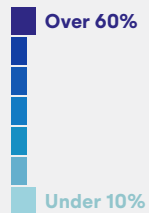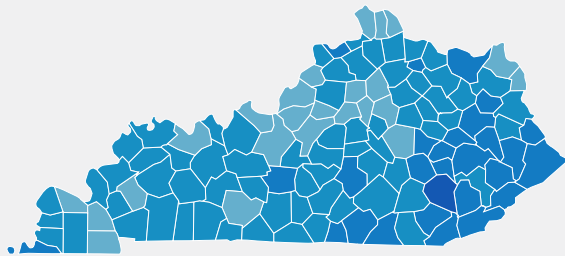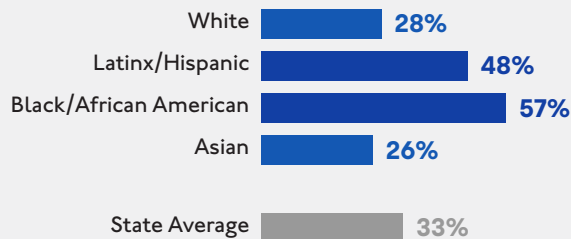# 21.9%

of adults in Kentucky have low literacy

Kentucky ranks 37 out of 50 in the U.S.

1 in 2

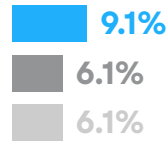counties in Kentucky have populations where 25% or more of the residents have below basic literacy

- Over 60%
- Under 10%

The percent of 4th graders with below basic reading by race

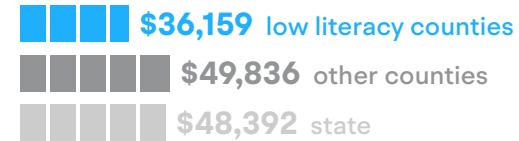| Race	Percent
White	28%
Latinx/Hispanic	48%
Black/African American	57%
Asian	26%
State Average	33%

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.
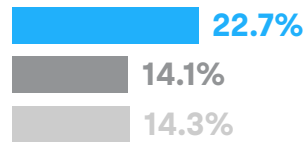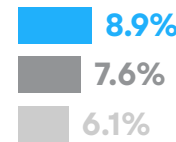
Unemployment
- 9.1%
- 6.1%
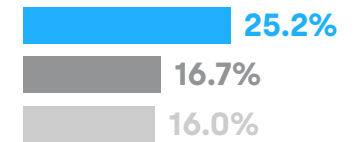- 6.1%

Median Income
- $36,159 low literacy counties
- $49,836 other counties
- $48,392 state

Adults Without a High School Degree
- 22.7%
- 14.1%
- 14.3%

No Access to Healthcare
- 8.9%
- 7.6%
- 6.1%

Residents Below the Poverty Line
- 25.2%
- 16.7%
- 16.0%

Demographics
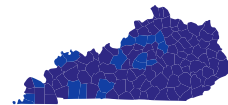
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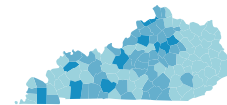
Hispanic/Latinx

- High
- Low
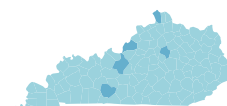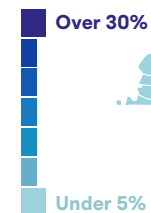
Black

Asian

## Households Where Limited English is Spoken

The percentage of households where no adult speaks English "very well."
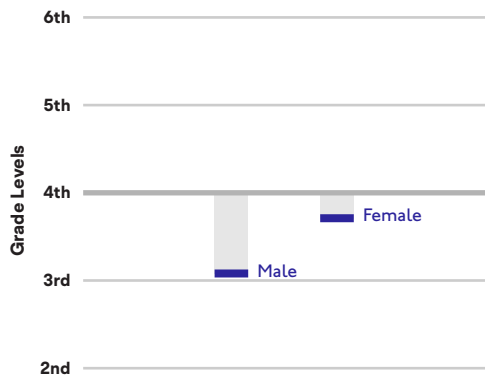

- Over 30%
- Under 5%

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
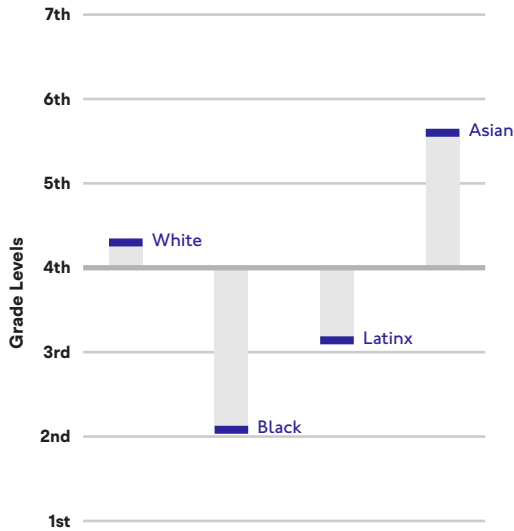
English/Language Arts Test Performance by Gender

Unemployment

5.5%

36,599 adults living in Louisville are unemployed.

Residents Below the Poverty Line

11.4%

110,378 residents are living below the poverty line in Louisville.

Receives Public Assistance

24.4%

71,335 residents receive public assistance in Louisville.

Median Household Income
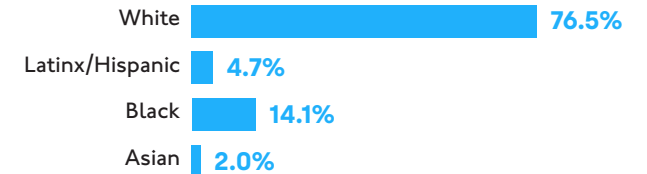
$56,638

Single Mother Households

12.9%

64,695 households in Louisville are single mother households.
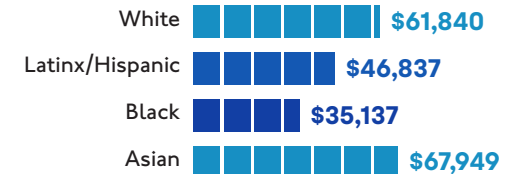
Didn't Receive a High School Diploma

10.5%

93,083 adults living in Louisville did not receive a high school diploma.

Racial Distribution

White	76.5%
Latinx/Hispanic	4.7%
Black	14.1%
Asian	2.0%

Income by Race

White	$61,840
Latinx/Hispanic	$46,837
Black	$35,137
Asian	$67,949

Data for the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Area