

2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test:

An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three

Test Results Interpretive Guide

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Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test Results

Introduction

This booklet is intended to help districts understand and use the results of the 2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test: An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three. From 1989 through 1995, this test was called the Third Grade Reading Test.

Three statewide reports are presented in this booklet, as are samples of the district and school reports which you have received. In each case, there is a brief description and explanation of the report.

The Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test was designed to gather three types of information:

- Reading Comprehension
- Prior Knowledge
- Reading Strategies

Although information was collected in each of the areas above, the performance standards are based only on the reading comprehension items. The information about reading strategies and prior knowledge was collected for the purpose of interpreting results on the comprehension items.

The statewide performance standards for the comprehension items on the test are based on standards that were established in July, 1998, by the State Superintendent, taking into consideration the recommendations of a statewide panel of third grade teachers and district reading specialists. Results for the 2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test are reported in relation to these standards as the numbers and percents of students whose scores were in the Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Minimal proficiency levels.

Standard (r), the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test standard, requires that district performance on the comprehension items be compared to statewide performance. The reports described on pages 7, 11, 14, and 20 accomplish this purpose.

The other reports described in this guide provide information which may assist districts in understanding and interpreting their results. For example, as you compare district and school results with the state performance data, it may be helpful to refer to the relationships between the reading comprehension scores and the scores on the prior knowledge and reading strategy questions. Likewise, the other reports may include information which can be used to explain and interpret the results for your district and schools within the district.

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Note: As a result of rounding, the figures on the reports do not always total 100%

THE 2004 WISCONSIN READING COMPREHENSION TEST: FACTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND CAVEATS

Features of the Test

- 1. The test has four purposes:
 - to identify the reading level of individual students with respect to statewide proficiency levels
 - to provide districts with information that will help them evaluate the effectiveness of their primary reading programs
 - to allow school districts to compare the performance of their students with state proficiency levels
 - to provide data for meeting federal and state statutory requirements with respect to student assessment
- 2. The reading passages on the test range in length from about 700 to 900 words for the nonfiction passage, and from about 1,000 to 1,500 words for the fiction passage. The majority of the comprehension questions are inferential.
- 3. The 2004 test consisted of two reading passages (one fiction and one nonfiction) related to each other through important concepts and content. Each passage was followed by a set of questions that measured reading comprehension, and a few comprehension questions about related concepts in the passage pair were also included. The students' test scores were based only on the reading comprehension questions. The test included 58 multiple-choice reading comprehension questions and three short-answer reading comprehension questions. The short-answer questions asked students to provide the answers, rather than selecting from given answer choices as in the multiple-choice questions. A student's response to each of the short-answer questions on the 2004 test received three points for a correct response, two points for a partially correct response, one point for a minimal attempt, and zero points for an incorrect response. For each of the 58 multiple-choice questions answered correctly, a student received one point. A student's score for the multiple-choice questions was combined with the student's scores for the short-answer questions to produce the student's reading comprehension score for the test. The maximum possible score on the 2004 test was 67 points.
- 4. Scores on the reading strategy and prior knowledge items can be used to explain variations in the comprehension scores.
- 5. The test was developed by Wisconsin educators and MetriTech, Inc., under the direction of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the State Superintendent's Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test Advisory Committee. The steps in test development included the following: passage selection, item development, field testing, analysis of field test results, test revision, bias review, and preparation of the final test. The test was scored by MetriTech, Inc., under the direction of the DPI.

The Performance Standards and Proficiency Levels

- 1. The performance standards are based only on the comprehension items.
- 2. The performance standards for the 2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test are based on standards that were established in July, 1998, by the State Superintendent, taking into consideration the recommendations of a 16-member standard-setting panel of third grade teachers and district reading specialists. Members of the panel established performance standards using their professional judgment regarding what is appropriate reading performance in four levels of proficiency for third grade students. Student performance is reported in Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced proficiency levels.

