

**Percent of fourth graders scoring at least proficient in reading in each racial/ethnic group, SY2016-2017**

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	African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Hispanic	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White (non-Hispanic)
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>54.3</b>
Adair County				63.6		18.8	50.0
Bardstown Independent	46.7			38.1		42.1	54.8
Barren County				56.3			54.3
Beechwood Independent				30.8			76.1
Boone County	45.5		67.6	32.7		46.8	55.8
Bourbon County				31.6		30.0	
Bowling Green Independent			71.4	18.0		38.5	
Bullitt County	30.8			38.7		44.1	49.6
Campbell County	36.4					47.1	61.4
Carroll County				25.0			36.3
Christian County				44.4		31.3	53.0
Covington Independent	32.4					53.3	43.1
Danville Independent				26.7		47.1	54.1
Daviess County	22.7		35.7	42.6		56.7	57.1
Elizabethtown Independent	21.7					42.1	45.9
Erlanger-Elsmere Independent	33.3			23.5			46.3
Fayette County	26.1		65.9	31.3		41.5	64.2
Frankfort Independent	28.6						41.7
Franklin County	36.6			13.5			49.2
Garrard County				30.0			56.3
Glasgow Independent	35.3			36.0		46.7	41.8
Grant County				46.2		30.8	

Graves County			48.4		25.0	
Hardin County	28.2	53.8	43.2		42.1	46.9
Henderson County	36.0				48.8	58.0
Henry County			36.4			39.2
Hopkins County			33.3		47.6	57.2
Jefferson County	24.5	66.3	37.9		47.2	58.6
Jessamine County	34.8		32.7		36.7	54.3
Kenton County	48.0	69.2	50.7		53.8	61.3
LaRue County			25.0			52.2
Laurel County			80.0			64.8
Lincoln County			20.0		36.4	39.1
Madison County	38.3	54.5	37.1		43.2	53.6
Mason County	29.4				56.5	45.9
Mayfield Independent	26.3		44.1			60.0
Meade County			66.7			57.1
Mercer County	36.4				33.3	43.8
Montgomery County			35.3			53.6
Muhlenberg County					28.6	58.3
Nelson County			30.0		50.0	50.2
Newport Independent	18.5		21.1			39.1
Ohio County			30.4			43.9
Oldham County		66.7	42.0		43.2	62.9
Owen County			40.0			53.1
Paducah Independent	28.6				30.0	66.7
Pulaski County			48.0		73.3	65.6
Russell County			40.7			44.4
Russellville Independent	31.3		30.0			48.7
Scott County	34.7		33.8		45.5	56.3
Shelby County	23.7				20.6	47.5
Simpson County	35.7		43.8			47.5
Somerset Independent			14.3			55.7
Spencer County					33.3	57.8
Taylor County					50.0	57.0
Todd County	18.8		30.0			42.2

Warren County	34.9		39.4			40.0	59.7
Wayne County				35.0			40.1
Woodford County	50.0			33.3			68.4

**Source:** Kentucky Department of Education, School Report Card. Data as of March 14, 2018.

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**Percent of fourth graders scoring at least proficient in reading in each racial/ethnic group, SY2015-2016**

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<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>60.4</b>
Ashland Independent				35.7		33.3	
Bardstown Independent	31.8					33.3	59.9
Barren County				60.0			62.9
Beechwood Independent				50.0			76.7
Boone County	38.0		64.9	38.7		49.3	65.3
Bourbon County				44.4			53.6
Bowling Green Independent	25.9			38.3		46.2	64.9
Bullitt County				55.2		41.4	54.0
Caldwell County	20.0						47.1
Campbell County						58.3	68.1
Campbellsville Independent						50.0	47.9
Carroll County				11.8		27.3	49.6
Christian County						47.4	51.2
Clark County	37.5					68.8	65.1
Covington Independent						40.0	48.7
Danville Independent						30.4	56.0
Daviess County	50.0		53.8	46.9		45.2	64.8
Elizabethtown Independent	16.7					39.1	58.0
Erlanger-Elsmere Independent	43.8					47.1	37.2
Fayette County	32.0		73.1	39.4		59.2	70.7
Fort Thomas Independent						84.6	82.5
Frankfort Independent	6.3						45.7

