

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Snapshot

SOUTH DAKOTA



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

South Dakota
271
↑ (above national average)

South Dakota proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)
15%

Level 2
(226-275)
34%

At or above Level 3
(Above 275)
51%

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:

Lincoln	288	Bon Homme	265
Sully ¹	279	Tripp	265
Brookings	279	Gregory	265
Clay	278	Day	264
Harding ¹	278	Hyde ¹	264
Hand	276	Jerauld	263
Hughes	276	Walworth	263
Union	276	Lyman	262
Custer	275	Butte	262
Davison	275	Beadle	261
Pennington	274	Roberts	260
Brown	274	McPherson	260
Meade	274	Jackson	258
Stanley	273	Charles Mix	257
Hanson	272	Dewey	255
Lake	272	Corson	254
Marshall	272	Ziebach	252
Minnehaha	271	Bennett	251
Edmunds	271	Mellette	247
Lawrence	271	Todd	247
Turner	271	Oglala Lakota	243
Yankton	270	Buffalo	237
Kingsbury	270		
Fall River	270		
Sanborn	269		
Codington	269		
Faulk	269		
McCook	269		
Perkins	269		
Potter	269		
Spink	269		
Moody	268		
Campbell ¹	268		
Hamlin	268		
Brule	268		
Jones ¹	267		
Haakon	267		
Deuel	266		
Douglas	266		
Aurora	266		
Miner	266		
Hutchinson	266		
Grant	265		
Clark	265		

Numeracy

Average scale score:

National
249

South Dakota
259
↑ (above national average)

South Dakota proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1
(Below 226)
24%

Level 2
(226-275)
37%

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	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:

Lincoln	281	Edmunds	261	Hamlin	256
Sully ¹	269	Minnehaha	260	Aurora	256
Hand	266	McCook	259	Perkins	256
Brookings	266	Kingsbury	259	Douglas	256
Harding ¹	266	Turner	259	Moody	255
Union	266	Lake	259	Deuel	255
Hughes	265	Yankton	259	Hutchinson	255
Davison	264	Lawrence	258	Grant	254
Clay	263	Sanborn	258	Miner	254
Stanley	263	Campbell ¹	258	Bon Homme	254
Brown	262	Faulk	257	Jones ¹	254
Custer	262	Codington	257	Haakon	253
Pennington	262	Potter	257	Clark	253
Meade	262	Spink	257	Gregory	252
Hanson	261	Fall River	257	Jerauld	252
Marshall	261	Brule	256	Walworth	251

Counties sorted by average numeracy scale score (continued):

Tripp	251
Day	250
Hyde ¹	249
Butte	248
McPherson	248
Beadle	247
Lyman	246
Roberts	245
Charles Mix	241
Jackson	237
Dewey	237
Bennett	233
Corson	232
Ziebach	231
Mellette	225
Todd	225
Oglala Lakota	220
Buffalo	213