

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

Oregon

273

↑ (above national average)

Oregon proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)

17%

Level 2
(226-275)

28%

At or above Level 3
(Above 275)

55%

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:

Benton	287
Clackamas	281
Washington	279
Multnomah	278
Deschutes	277
Wallowa	275
Lane	274
Clatsop	274
Polk	272
Grant	271
Baker	270
Columbia	270
Sherman	270
Curry	269
Linn	269
Union	269
Jackson	269
Yamhill	268
Douglas	268
Harney	268
Wheeler ¹	267
Gilliam	267
Coos	267
Tillamook	266
Josephine	266
Lincoln	265
Klamath	263
Wasco	263
Crook	263
Marion	261
Hood River	259
Jefferson	258
Lake	257
Umatilla	256
Malheur	249
Morrow	246

Numeracy

Average scale score:

National
249Oregon
260
↑ (above national average)

Oregon proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)
25%Level 2
(226-275)
31%At or above Level 3
(Above 275)
45%*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:

Benton	274	Sherman	255	Jefferson	243
Clackamas	271	Union	254	Umatilla	242
Washington	268	Gilliam	254	Morrow	232
Deschutes	265	Douglas	254	Malheur	231
Multnomah	265	Harney	253		
Wallowa	262	Coos	252		
Clatsop	261	Tillamook	252		
Lane	260	Wheeler ¹	251		
Polk	259	Josephine	251		
Grant	259	Lincoln	250		
Columbia	257	Wasco	250		
Baker	256	Crook	249		
Curry	256	Klamath	249		
Linn	255	Hood River	248		
Yamhill	255	Marion	247		
Jackson	255	Lake	243		