

Nation's Report Card 2024

4th Grade Reading Proficiency



The stark reality is that 7 out of 10 fourth graders aren't reading proficiently.

- This isn't just a statistic; it's a foundational gap.
- Strong reading skills begin early, with crucial building blocks for literacy laid between ages 3 and 6.
- Failure to build these foundations will set a child's life path for struggle.

State rankings based on at or above reading proficiency.

State / Region	2024 Proficient	2022 Proficient	Change
DoDEA	48%	50%	-2
1 Massachusetts	40%	43%	-3
2 New Jersey	38%	38%	0
3 Colorado	36%	38%	-2
4 Wyoming	36%	38%	-2
5 Utah	36%	37%	-1
6 New Hampshire	36%	37%	-1
7 Connecticut	36%	35%	1
8 Indiana	34%	33%	1
9 Maryland	34%	31%	3
10 Florida	33%	39%	-6
11 Pennsylvania	33%	34%	-1
12 Rhode Island	33%	34%	-1
13 Kentucky	33%	31%	2
14 Ohio	32%	35%	-3
15 Hawaii	32%	35%	-3
16 Washington	32%	34%	-2
17 Montana	32%	34%	-2
18 South Carolina	32%	32%	0
19 Idaho	32%	32%	0
20 Mississippi	32%	31%	1
21 Tennessee	32%	30%	2
22 Louisiana	32%	28%	4
23 Vermont	31%	34%	-3
24 Wisconsin	31%	33%	-2
25 Virginia	31%	32%	-1

State / Region	2024 Proficient	2022 Proficient	Change
26 Minnesota	31%	32%	-1
27 New York	31%	30%	1
28 Illinois	30%	33%	-3
29 Georgia	30%	32%	-2
30 North Carolina	30%	32%	-2
31 Nevada	30%	27%	3
32 District of Columbia	30%	26%	4
33 Iowa	29%	33%	-4
34 California	29%	31%	-2
35 North Dakota	29%	31%	-2
36 Nebraska	28%	34%	-6
37 South Dakota	28%	32%	-4
38 Kansas	28%	31%	-3
39 Arkansas	28%	30%	-2
40 Texas	28%	30%	-2
41 Alabama	28%	28%	0
42 Missouri	27%	30%	-3
43 Oregon	27%	28%	-1
44 Arizona	26%	31%	-5
45 Maine	26%	29%	-3
46 Delaware	26%	25%	1
47 Michigan	25%	28%	-3
48 West Virginia	25%	22%	3
49 Oklahoma	23%	24%	-1
50 Alaska	22%	24%	-2
51 New Mexico	20%	21%	-1