

British Columbia

Source: International Adult Literacy Skills Survey

Distribution of Health Literacy Scores

	5th percentile		25th percentile		Mean		75th percentile		95th percentile		Proportion of Adults at Level 2 or below	
	Estimate	s.e.	Estimate	s.e.	Estimate	s.e.	Estimate	s.e.	Estimate	s.e.	Estimate	s.e.
	Aboriginal	106.3	27.1	203.1	14.7	231.8	9.2	270.0	10.2	317.0	14.8	66.3%
Not an aboriginal	124.0	8.0	209.6	4.8	244.9	2.2	287.8	3.1	332.8	4.7	53.2%	1.8%
16-25 years of age	174.0	24.5	236.6	8.2	265.9	6.1	299.1	7.6	341.5	11.6	50.9%	3.2%
26-35 years of age	194.2	13.2	241.8	7.2	269.9	4.8	298.8	6.7	341.5	11.4	47.0%	5.9%
36-45 years of age	152.5	18.5	228.3	6.9	256.7	4.6	291.5	5.2	338.3	10.2	45.6%	3.9%
46-55 years of age	124.2	23.1	206.6	6.2	240.3	4.3	282.2	6.5	329.2	9.1	47.9%	4.5%
56-65 years of age	98.4	11.3	180.3	11.0	220.9	6.1	269.1	5.9	319.4	12.5	60.0%	4.8%
Over 65 years of age	87.0	9.9	144.5	12.8	192.6	6.4	237.6	9.7	290.9	13.5	78.9%	3.5%
Male	109.5	10.9	203.1	4.6	238.8	2.7	281.9	3.8	329.2	6.8	54.1%	2.5%
Female	140.3	8.4	215.0	6.9	249.4	3.1	290.1	4.1	334.8	5.5	53.6%	1.6%
Non Immigrant	123.0	6.8	209.1	4.6	243.8	2.1	285.7	3.7	331.4	3.5	45.9%	2.1%
Immigrant	164.2	35.0	230.9	42.6	267.5	17.9	305.7	19.8	346.6	23.2	71.9%	2.4%
Not employed	100.1	7.2	183.6	5.0	222.5	2.9	269.3	3.8	319.0	5.9	67.9%	2.7%
Employed	173.2	12.6	237.5	3.2	264.5	2.9	297.1	3.7	339.9	5.4	44.8%	2.6%
BRITISH COLUMBIA Total	145.4	9.9	231.0	4.3	262.7	1.8	303.1	2.2	347.3	3.0	53.8%	

Distribution of Health Literacy Scores, by some adult sub-populations (16 and over), 2003



