GOAL 6: Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning

State Indicator 21. Adult Literacy

Have states\(^1\) increased the percentages of adults who score at or above Level 3 in prose literacy?

Improvement over time

Improvement over time cannot be determined yet because this information has been collected only once at the state level since 1990.

Highest-performing states*

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<th>State</th>
<th>1992 Percentage</th>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Indiana</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>U.S.</td>
<td>52%</td>
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* States that had a significantly higher percentage than the U.S. average.

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the percentages of adults scoring at or above Level 3 in prose literacy:

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\(^1\) The term “state” is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.

See Appendix B for definitions, sources, and technical notes.