

Appendix 1

**Table 1: Average scores and percentages of adults below Level 2 on the PIAAC literacy scale, by selected characteristics: 2012 and 2014**

Characteristic	Average literacy score		Percentage below Level 2 in literacy	
	U.S. Prison	U.S. Household	U.S. Prison	U.S. Household
Overall	249*	270	29*	19
Gender				
Male	249*	271	29*	19
Female	249*	269	28*	18
Race/ethnicity				
White	265*	282	18*	11
Black	240	245	36	33
Hispanic	239	235	35	41
Other	250*	268	29	20
Age intervals <sup>1</sup>				
16–24	248*	273	28*	14
25–34	254*	281	26*	13
35–44	252*	275	28*	16
45–54	240*	267	35*	21
55–65	244*	262	33	23
66–74	‡	252	‡	28
Born in the United States				
Yes	251*	275	27*	15
No	222*	239	51	41
Highest level of educational attainment				
Graduate or professional degree	‡	308	‡	3
Bachelor's degree	‡	300	‡	5
Associate's degree	272	283	15	8
High school credential	259	262	21	20
Below high school	224	226	48	48
Recidivism				
First time in prison	249	†	29	†
Previously incarcerated	249	†	29	†

† Not applicable.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from the comparison category, U.S. Household.

NOTE: Black includes African American, and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin. U.S. Household data collection occurred in 2012 and 2014, and U.S. Prison data collection occurred in 2014. Apparent differences between in-prison racial estimates may not be statistically significant.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), U.S. National Supplement: Prison Study 2014, U.S. PIAAC 2012/2014.