Interpreting, Using, and Reporting Test Results

- 1. Guard against generalizing from the results of the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test to the total school or district educational program.
- 2. Performance on the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test reflects the entire K-3 instructional program, not just the third grade program/teacher.
- 3. If small numbers of students are tested, the performance of the group is affected significantly by a few high-performing or low-performing students. When small numbers of students are tested in a school or district, there may be a significant variation from one year to the next.
- 4. Be careful about reporting results by demographic groups, particularly if the numbers are small, such that individual students might be identified. Districts and schools should take appropriate steps to protect the privacy of individual students.
- 5. If significant differences exist among schools in your district, consider carefully how you will phrase your explanation to the school board and other audiences. The results on prior knowledge and reading strategies may provide information which is helpful to explain the results. Additional factors, such as the number of students tested at each school and various demographic characteristics may account for differences among schools. (Also keep in mind that there is variation among districts and schools in terms of the number and percent of S/Dis and LEP students who were not tested. The decision to test students was a district decision, based on DPI guidelines.)
- 6. The rule for Standard (r) requires the Department of Public Instruction to report each school district's test results, for the school district and for each school in the district, to the school district board.
- 7. Standard (r) does not require reporting the results for each student to the student's parent or guardian. The Parent/Guardian Reports are provided should you choose to report to the parents or guardians.
- 8. Districts must *consider* students who score in the Minimal proficiency level on the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test as *possible* candidates for remedial reading services. Standard (c) requires each school district to provide remedial reading services for pupils in grades kindergarten through four if:
 - the pupil fails to meet the reading objectives specified in the school district's reading curriculum plan; or
 - the pupil fails to score above the Minimal proficiency level on the Standard (r) Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test, and
 - a. the pupil's parent or guardian and a teacher agree that the pupil's test performance accurately reflects his or her reading ability, or
 - b. a teacher determines, based on other objective evidence of the pupil's reading comprehension, that the pupil's test performance accurately reflects his or her reading ability.

Additionally, Standard (c) requires that if fewer than 80% of the pupils score above the Minimal proficiency level, either in the district or in any school in the district, the district shall develop a written plan which includes the following:

- a. a description of how the district will provide remedial reading services,
- b. a description of how the district intends to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to remove reading deficiencies, and
- c. an assessment of the school district or individual school's reading program.

- 9. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will report statewide results on July 13, 2004. Test results are embargoed until that date. An alphabetical listing of all districts and schools within districts will be reported. This listing will show the percent of students whose scores were Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced. Also included in this listing will be the number and percent of students not tested.
- 10. Test results are <u>embargoed</u> from the media and the general public until **July 13**, **2004**. Read the test carefully before you discuss the results with representatives of the media, members of the school board, etc. More detailed information about the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test (WRCT) may be found on the WRCT website: <u>http://www.dpi.wi.us/dpi/oea/wrct3.html</u> or the WRCT resource page at <u>www.wrct.net</u>.
- 11. Two handbooks for teachers: *Wisconsin Makes the Connection* and *Wisconsin Moves Forward, Makes New Connections* are available from MetriTech, Inc., the DPI's WRCT Development Contractor. These handbooks describe the WRCT and provide suggested teaching strategies. The handbooks, PowerPoint presentations from WRCT professional development workshops, tips for parents, and other WRCT information can be viewed at <u>www.wrct.net</u>. Ordering information for the handbooks is also available at <u>www.wrct.net</u>.

The 2005 Test

The 2005 test will consist of new passages and questions, and it will be similar in format to the test used in 2004. For more information, see the handbooks: *Wisconsin Makes the Connection* and *Wisconsin Moves Forward, Makes New Connections* and other information at our Web resource page <u>www.wrct.net</u>.

There will be a three-week testing period: March 7-25, 2005.

Proficiency Levels

This report appears as the first page of the Comprehension Performance Report Summary by District and by School Within District. It shows which comprehension scores fall into each proficiency level: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Minimal. The performance standards for the 2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test are based on standards that were established in July, 1998, by the State Superintendent after considering the recommendations of a 16-member standard-setting panel of third grade teachers and district reading specialists. Panel members had recommended performance standards, based on their professional judgment regarding what are appropriate reading proficiency levels for third grade students. A general description of each proficiency level is shown below:

- