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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

- 9.1% low literacy counties
- 6.9% other counties
- 6.5% state

Median Income

- $42,867 low literacy counties
- $48,966 other counties
- $54,938 state

Adults Without a High School Degree

- 14.5% low literacy counties
- 10.0% other counties
- 9.5% state

No Access to Healthcare

- 8.9% low literacy counties
- 7.6% other counties
- 6.1% state

Residents Below the Poverty Line

- 18.5% low literacy counties
- 15.0% other counties
- 13.3% state

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: 29%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 50%
- Black/African American: 58%
- Asian: 18%

State Average: 36%
### 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

7.1%

153,471 adults living in Detroit are unemployed.

### Single Mother Households

14%

237,054 households in Detroit are single mother households.

### Residents Below the Poverty Line

13%

431,812 residents are living below the poverty line in Detroit.

### Didn’t Receive a High School Diploma

10.3%

305,342 adults living in Detroit did not receive a high school diploma.

### Receives Public Assistance

29.9%

289,894 residents receive public assistance in Detroit.

### Median Household Income

$58,544

### Income by Race

- White: $67,529
- Latinx/Hispanic: $49,455
- Black: $34,972
- Asian: $93,100

### Data for the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metro Area