

Student Reading Test Scores

Student Reading Test Scores measures the percentage of students who are proficient in reading on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills for students in 4th and 8th grades and on the Iowa Tests of Educational Development for students in 11th grade.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

County	4th Grade				8th Grade				11th Grade			
	2003	2004	2005	2003-05 Change	2003	2004	2005	2003-05 Change	2003	2004	2005	2003-05 Change
Adair	72%	73%	76%	5.6%	70%	68%	70%	0.0%	75%	82%	84%	12.0%
Adams	78%	75%	76%	-2.6%	77%	73%	73%	-5.2%	79%	73%	72%	-8.9%
Allamakee	75%	77%	78%	4.0%	70%	72%	76%	8.6%	74%	78%	80%	8.1%
Appanoose	77%	77%	81%	5.2%	64%	64%	72%	12.5%	72%	69%	72%	0.0%
Audubon	80%	85%	84%	5.0%	77%	75%	72%	-6.5%	69%	70%	77%	11.6%
Benton	77%	77%	80%	3.9%	73%	71%	70%	-4.1%	70%	71%	77%	10.0%
Black Hawk	70%	70%	72%	2.9%	61%	61%	63%	3.3%	73%	75%	76%	4.1%
Boone	80%	83%	85%	6.3%	66%	68%	74%	12.1%	76%	73%	75%	-1.3%
Bremer	80%	82%	82%	2.5%	73%	73%	77%	5.5%	78%	80%	79%	1.3%
Buchanan	77%	80%	78%	1.3%	69%	72%	66%	-4.3%	73%	76%	74%	1.4%
Buena Vista	67%	70%	71%	6.0%	61%	67%	67%	9.8%	71%	73%	73%	2.8%
Butler	79%	79%	79%	0.0%	70%	73%	70%	0.0%	78%	81%	74%	-5.1%
Calhoun	82%	81%	78%	-4.9%	76%	75%	77%	1.3%	74%	77%	76%	2.7%
Carroll	76%	80%	81%	6.6%	70%	74%	78%	11.4%	76%	78%	82%	7.9%
Cass	76%	75%	78%	2.6%	71%	75%	73%	2.8%	80%	80%	80%	0.0%
Cedar	82%	82%	81%	-1.2%	74%	77%	76%	2.7%	70%	71%	77%	10.0%
Cerro Gordo	74%	76%	77%	4.1%	70%	69%	72%	2.9%	78%	80%	81%	3.8%
Cherokee	80%	77%	81%	1.3%	73%	76%	73%	0.0%	81%	77%	78%	-3.7%
Chickasaw	77%	81%	81%	5.2%	77%	75%	73%	-5.2%	75%	74%	82%	9.3%
Clarke	74%	74%	73%	-1.4%	58%	61%	65%	12.1%	71%	71%	67%	-5.6%
Clay	77%	83%	84%	9.1%	73%	76%	74%	1.4%	82%	81%	78%	-4.9%
Clayton	71%	71%	77%	8.5%	66%	69%	68%	3.0%	78%	78%	76%	-2.6%
Clinton	77%	77%	78%	1.3%	69%	68%	71%	2.9%	74%	76%	80%	8.1%
