

# Adult Literacy and Numeracy Snapshot

## NEBRASKA



*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**

Nebraska  
**271**  
↑ (above national average)

#### Nebraska proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1  
(Below 226)  
**16%**

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

At or above Level 3  
(Above 275)  
**53%**

*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
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>271</b>	Delaware	264	Louisiana	252

## Counties sorted by average literacy scale score:

Sarpy	282	Hooker <sup>1</sup>	271	Saline	255
Thomas <sup>1</sup>	282	Nemaha	271	Johnson	255
Arthur <sup>1</sup>	281	Custer	270	Dawson	245
Washington	279	Holt	270	Colfax	241
McPherson <sup>1</sup>	279	Red Willow	270	Dakota	237
Banner <sup>1</sup>	279	Gage	270		
Blaine <sup>1</sup>	278	Thayer	269		
Lancaster	278	Knox	269		
Wayne	278	Harlan	269		
Cass	278	Sherman	269		
Cheyenne	277	Box Butte	269		
Garden	277	Webster	269		
Logan <sup>1</sup>	277	Stanton	269		
Frontier	276	Fillmore	268		
Loup <sup>1</sup>	276	Howard	268		
York	276	Adams	268		
Garfield	276	Nance	268		
Seward	276	Rock <sup>1</sup>	268		
Buffalo	275	Valley	268		
Sioux <sup>1</sup>	275	Dundy	268		
Saunders	275	Sheridan	268		
Dawes	275	Butler	268		
Hamilton	275	Richardson	267		
Chase	275	Clay	267		
Pierce	275	Burt	267		
Gosper	274	Keith	267		
Perkins	274	Furnas	266		
Polk	274	Hitchcock	266		
Keya Paha <sup>1</sup>	274	Platte	266		
Hayes <sup>1</sup>	273	Deuel	266		
Phelps	273	Nuckolls	266		
Lincoln	273	Kimball	265		
Wheeler <sup>1</sup>	272	Otoe	265		
Boone	272	Cuming	264		
Cherry	272	Jefferson	264		
Kearney	272	Brown	264		
Greeley	271	Madison	263		
Boyd	271	Morrill	262		
Grant <sup>1</sup>	271	Dodge	262		
Douglas	271	Scotts Bluff	262		
Franklin	271	Dixon	261		
Antelope	271	Pawnee	259		
Merrick	271	Thurston	258		
Cedar	271	Hall	256		

## Numeracy

## Average scale score:

National  
**249**Nebraska  
**259**  
↑ (above national average)

## Nebraska proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1  
(Below 226)  
**24%**Level 2  
(226-275)  
**33%**At or above Level 3  
(Above 275)  
**42%***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
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>259</b>	North Carolina	249	Mississippi	234
Wisconsin	259	Delaware	249	Louisiana	233

## Counties sorted by average numeracy scale score:

Sarpy	273	Garfield	265	Lincoln	261
Thomas <sup>1</sup>	271	Saunders	264	Boone	260
Arthur <sup>1</sup>	270	York	264	Cherry	260
McPherson <sup>1</sup>	269	Frontier	264	Greeley	260
Washington	268	Hamilton	264	Kearney	259
Cass	267	Pierce	264	Antelope	259
Banner <sup>1</sup>	267	Gosper	264	Franklin	259
Lancaster	267	Sioux <sup>1</sup>	263	Douglas	259
Wayne	266	Loup <sup>1</sup>	263	Gage	259
Logan <sup>1</sup>	266	Buffalo	263	Cedar	259
Cheyenne	266	Hayes <sup>1</sup>	263	Merrick	258
Perkins	266	Keya Paha <sup>1</sup>	262	Holt	258
Seward	265	Phelps	262	Boyd	258
Garden	265	Polk	262	Nemaha	258
Blaine <sup>1</sup>	265	Dawes	262	Custer	258
Chase	265	Wheeler <sup>1</sup>	261	Thayer	257

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

Harlan	257	Dakota	222
Red Willow	257		
Stanton	257		
Knox	257		
Sherman	257		
Box Butte	257		
Hooker <sup>1</sup>	257		
Dundy	256		
Webster	256		
Adams	256		
Howard	256		
Fillmore	256		
Butler	256		
Nance	256		
Grant <sup>1</sup>	255		
Rock <sup>1</sup>	255		
Valley	255		
Platte	255		
Clay	254		
Furnas	254		
Burt	254		
Sheridan	254		
Richardson	254		
Keith	253		
Cuming	253		
Deuel	253		
Hitchcock	252		
Otoe	252		
Nuckolls	252		
Kimball	252		
Jefferson	251		
Morrill	250		
Madison	250		
Brown	249		
Scotts Bluff	249		
Dixon	249		
Dodge	248		
Pawnee	243		
Saline	242		
Hall	242		
Johnson	242		
Thurston	240		
Dawson	232		
Colfax	230		