25.3% of adults in Nevada have low literacy
Nevada ranks 45 out of 50 in the U.S.

1 in 6 counties in Nevada 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
- 7.6% low literacy counties
- 7.1% other counties
- 6.9% state

Median Income
- $56,802
- $58,785
- $57,598

Adults Without a High School Degree
- 17.6%
- 12.8%
- 13.7%

No Access to Healthcare
- 14.7%
- 11.7%
- 11.9%

Residents Below the Poverty Line
- 14.6%
- 12.6%
- 12.0%

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: 23%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 42%
- Black/African American: 57%
- Asian: 23%

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
- **White**
- **Latinx**
- **Asian**

English/Language Arts Test Performance by Gender
- **Male**
- **Female**

### Data for the Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise Metro Area

**Unemployment**
- **7.2%**
- 78,287 adults living in Las Vegas are unemployed.

**Residents Below the Poverty Line**
- **12.3%**
- 199,181 residents are living below the poverty line in Las Vegas.

**Didn’t Receive a High School Diploma**
- **14.3%**
- 208,782 adults living in Las Vegas did not receive a high school diploma.

**Receives Public Assistance**
- **28.4%**
- 143,051 residents receive public assistance in Las Vegas.

**Medan Household Income**
- **$56,802**

**Income by Race**
- **White**
- **Latinx/Hispanic**
- **Black**
- **Asian**

**Racial Distribution**
- **White** 43.5%
- **Latinx/Hispanic** 30.9%
- **Black** 11.0%
- **Asian** 9.4%

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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.