Crawford	83%	74%	75%	-9.6%	63%	64%	69%	9.5%	77%	78%	76%	-1.3%
Dallas	80%	81%	83%	3.7%	78%	76%	79%	1.3%	81%	80%	82%	1.2%
Davis	73%	76%	80%	9.6%	66%	70%	77%	16.7%	57%	65%	70%	22.8%
Decatur	70%	72%	77%	10.0%	68%	68%	74%	8.8%	76%	76%	77%	1.3%
Delaware	81%	82%	82%	1.2%	77%	78%	77%	0.0%	79%	79%	80%	1.3%
Des Moines	71%	73%	80%	12.7%	66%	66%	66%	0.0%	74%	76%	78%	5.4%
Dickinson	85%	85%	84%	-1.2%	76%	77%	78%	2.6%	78%	81%	83%	6.4%
Dubuque	69%	75%	78%	13.0%	66%	68%	72%	9.1%	76%	71%	76%	0.0%
Emmet	77%	73%	78%	1.3%	68%	68%	70%	2.9%	70%	69%	72%	2.9%
Fayette	74%	70%	76%	2.7%	69%	70%	71%	2.9%	73%	74%	78%	6.8%
Floyd	77%	79%	82%	6.5%	69%	65%	70%	1.4%	74%	79%	80%	8.1%
Franklin	70%	70%	76%	8.6%	64%	69%	70%	9.4%	77%	78%	71%	-7.8%
Fremont	71%	72%	78%	9.9%	67%	68%	63%	-6.0%	79%	83%	73%	-7.6%
Greene	76%	79%	81%	6.6%	73%	75%	73%	0.0%	77%	80%	75%	-2.6%
Grundy	85%	86%	85%	0.0%	73%	72%	74%	1.4%	80%	80%	78%	-2.5%
Guthrie	82%	82%	81%	-1.2%	66%	73%	78%	18.2%	78%	79%	76%	-2.6%
Hamilton	82%	84%	82%	0.0%	69%	67%	71%	2.9%	73%	77%	77%	5.5%
Hancock	78%	76%	72%	-7.7%	73%	73%	73%	0.0%	82%	80%	76%	-7.3%
Hardin	75%	77%	78%	4.0%	70%	74%	72%	2.9%	73%	73%	76%	4.1%
Harrison	74%	78%	78%	5.4%	63%	66%	71%	12.7%	79%	79%	76%	-3.8%
Henry	77%	77%	79%	2.6%	70%	69%	69%	-1.4%	75%	73%	74%	-1.3%
Howard	78%	78%	78%	0.0%	70%	71%	67%	-4.3%	70%	66%	68%	-2.9%
Humboldt	84%	87%	90%	7.1%	78%	79%	76%	-2.6%	79%	74%	75%	-5.1%
Ida	80%	84%	91%	13.8%	73%	75%	77%	5.5%	79%	80%	80%	1.3%
Iowa	75%	81%	84%	12.0%	64%	67%	67%	4.7%	77%	82%	82%	6.5%
Jackson	78%	79%	81%	3.8%	68%	68%	69%	1.5%	70%	73%	72%	2.9%
Jasper	77%	76%	78%	1.3%	69%	67%	66%	-4.3%	77%	77%	77%	0.0%
Jefferson	83%	85%	84%	1.2%	73%	75%	74%	1.4%	84%	83%	79%	-6.0%
Johnson	80%	80%	79%	-1.3%	76%	77%	75%	-1.3%	87%	86%	83%	-4.6%
Jones	79%	80%	79%	0.0%	72%	74%	73%	1.4%	71%	78%	78%	9.9%
Keokuk	74%	79%	79%	6.8%	65%	61%	63%	-3.1%	61%	70%	72%	18.0%

