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%