



State of Literacy in San Diego County

Literacy Statistics You Should Know

- 46% of 3rd graders in the San Diego Unified School District do not meet the standard for language arts (reading/writing).
- 82% of 3rd graders in Solana Beach Elementary School District meet the language arts standard compared to 32% from the South Bay Unified School District.
- Almost 70% of White students, countywide, in grades 3-8 and 11th grade, meet the language arts standard vs. Black students (40%) and Latinx students (44%).
- National City, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach adult residents rank lowest in literacy skills among those residing in the 18 cities in the region. 33% of National City adult residents read English at a 0-4 grade level.
- Residents, age 5 and over, language other than English spoken at home:

U.S.	21.6%
California	44.2%
Imperial County	76.5%
Los Angeles County	56.6%
San Diego County	37.6%
Los Angeles City	58.9%
San Diego City	40.5%
National City	69.2%
Solana Beach	16.7%

- The least literate adult residents in San Diego County communities are in San Ysidro, the Southeast community (City of San Diego), and Encanto.
- The most literate adult residents in our region's communities live in La Jolla Shores and Julian.
- The residents of the cities of Encinitas and Del Mar rank highest among San Diego County residents of all ages.
- Over the past 28 years, ranking highest in adult literacy skills are residents of the cities of Poway, Carlsbad, Coronado, Encinitas, Del Mar, and Solana Beach.
- While Santee adult residents rank among the highest in adult literacy skills in the region, 44% of 3rd graders in the Santee School District do not meet the language arts standard.
- College graduation rates:

San Diego County	39%
Barrio Logan	10%
SD Southeast Community	8%