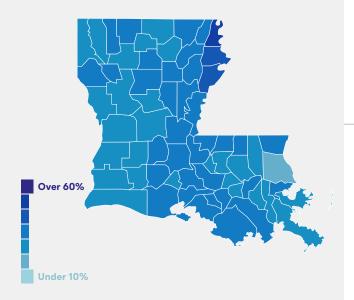
27.1%

of adults in Louisiana have low literacy

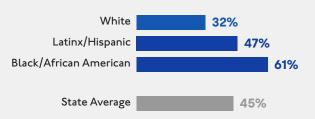
Louisiana ranks 46 out of 50 in the U.S.

5 in 6

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



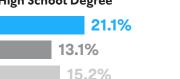
The percent of 4th graders with below basic reading by race

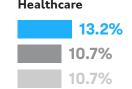


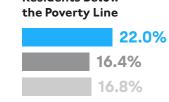
How does low literacy affect equity and quality of life?

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.

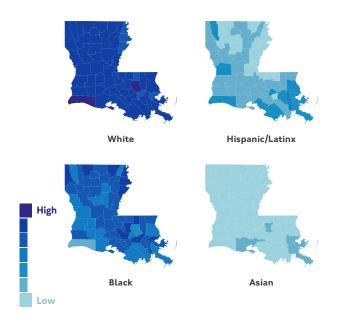
Unemployment Median Income 7.7% low literacy counties \$39,895 6.4% other counties \$54,726 6.9% state No Access to Residents Below the Poverty Line





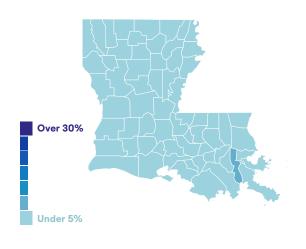


Demographics



Households Where Limited English is Spoken

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

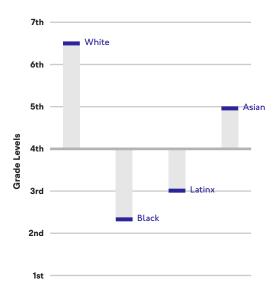




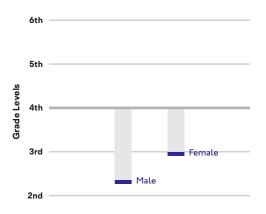
4th Grade Reading Levels

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

6.8%

42,533 adults living in New Orleans are unemployed.

Residents Below the Poverty Line

15.1%

145,407 residents are living below the poverty line in New Orleans.

Receives Public Assistance

31.3%

88,310 residents receive public assistance in New Orleans.

Median Household Income

\$51,449

Single Mother Households

15.9%

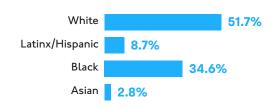
76,296 households in New Orleans are single mother households.

Didn't Receive a High School Diploma

13.4%

116,942 adults living in New Orleans did not receive a high school diploma.

Racial Distribution



Income by Race



Data for the New Orleans-Metairie Metro Area

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.