

# Adult Literacy and Numeracy Snapshot

## UTAH



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	Utah
<b>264</b>	<b>274</b>
	↑ (above national average)

#### Utah proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1 (Below 226)	Level 2 (226-275)	At or above Level 3 (Above 275)
<b>14%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>55%</b>

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
<b>Utah</b>	<b>274</b>	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:**

---

Morgan	290
Summit	283
Davis	282
Utah	282
Cache	277
Wasatch	277
Rich	275
Kane	273
Washington	272
Box Elder	272
Iron	271
Salt Lake	270
Tooele	270
Wayne	269
Sanpete	268
Emery	267
Weber	267
Juab	267
Sevier	266
Millard	265
Grand	265
Carbon	263
Garfield	262
Duchesne	262
Uintah	261
Beaver	261
San Juan	255
Daggett <sup>1</sup>	255
Piute	254

## Numeracy

## Average scale score:

National  
**249**Utah  
**262**  
↑ (above national average)

## Utah proficiency level results:

At or below Level 1  
(Below 226)  
**22%**Level 2  
(226-275)  
**33%**At or above Level 3  
(Above 275)  
**44%***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
<b>Utah</b>	<b>262</b>	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:

Morgan	282	Weber	254
Summit	273	Sevier	253
Davis	272	Juab	252
Utah	271	Millard	252
Wasatch	266	Grand	251
Cache	265	Carbon	249
Kane	260	Uintah	248
Box Elder	260	Duchesne	248
Rich	259	Garfield	247
Washington	259	Beaver	246
Tooele	259	Daggett <sup>1</sup>	241
Wayne	257	Piute	240
Salt Lake	257	San Juan	237
Iron	256		
Emery	255		
Sanpete	254		