18.7% of adults in Indiana have low literacy
Indiana ranks 25 out of 50 in the U.S.

2 in 7 counties in Indiana have populations where 20% or more of the residents have below basic literacy

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
- 6.2% low literacy counties
- 5.2% other counties
- 5.4% state

Median Income
- $48,781
- $54,024
- $54,325

Adults Without a High School Degree
- 16.0%
- 11.7%
- 11.4%

No Access to Healthcare
- 11.5%
- 9.3%
- 9.1%

Residents Below the Poverty Line
- 16.7%
- 11.5%
- 12.3%

Demographics
- White
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Black/African American
- Asian

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

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### Unemployment

**5.5%**

36,599 adults living in Louisville are unemployed.

### Single Mother Households

**12.9%**

64,695 households in Louisville are single mother households.

### Residents Below the Poverty Line

**11.4%**

110,378 residents are living below the poverty line in Louisville.

### Didn’t Receive a High School Diploma

**10.5%**

93,083 adults living in Louisville did not receive a high school diploma.

### Receives Public Assistance

**24.4%**

71,335 residents receive public assistance in Louisville.

### Median Household Income

**$56,638**

### Income by Race

- **White**: $61,840
- **Latinx/Hispanic**: $46,837
- **Black**: $35,137
- **Asian**: $67,949

### Data for the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Area

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4th Grade Reading Levels
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Unemployment
6.7%
339,651 adults living in Chicago are unemployed.

Residents Below the Poverty Line
10.9%
783,435 residents are living below the poverty line in Chicago.

Receives Public Assistance
25.8%
571,389 residents receive public assistance in Chicago.

Median Household Income
$68,715

Single Mother Households
13%
452,643 households in Chicago are single mother households.

Didn’t Receive a High School Diploma
11.7%
753,077 adults living in Chicago did not receive a high school diploma.

Racial Distribution
- White: 53.1%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 21.9%
- Black: 16.4%
- Asian: 6.5%

Income by Race
- White: $82,729
- Latinx/Hispanic: $54,308
- Black: $39,242
- Asian: $89,407

Data for the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin Metro Area

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