Adult Literacy Impact Report



The Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) is a large-scale international study that assessed the key cognitive and workplace skills of adults. An additional PIAAC study recently released measured the indirect estimates of literacy and numeracy proficiency for adults in all U.S. states and counties. Results will help states and counties understand how education and training systems can nurture the key basic skills needed for daily living and work.

By increasing adult literacy rates, we positively affect poverty, K-12 test scores, economic prosperity, emotional and physical health, and other social issues in Lee County. The Lee County Literacy Coalition (LCLC) offers one-to-one tutoring for reading, writing, math, computer, and GED preparation to adults in Lee County and neighboring counties as well as financial, health and computer literacy workshops.

| | County | State | National | Statistics | |
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| Adult Literacy Rate | 20% | 24% | 22% | 1 in 5 | 1 in 5 adults in our county have low literacy skills. |
| Poverty Rate* | 13.3% | 16.9% | 12.7% | 13% | 13 percent of people in our county live in poverty. 24.6 percent of adults with the lowest literacy levels also have low income levels. |
| High School Grad Rate | 90.3% | 87 .1% | 84.1% | | |
| Crime Rate | 26.3 | 28.5% | 22.7% | 90 % | Although 90 percent of our county have a high school credential, more than 24,000 are at or below level 1. |
| Unemployment Rate* | 4.6% | 3.2% | 3.7% | | |
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Adults who are at or below level 1 may only be able to understand very basic vocabulary; those below level 1 may be functionally illiterate.

*COVID-19 has significantly affected these statistics.

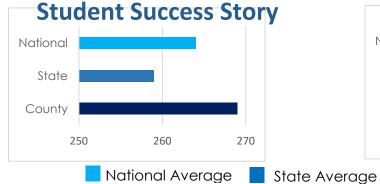
PIAAC Data Measurement



Literacy

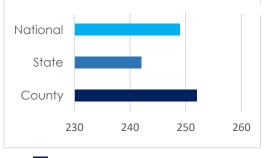
Ability to understand, evaluate, use, and engage with written text to participate in society, to achieve one's goals, and to develop one's knowledge and potential.

Below 226 - Adults at this level can be considered at risk for difficulties using or comprehending printed material. Adults at the upper end of this level can read short texts and understand well enough to perform simple tasks.



Numeracy

Ability to access, use, interpret, and communicate mathematical information and ideas, and to engage in and manage mathematical demands of a range of situations in adult life.



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Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017 Ages: 16-74 Population: 120,292

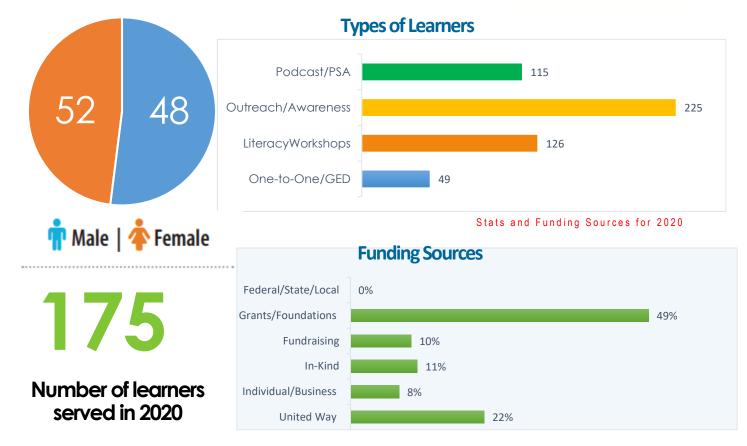


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About Lee County Literacy Coalition

Lee County Literacy Coalition is in the capacity building mode, increasing staff, attracting new learners with improved service delivery by leveraging technology. Our plan is to meet learners "right where they are", and empower them with literacy tools and skills that they need to be contributing, productive, and engaged members of the community. We do this by advocating for adult education, providing instruction, and partnering with other community based agencies. Improving access to adult literacy addresses intergenerational poverty and makes our community stronger.







Jessie experienced difficulty navigating life since she could not read. When she began tutoring sessions, her confidence was very low. After several months, she made great improvements and was eager to learn more. With each session, her confidence increased. Since then, Jessie has registered and participated in health and computer Literacy workshops, something she would have never done previously. She has grown from being timid and unsure to speaking up and asking questions. Like Jessie, many adults with low literacy skills find themselves ashamed, frustrated, with limited resource awareness. Jessie found help through the one-to-one tutoring services provided at the Lee County Literacy Coalition. Working with a tutor has been life changing with an added value of a new connection. Jessie continues to develop her

Help adults learn to read, and you will help break the intergenerational cycle of poverty. By supporting Lee County Literacy Coalition, you can transform lives and make our community a better place to live.

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