

Average scores in literacy, numeracy and adaptive problem solving, by labour force status^{1 2 3}

Canada and Provinces

Average score

2022

Geography	Employed					
	Literacy		Numeracy		Adaptive problem solving	
	Avg Score	corresponding level	Avg Score	corresponding level	Avg Score	corresponding level
Canada ¹	277.8	3	277.7	3	264.9	2
Newfoundland and Labrador	270.9	2	266.2	2	260.1	2
Prince Edward Island	270.8	2	270.7	2	262.1	2
Nova Scotia	277.7	3	277.0	3	266.1	2
New Brunswick	271.4	2	269.1	2	257.4	2
Quebec	273.5	2	275.7	3	259.1	2
Ontario	276.5	3	277.7	3	264.5	2
Manitoba	274.5	2	272.5	2	261.1	2
Saskatchewan	275.5	3	274.6	2	264.8	2
Alberta	281.3	3	275.9	3	268.2	2
British Columbia	288.1	3	287.1	3	274.3	2

Footnotes:

¹ Canada-level statistics include the 10 provinces only.

³ Description of the proficiency levels in literacy, numeracy, adaptive problem solving and scores are available [here](#).

³ More information about the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies can be found [here](#).

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 37-10-0260-01, Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) 2022

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	Literacy		Numeracy		Adaptive problem solving	
	Avg Score	corresponding level	Avg Score	corresponding level	Avg Score	corresponding level
Geography						
Canada ¹	266.9	2	262.9	2	253.9	2
Newfoundland and Labrador	261.2	2	251.1	2	252.3	2
Prince Edward Island	240.7	2	240.8	2	246.5	2
Nova Scotia	263.1	2	258.0	2	254.9	2
New Brunswick	254.1	2	251.2	2	244.1	2
Quebec	259.8	2	258.6	2	250.3	2
Ontario	265.4	2	261.5	2	249.8	2
Manitoba	258.8	2	260.3	2	245.3	2
Saskatchewan	254.6	2	253.9	2	253.6	2
Alberta	273.8	2	268.7	2	265.6	2
British Columbia	297.4	3	284.3	3	271.6	2

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	Literacy		Numeracy		Adaptive problem solving	
	Avg Score	corresponding level	Avg Score	corresponding level	Avg Score	corresponding level
Canada ¹	254.8	2	252.2	2	247.4	2
Newfoundland and Labrador	242.9	2	235.5	2	236.9	2
Prince Edward Island	257.8	2	255.6	2	250.0	2
Nova Scotia	253.0	2	248.5	2	243.6	2
New Brunswick	242.6	2	242.9	2	234.5	2
Quebec	243.5	2	240.3	2	236.5	2
Ontario	257.5	2	256.0	2	249.6	2
Manitoba	253.0	2	250.9	2	244.2	2
Saskatchewan	252.2	2	246.6	2	244.9	2
Alberta	258.7	2	256.8	2	254.1	2
British Columbia	268.5	2	263.9	2	260.4	2

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