

Michigan Literacy FACTS!

We know that a high rate of Michigan's adults have very minimal literacy skills, no greater than those necessary to perform simple and everyday activities.

Many of these adults hold secondary credentials and still have low basic skills.

Nearly 1.15 million working adults in Michigan who have earned a GED or high-school diploma, but have not entered post-secondary education, are earning at or below the State's median wage of \$15.45 per hour.

In part because of limited basic skills, 28 percent of working poor families (24,229 families) have a parent without a high-school diploma and 11 percent of working poor families (9,518 families) have a parent who speaks English less than "very well".

According to community colleges around the state, at least 60 percent of students entering these institutions require remediation prior to engaging in further education.

Lack of basic skills is a major barrier for many who are seeking training or re-training.