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Kossuth	81%	82%	81%	0.0%	74%	78%	81%	9.5%	78%	77%	82%	5.1%
Lee	69%	74%	79%	14.5%	63%	65%	66%	4.8%	75%	74%	73%	-2.7%
Linn	75%	74%	76%	1.3%	74%	75%	75%	1.4%	81%	80%	82%	1.2%
Louisa	71%	68%	65%	-8.5%	58%	61%	57%	-1.7%	66%	66%	73%	10.6%
Lucas	74%	71%	71%	-4.1%	54%	59%	65%	20.4%	68%	75%	80%	17.6%
Lyon	89%	87%	86%	-3.4%	76%	78%	80%	5.3%	84%	83%	82%	-2.4%
Madison	78%	78%	78%	0.0%	73%	75%	78%	6.8%	76%	76%	78%	2.6%
Mahaska	80%	78%	77%	-3.8%	67%	69%	71%	6.0%	73%	73%	75%	2.7%
Marion	78%	82%	85%	9.0%	68%	72%	73%	7.4%	78%	77%	77%	-1.3%
Marshall	70%	72%	69%	-1.4%	64%	64%	61%	-4.7%	73%	74%	70%	-4.1%
Mills	72%	77%	79%	9.7%	71%	73%	73%	2.8%	80%	80%	77%	-3.8%
Mitchell	80%	83%	83%	3.7%	79%	80%	77%	-2.5%	82%	85%	86%	4.9%
Monona	80%	76%	77%	-3.8%	75%	74%	68%	-9.3%	79%	80%	77%	-2.5%
Monroe	69%	73%	78%	13.0%	66%	66%	65%	-1.5%	79%	75%	75%	-5.1%
Montgomery	73%	73%	75%	2.7%	69%	68%	71%	2.9%	80%	81%	77%	-3.8%
Muscatine	75%	82%	84%	12.0%	71%	73%	74%	4.2%	68%	69%	76%	11.8%
O'Brien	84%	82%	81%	-3.6%	77%	75%	72%	-6.5%	82%	82%	82%	0.0%
Osceola	80%	87%	87%	8.7%	72%	79%	87%	20.8%	80%	79%	73%	-8.8%
Page	75%	78%	74%	-1.3%	63%	58%	64%	1.6%	79%	79%	83%	5.1%
Palo Alto	79%	78%	84%	6.3%	68%	75%	72%	5.9%	80%	80%	79%	-1.3%
Plymouth	79%	81%	82%	3.8%	72%	76%	77%	6.9%	81%	80%	77%	-4.9%
Pocahontas	79%	78%	79%	0.0%	75%	74%	71%	-5.3%	77%	80%	80%	3.9%
Polk	75%	76%	77%	2.7%	68%	69%	69%	1.5%	79%	78%	76%	-3.8%
Pottawattamie	67%	68%	69%	3.0%	64%	63%	65%	1.6%	76%	78%	76%	0.0%
Poweshiek	80%	81%	82%	2.5%	71%	70%	70%	-1.4%	79%	79%	80%	1.3%
Ringgold	84%	88%	83%	-1.2%	68%	79%	82%	20.6%	75%	79%	83%	10.7%
Sac	84%	83%	81%	-3.6%	74%	75%	78%	5.4%	78%	77%	75%	-3.8%
Scott	70%	73%	76%	8.6%	64%	66%	67%	4.7%	75%	76%	73%	-2.7%
Shelby	83%	83%	83%	0.0%	78%	76%	79%	1.3%	83%	81%	80%	-3.6%
Sioux	86%	82%	84%	-2.3%	76%	76%	72%	-5.3%	79%	80%	81%	2.5%
Story	84%	87%	87%	3.6%	78%	80%	81%	3.8%	82%	85%	85%	3.7%
Tama	72%	76%	74%	2.8%	68%	72%	72%	5.9%	75%	76%	80%	6.7%
Taylor	80%	83%	78%	-2.5%	62%	58%	61%	-1.6%	72%	70%	72%	0.0%
Union	75%	80%	79%	5.3%	73%	73%	72%	-1.4%	77%	78%	77%	0.0%
Van Buren	77%	74%	80%	3.9%	63%	59%	62%	-1.6%	80%	76%	71%	-11.3%
Wapello	69%	68%	69%	0.0%	60%	64%	63%	5.0%	64%	64%	66%	3.1%
Warren	80%	81%	83%	3.7%	74%	71%	72%	-2.7%	80%	82%	82%	2.5%
Washington	73%	71%	74%	1.4%	72%	70%	66%	-8.3%	78%	76%	76%	-2.6%
Wayne	81%	82%	76%	-6.2%	68%	66%	66%	-2.9%	70%	70%	68%	-2.9%
Webster	72%	70%	71%	-1.4%	67%	64%	66%	-1.5%	67%	72%	73%	9.0%
Winnebago	85%	81%	82%	-3.5%	70%	67%	74%	5.7%	79%	80%	81%	2.5%
Winneshiek	80%	80%	81%	1.3%	79%	74%	80%	1.3%	78%	82%	82%	5.1%
Woodbury	70%	72%	70%	0.0%	61%	60%	63%	3.3%	72%	70%	66%	-8.3%
Worth	66%	75%	78%	18.2%	64%	59%	67%	4.7%	78%	79%	77%	-1.3%
Wright	79%	81%	82%	3.8%	72%	67%	68%	-5.6%	74%	69%	69%	-6.8%
State	76%	77%	78%	2.6%	69%	70%	70%	1.4%	77%	77%	77%	0.0%
Rural	78%	79%	80%	2.6%	70%	71%	72%	2.9%	76%	77%	76%	0.0%
Small Urban	77%	78%	79%	2.6%	70%	70%	71%	1.4%	76%	76%	77%	1.3%
Metropolitan	73%	75%	76%	4.1%	68%	69%	70%	2.9%	78%	78%	77%	-1.3%
United States*	60%	60%	60%	0.0%	60%	60%	60%	0.0%	60%	60%	60%	0.0%

* national percentages are based on standards developed in 2000