

Table A.2.2 (L)
Percentage of adults who performed at each proficiency level in literacy

	Below Level 1		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5		Low performers (Level 1 or below)	
	%	S.E.	%	S.E.	%	S.E.	%	S.E.	%	S.E.	%	S.E.	%	S.E.
OECD countries and economies														
Austria	11.0	0.6	18.0	0.8	31.9	0.9	29.6	0.9	8.8	0.6	0.8	0.2	29.0	0.8
Canada	5.9	0.4	13.4	0.7	29.7	1.0	37.1	1.0	12.8	0.7	1.1	0.2	19.3	0.7
Chile	25.1	1.5	28.3	1.1	30.5	1.2	14.2	1.0	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	53.4	1.8
Czechia	7.1	0.5	17.7	0.8	33.8	1.0	31.7	1.1	9.1	0.6	0.7	0.2	24.8	0.8
Denmark	7.4	0.4	10.5	0.6	27.0	0.8	39.8	1.0	14.4	0.6	1.0	0.3	17.9	0.6
Estonia	5.5	0.3	14.5	0.5	26.2	0.8	35.0	0.7	16.4	0.5	2.4	0.2	20.0	0.5
Finland	6.1	0.5	6.3	0.5	17.0	0.8	35.8	1.1	28.6	0.9	6.2	0.5	12.4	0.7
France	10.3	0.4	17.6	0.7	32.2	0.7	31.2	0.6	8.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	27.9	0.6
Germany	9.4	0.5	13.1	0.7	27.6	0.8	35.5	0.7	13.3	0.5	1.1	0.2	22.5	0.6
Hungary	9.3	0.5	23.2	1.0	35.7	1.0	25.9	0.9	5.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	32.5	1.1
Ireland	5.3	0.5	15.7	1.0	37.9	1.3	32.0	1.1	8.4	0.6	0.6	0.2	21.1	1.1
Israel	13.8	0.7	22.4	0.8	31.7	0.9	24.8	0.8	6.8	0.5	0.5	0.2	36.2	0.8
Italy	10.2	0.8	24.6	1.2	35.5	1.3	24.4	1.2	5.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	34.7	1.3
Japan	3.8	0.3	6.7	0.4	23.9	0.9	42.3	1.0	20.9	0.8	2.5	0.3	10.4	0.5
Korea	9.0	0.5	21.8	0.7	37.0	1.0	26.6	0.9	5.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	30.8	0.8
Latvia	9.4	0.5	24.3	0.8	34.9	1.0	25.3	0.9	5.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	33.6	0.8
Lithuania	8.5	0.6	29.3	1.0	42.5	1.2	17.6	1.0	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	37.8	1.1
Netherlands	6.3	0.5	9.5	0.6	25.5	0.9	39.8	1.2	17.2	0.7	1.7	0.3	15.9	0.7
New Zealand	10.5	1.1	15.1	1.2	30.8	1.3	31.0	1.2	11.5	0.9	1.1	0.4	25.5	1.3
Norway	6.4	0.4	8.5	0.6	24.3	0.8	40.7	0.9	18.2	0.8	1.8	0.3	14.9	0.7
Poland*	12.3	0.6	27.2	1.0	39.6	1.1	18.1	0.7	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	39.5	1.1
Portugal	15.1	1.3	27.3	1.3	33.8	1.4	20.0	0.9	3.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	42.4	1.6
Slovak Republic	4.8	0.6	18.9	1.0	44.3	1.2	29.0	1.2	3.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	23.7	1.1
Spain	8.0	0.5	23.1	0.8	40.2	1.0	24.5	0.8	4.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	31.2	0.9
Sweden	4.3	0.6	7.8	0.7	25.0	1.0	43.3	1.1	18.1	0.8	1.5	0.3	12.0	0.8
Switzerland	9.1	0.4	13.2	0.6	27.8	0.9	35.6	0.8	13.1	0.5	1.2	0.2	22.3	0.6
United States	11.5	0.7	16.1	0.8	28.5	1.1	30.6	1.0	11.9	0.7	1.4	0.3	27.6	1.0
Subnational entities														
England (UK)	6.0	0.5	11.5	0.7	31.5	0.9	36.6	1.0	13.2	0.7	1.1	0.2	17.6	0.8
Flemish Region (Belgium)	7.4	0.5	11.3	0.7	25.6	0.9	37.6	1.0	16.3	0.8	1.7	0.3	18.8	0.7
OECD average	8.9	0.1	17.1	0.2	31.4	0.2	30.9	0.2	10.6	0.1	1.1	0.0	26.1	0.2
Partner countries														
Croatia	8.4	0.9	19.2	1.0	36.8	1.2	27.6	0.9	7.5	0.7	0.5	0.2	27.6	1.5
Singapore	12.3	0.4	17.4	0.7	29.6	0.8	29.9	0.7	10.1	0.6	0.7	0.2	29.7	0.7

Note: Adults aged 16-65. Includes adults who were only administered the doorstep interview due to a language barrier. *Caution is required in interpreting results due to the high share of respondents with unusual response patterns. See the Note for Poland in the Reader's Guide.