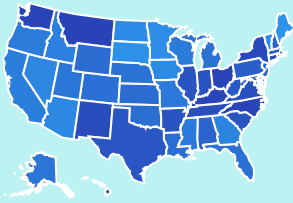


Literacy By the Numbers



More than
36 million

adults in the U.S. lack basic literacy skills.



Children of parents with low literacy skills have a

72%

chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves.

28.4%

of adults in California read at the lowest literacy skill levels.

23%

of San Diego County adults lack basic literacy skills.

Source: Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research

Nearly **30%**

of adults with household incomes at or below the federal poverty line do not have a high school credential.



Source: ProLiteracy



Of adults with the lowest literacy levels,

43% live in poverty.

Source: The National Institute for Literacy



Every year, **1 in 6**

young adults drop out of high school. That is more than 1.2 million.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics



75%

of state prison inmates did not complete high school or can be classified as low literate.

Source: ProLiteracy

About **50%** of the 2 million immigrants that come to the U.S. each year lack high school education and proficient English language skills.



This severely limits their access to jobs, college, and citizenship.

Source: Center for Immigration Studies, National Commission on Adult Literacy