

**Health Literacy Proficiency Levels of Canadian adults (16 years-old and over)  
by Provinces, Territories and Health Regions**

Health Regions	Proportion at level 2 and below	Proportion at level 3 and over
<b>Canada</b>	<b>59.3%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	67%	33%
Prince Edward Island	63%	37%
Nova Scotia	57%	43%
New Brunswick	64%	36%
Quebec	66%	34%
Ontario	59%	41%
Manitoba	59%	41%
Saskatchewan	53%	47%
Alberta	53%	47%
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<i>East Kootenay</i>	49%	51%
<i>Kootenay/Boundary</i>	48%	52%
<i>Okanagan</i>	59%	41%
<i>Thompson/Cariboo</i>	58%	42%
<i>Fraser East</i>	55%	45%
<i>Fraser North</i>	54%	46%
<i>Fraser South</i>	58%	42%
<i>Richmond</i>	61%	39%
<i>Vancouver</i>	56%	44%
<i>North Shore/Coast Garibaldi</i>	53%	47%
<i>South Vancouver Island</i>	46%	54%
<i>Central Vancouver Island</i>	50%	50%
<i>North Vancouver Island</i>	53%	47%
<i>Northwest</i>	61%	39%
<i>Northern Interior</i>	45%	55%
Yukon Territory	46%	54%
Northwest Territories	55%	45%
Nunavut	75%	25%

**Source:** International Adult Literacy Skills Survey, 2003 - Compiled by CCL

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