# BDEAK Iteracy can change the future

Literacy is using printed and written information to function in society, to achieve one's goals, and to develop one's knowledge and potential.

- The National Assessment of Adult Literacy

## LITERACY STATISTICS



## OF ALL STUDENTS DO NOT RECEIVE A DIPLOMA BY AGE 19

Bureau of Labor Statistics' National Longitudinal Study of Youth

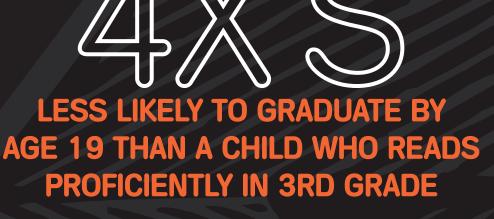
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OF AMERICAN 4TH GRADERS SCORE BELOW THE BASIC COMPETENCY LEVEL

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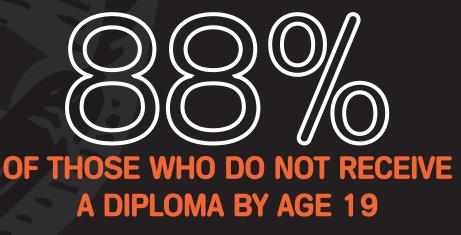


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STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE WITH READING THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPRISE



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The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is **WELDED** to reading failure.

- Department of Justice



## **CORRELATION TO CRIME & POVERTY**







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## FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS PERFORM IN THE LOWEST LITERACY LEVELS

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OF STUDENTS WHO CAN'T READ PROFICIENTLY BY THE END OF 4TH GRADE WILL END UP IN JAIL OR ON WELFARE

**One World Literacy Foundation** 

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INMATES IN 2007 IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LOCKUPS WAS



U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics



U.S. ADULTS 16+ IS IN PRISON OR JAIL IN AMERICA

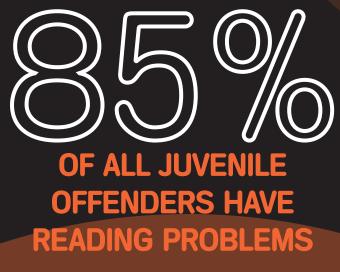
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THE AVERAGE INMATE COSTS TAXPAYERS



## OF AMERICA'S INMATES READ AT OR BELOW A 4TH-GRADE READING LEVEL

U.S. Department of Education



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#### **JUVENILE OFFENDERS**

Penal Institution Records

WHEN INMATES PARTICIPATE IN CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, RECIDIVISM RATES DROP BY



Education Reduces Crime, Three-State Recidivism Study, February 2003

## THE AVERAGE STUDENT GAINS



**GRADE LEVELS IN READING AFTER** 



WITH READING HORIZONS



At first we used Reading Horizons as a tack on to another program, but we all started getting such good results that it became a staple for all of our correctional programs. It really helps with a whole host of writing, spelling, and reading problems—for both lower-level and higher-level students.

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