20.3% of adults in Delaware have low literacy

Delaware ranks 30 out of 50 in the U.S.

2 in 3 counties in Delaware have populations where 20% or more of the residents have below basic literacy

25% of 4th graders with below basic reading by race

White: 25%
Latinx/Hispanic: 46%
Black/African American: 53%
Asian: 10%
State Average: 38%

How does low literacy affect equity and quality of life?
In counties where at least 20% of the population have below basic literacy, we see that many health, economic, and educational outcomes fall short.

Unemployment
- 6.4% low literacy counties
- 6.5% other counties
- 5.9% state

Median Income
- $59,814
- $70,996
- $65,627

Adults Without a High School Degree
- 13.2%
- 9.6%
- 10.2%

No Access to Healthcare
- 7.7%
- 6.0%
- 6.0%

Residents Below the Poverty Line
- 12.5%
- 11.9%
- 10.3%

Households Where Limited English is Spoken
The percentage of households where no adult speaks English "very well."
**4th Grade Reading Levels**

While literacy can be high or low in a given metro area, when we look at 4th grade testing, we can see that the performance in English/Language Arts is not consistent across race and gender.

**English/Language Arts Test Performance by Race**

- Grade Levels: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th
  - White
  - Latinx
  - Black
  - Asian

**English/Language Arts Test Performance by Gender**

- Grade Levels: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th
  - Male
  - Female

**Unemployment**

6.7%

212,201 adults living in Philadelphia are unemployed.

**Single Mother Households**

14%

316,045 households in Philadelphia are single mother households.

**Residents Below the Poverty Line**

11.3%

519,471 residents are living below the poverty line in Philadelphia.

**Didn’t Receive a High School Diploma**

9.7%

402,932 adults living in Philadelphia did not receive a high school diploma.

**Receives Public Assistance**

25.8%

343,515 residents receive public assistance in Philadelphia.

**Racial Distribution**

- White: 62.2%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 9.2%
- Black: 20.3%
- Asian: 5.8%

**Median Household Income**

$69,465

**Income by Race**

- White: $83,388
- Latinx/Hispanic: $43,985
- Black: $41,089
- Asian: $81,692

Data for the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington Metro Area