20.1% of adults in Oklahoma have low literacy
Oklahoma ranks 29 out of 50 in the U.S.

1 in 5 counties in Oklahoma 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
- 5.7% low literacy counties
- 5.6% other counties
- 5.3% state

Median Income
- $39,769 low literacy counties
- $48,869 other counties
- $51,424 state

Adults Without a High School Degree
- 19.3%
- 14.0%
- 12.2%

No Access to Healthcare
- 19.8%
- 14.6%
- 14.2%

Residents Below the Poverty Line
- 20.9%
- 16.5%
- 14.0%

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 29%
- Latinx/Hispanic 48%
- Black/African American 58%
- State Average 37%

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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.