225
Harrison	239	Choctaw	233	Calhoun	224
Carroll	238	Greene	232	Marion	224

Counties sorted by average numeracy scale score (continued):

Jasper	224
Benton	223
Copiah	222
Winston	221
Wayne	221
Panola	220
Clay	220
Chickasaw	220
Amite	220
Marshall	219
Pike	217
Leake	216
Kemper	215
Walthall	214
Scott	214
Bolivar	213
Sharkey	213
Adams	211
Washington	211
Coahoma	210
Jefferson Davis	208
Tunica	207
Yazoo	206
Sunflower	206
Tallahatchie	203
Leflore	202
Noxubee	201
Claiborne	197
Humphreys	197
Wilkinson	197
Quitman	196
Holmes	189
Issaquena ¹	189
Jefferson	185