23.7% of adults in Florida have low literacy
Florida ranks 42 out of 50 in the U.S.

3 in 7 counties in Florida have populations where 25% or more of the residents have below basic literacy

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

Unemployment
- 8.6%
- 6.8%
- 6.3%

Median Income
- $39,273 low literacy counties
- $54,335 other counties
- $53,267 state

Adults Without a High School Degree
- 21.2%
- 11.7%
- 12.0%

No Access to Healthcare
- 16.0%
- 12.8%
- 13.5%

Residents Below the Poverty Line
- 20.7%
- 13.6%
- 13.1%

Demographics
- The percentage of households where no adult speaks English "very well."

Households Where Limited English is Spoken

The percent of 4th graders with below basic reading by race
- White: 20%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 34%
- Black/African American: 45%
- Asian: 12%
- State Average: 30%
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.

Unemployment

6.4%
200,897 adults living in Miami are unemployed.

Single Mother Households

15.6%
327,143 households in Miami are single mother households.

Residents Below the Poverty Line

13.8%
659,434 residents are living below the poverty line in Miami.

Didn’t Receive a High School Diploma

14.6%
630,483 adults living in Miami did not receive a high school diploma.

Receives Public Assistance

33.3%
413,289 residents receive public assistance in Miami.

Racial Distribution

- White: 30.9%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 44.7%
- Black: 20.2%
- Asian: 2.4%

Median Household Income

$54,239

Income by Race

- White: $68,572
- Latinx/Hispanic: $48,863
- Black: $41,999
- Asian: $72,095

Data for the Miami–Fort Lauderdale–West Palm Beach Metro Area