17.2% of adults in Connecticut have low literacy
Connecticut ranks 20 out of 50 in the U.S.

1 in 2 counties in Connecticut have populations where 15% or more of the residents have below basic literacy

How does low literacy affect equity and quality of life?
In counties where at least 15% of the population have below basic literacy, we see that many health, economic, and educational outcomes fall short.

**Unemployment**
- 7.6% low literacy counties
- 5.9% other counties
- 6.5% state

**Median Income**
- $69,725
- $81,538
- $76,106

**Adults Without a High School Degree**
- 10.9%
- 7.2%
- 9.5%

**No Access to Healthcare**
- 5.7%
- 4.3%
- 5.6%

**Residents Below the Poverty Line**
- 11.1%
- 7.0%
- 9.1%

**Demographics**

**Households Where Limited English is Spoken**
The percentage of households where no adult speaks English "very well."

The percent of 4th graders with below basic reading by race
- White: 17%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 50%
- Black/African American: 11%
- Asian: 50%
- State Average: 30%
Below basic literacy is defined as scoring level 1 or below on the PIAAC International Adult Literacy Survey. 4th grade reading scores come from the NAEP reading assessment. 4th grade ELA test performance data comes from edopportunity.org. Self-Reported health comes from the Community Health Status Indicators. All other data comes from the American Community Survey. PIAAC data is not available by city. Visit map.barbarabush.org for county-level PIAAC data.