

How stable are literacy and numeracy in adulthood?

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Abstract

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14 We analysed the stability of competences.

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Table 1

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Group	PIAAC-L (3 years)		NEPS (6 years)	
	Literacy	Numeracy	Literacy	Numeracy
Total sample	.83 [.80, .85]	.81 [.78, .83]	.65 [.58, .72]	.74 [.65, .83]
Gender				
Male	.83 [.80, .86]	.81 [.77, .84]	.66 [.56, .75]	.70 [.60, .80]
Female	.82 [.79, .85]	.79 [.76, .83]	.65 [.54, .75]	.70 [.58, .82]
Education				
low (ISCED 0–3)	.80 [.77, .83]	.78 [.74, .81]	.56 [.45, .67]	.68 [.56, .81]
intermediate (ISCED 4/5B)	.78 [.71, .84]	.74 [.67, .81]	.62 [.50, .75]	.67 [.55, .78]
high (ISCED 5A/6)	.78 [.73, .82]	.76 [.70, .81]	.60 [.44, .76]	.77 [.69, .86]
Age Group				
18–34 years	.83 [.79, .86]	.81 [.78, .85]	.64 [.48, .79]	.69 [.53, .86]
35–44 years	.82 [.78, .87]	.80 [.75, .85]	.70 [.51, .88]	.64 [.49, .80]
45–54 years	.84 [.80, .89]	.81 [.76, .86]	.63 [.52, .74]	.69 [.59, .79]
55 + years	.79 [.73, .84]	.80 [.75, .86]	.49 [.36, .62]	.67 [.53, .80]

Note. (ref:cors-note)

Table 2
Mean-Level Changes in Literacy and Numeracy across three (in PIAAC-L) to six (in NEPS) years of adulthood.

Group	Literacy		Numeracy	
	read.piaac	read.piaac.d	math.piaac	math.piaac.d
Total sample	1.81 [0.78, 2.82]	0.07	0.38 [-0.9, 1.74]	0.01
Gender				
Male	3.00 [1.48, 4.50]	0.12	1.68 [-0.5, 3.90]	0.05
Female	0.59 [-0.9, 2.14]	0.02	-0.95 [-2.7, 0.89]	-0.03
Education				
low (ISCED 0–3)	0.88 [-0.5, 2.32]	0.04	0.82 [-1.1, 2.81]	0.03
intermediate (ISCED 4/5B)	0.72 [-1.5, 3.02]	0.03	-0.10 [-3.0, 2.88]	0.00
high (ISCED 5A/6)	4.79 [2.55, 7.01]	0.19	-0.34 [-3.1, 2.51]	-0.01

Table 3 continued

Group	Literacy		Numeracy	
	read.piaac	read.piaac.d	math.piaac	math.piaac.d
Age Group				
18–34 years	5.55 [3.74, 7.35]	0.22	7.48 [5.37, 9.58]	0.24
35–44 years	0.18 [-2.3, 2.71]	0.01	-2.16 [-5.5, 1.20]	-0.07
45–54 years	0.64 [-1.4, 2.75]	0.03	-2.05 [-4.6, 0.52]	-0.07
55 + years	0.05 [-2.6, 2.74]	0.00	-3.34 [-6.1, -0.4]	-0.11

Note. Pooled results across 10 PVs in each data source. Data are weighted (for details, see Method).

Table 3
Mean-Level Changes in Literacy and Numeracy across three (in PIAAC-L) to six (in NEPS) years of adulthood.

Group	Literacy		Numeracy	
	read.neps	read.neps.d	math.neps	math.neps.d
Total sample	-0.04 [-0.1, 0.03]	-0.04	-0.01 [-0.0, 0.06]	-0.01
Gender				
Male	0.00 [-0.0, 0.09]	0.00	-0.05 [-0.1, 0.06]	-0.06
Female	-0.07 [-0.1, 0.02]	-0.08	0.03 [-0.0, 0.12]	0.04
Education				
low (ISCED 0–3)	0.03 [-0.0, 0.14]	0.03	0.04 [-0.0, 0.16]	0.05
intermediate (ISCED 4/5B)	-0.10 [-0.2, 0.00]	-0.11	-0.07 [-0.2, 0.08]	-0.08
high (ISCED 5A/6)	-0.26 [-0.3, -0.1]	-0.30	-0.14 [-0.2, 0.00]	-0.16

Table 3 continued

Group	Literacy		Numeracy	
	read.neps	read.neps.d	math.neps	math.neps.d
Age Group				
18–34 years	0.07 [−0.1, 0.25]	0.08	0.05 [−0.1, 0.26]	0.05
35–44 years	−0.06 [−0.2, 0.08]	−0.07	−0.09 [−0.2, 0.05]	−0.10
45–54 years	−0.01 [−0.1, 0.11]	−0.01	−0.01 [−0.1, 0.11]	−0.01
55 + years	−0.12 [−0.2, 0.01]	−0.14	0.00 [−0.1, 0.15]	0.00

Note. Pooled results across 10 PVs in each data source. Data are weighted (for details, see Method).