Franklin County			72.7	48.1			53.7
Fulton County	18.2						54.2
Gallatin County				21.4			51.2
Garrard County				40.0			51.8
Glasgow Independent						30.0	54.3
Grant County				44.4		81.8	50.6
Graves County				68.4		61.5	71.6
Hardin County			46.7	51.3		46.1	56.1
Henderson County	44.4					46.7	64.9
Hopkins County	51.0					51.2	65.1
Jefferson County	31.6		73.1	44.8		55.4	62.6
Jessamine County				62.9		52.6	63.8
Kenton County	57.1		80.0	51.0		55.3	68.8
LaRue County				50.0			66.2
Logan County				50.0			59.5
Madison County	42.9		50.0	37.5		65.9	60.9
Mason County	37.5					63.6	56.5
Mayfield Independent				41.7			59.6
McCracken County				72.0		61.1	71.2
Meade County				58.8			60.9
Mercer County				28.6		50.0	52.9
Monroe County				83.3			75.3
Montgomery County						90.9	61.1
Muhlenberg County						62.5	66.0
Newport Independent	9.1			45.5		21.1	44.3
Ohio County				57.7			48.7
Oldham County			83.3	44.3		58.1	67.5
Owensboro Independent	40.0			37.5			63.9
Paris Independent				36.4			52.0
Pulaski County				63.2			67.7
Russellville Independent	45.5						65.8
Scott County				45.6		59.1	69.4
Shelby County	37.9					40.0	54.1
Simpson County						45.5	55.2

Todd County				48.0			52.8
Trigg County	18.2						57.3
Warren County	41.6		60.0	44.0		58.3	64.6
Washington County				50.0			71.6
Woodford County				38.1			75.8

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Adair County				50.0			49.7
Anderson County				40.0			48.8
Ashland Independent						45.5	59.6
Bardstown Independent	45.5						58.3
Barren County				25.0			53.3
Bath County				60.0			50.4
Boone County	38.0		64.3	31.7		54.2	62.1
Bowling Green Independent	28.9		54.5				58.6
Bullitt County				40.0		64.3	54.6
Campbell County						50.0	62.1
Carroll County				30.0			35.8
Christian County	30.0			51.9		31.4	52.2
Clark County				50.0			56.0
Covington Independent	36.4			25.0		43.8	46.2
Daviess County	36.4		47.4	33.3		66.7	62.4
Elizabethtown Independent	35.7					21.4	60.2
Erlanger-Elsmere Independent				17.6		27.8	
Fayette County	30.9		71.1	33.7		54.3	68.7
Franklin County				32.3		23.1	50.1
Fulton County	28.6						43.8
Glasgow Independent				54.5		50.0	60.2
Graves County				50.0			63.4

Hardin County	31.5	45.5	45.2	60.7	52.9
Henderson County	41.3		52.9	52.8	59.3
Hopkins County	33.3		44.0	57.9	57.2
Jefferson County	29.3	66.9	41.5	50.0	49.2
Jessamine County	37.0		36.4	46.4	61.3
Kenton County	41.7		53.7	50.0	62.3
Laurel County		75.0			63.4
Lincoln County			25.0		47.9
Madison County	42.4	91.7	40.5	37.8	59.2
Marion County	47.4				56.7
Mason County	38.5				55.6
Mayfield Independent	26.1		29.4	33.3	54.9
McCracken County			52.4	58.8	65.7
Meade County			30.0	58.3	50.6
Mercer County			20.0	28.6	54.0
Muhlenberg County	30.0			40.0	56.0
Murray Independent	66.7				81.9
Nelson County			40.0		51.5
Newport Independent			56.3	30.0	20.9
Oldham County	52.6	84.0	37.2	66.7	64.5
Owensboro Independent	31.4		58.1	38.2	54.4
Paducah Independent	16.0				63.9
Paris Independent	8.3				42.3
Pulaski County			44.4		60.0
Russell County			52.9		56.0
Russellville Independent	14.3			29.4	45.2
Scott County	39.5	54.5	32.1	42.9	62.2
Shelby County			34.0	23.8	59.0
Simpson County			38.5	38.9	43.5
Taylor County				10.0	38.8
Todd County	7.1				48.8
Trigg County	16.7				55.9
Warren County	33.8	43.8	38.7	42.6	57.0
Webster County			13.6		40.7



Woodford County				34.3			64.3
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