

**TABLE 2. 26 LITERACY - POPULATION 10 YEARS AND OLDER - BY REGION AND AGE-CATEGORY**

REGION AND AGE-CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE OF THE AGE GROUP THAT IS LITERATE								
	1998-99 PIHS			2001-02 PIHS			2005-06 PSLM		
	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH
<b>URBAN AREAS:</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>
10 - 14 years	73	71	72	69	72	70	83	79	81
15 - 19 years	82	77	79	79	75	77	84	81	82
20 - 24 years	82	71	77	80	71	76	85	79	82
25 - 29 years	76	59	67	79	59	69	85	69	77
30 - 34 years	75	50	62	74	55	65	82	64	72
35 - 39 years	70	43	56	70	48	59	77	54	66
40 - 44 years	71	41	56	69	41	54	75	47	61
45 - 49 years	70	32	53	69	34	52	75	48	63
50 - 54 years	65	31	51	64	28	45	72	38	53
55 - 59 years	65	24	43	63	28	47	69	32	52
60 + years	53	17	37	50	12	34	58	20	41
<b>RURAL AREAS:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>
10 - 14 years	59	37	49	56	36	47	67	51	59
15 - 19 years	71	36	54	68	38	53	72	52	62
20 - 24 years	64	24	43	65	28	46	69	40	53
25 - 29 years	55	16	34	57	19	36	61	30	44
30 - 34 years	49	13	30	50	15	31	57	23	39
35 - 39 years	49	11	29	46	10	28	55	19	36
40 - 44 years	47	8	27	41	8	24	51	15	32
45 - 49 years	40	5	23	44	6	26	47	11	29
50 - 54 years	40	4	24	39	4	19	45	7	23
55 - 59 years	38	4	18	35	4	20	39	5	22
60 + years	21	2	13	22	1	13	25	3	15
<b>OVERALL:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>
10 - 14 years	63	48	56	60	47	54	72	60	66
15 - 19 years	75	49	62	72	50	61	77	62	70
20 - 24 years	71	39	55	70	42	56	76	54	64
25 - 29 years	62	29	45	65	31	47	70	44	56
30 - 34 years	57	24	40	58	26	41	66	37	51
35 - 39 years	55	21	38	53	22	38	63	31	46
40 - 44 years	55	18	36	50	19	34	60	27	43
45 - 49 years	50	13	32	52	15	34	58	24	42
50 - 54 years	48	12	32	47	11	27	55	18	34
55 - 59 years	47	10	25	43	10	28	50	14	32
60 + years	29	6	19	29	4	18	35	8	23

**NOTES:**

1. Individuals that are literate in each age group expressed as a percentage of the total number in each age group.
2. Literacy: For all surveys, literacy is taken as the ability to read a newspaper and to write a simple letter..