

THE IMPACTS OF KANSAS' LITERACY CRISIS

This crisis impacts far more than just education - it has profound health, economic, and social implications.

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Without strong literacy skills, students struggle in all subjects, are ***four times more likely to drop out***, and often face life-long challenges.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Low literacy contributes to higher unemployment, lower lifetime earnings, and a weaker workforce, ***costing the U.S. economy trillions*** of dollars each year.



HEALTH IMPACT

People with low literacy are more likely to experience poor health outcomes and higher hospitalization rates, ***contributing to \$106-238 billion in excess healthcare costs*** each year.



SOCIAL IMPACT

Limited literacy restricts employment, increases reliance on social services, and ***raises the risk of involvement in the criminal justice system.***

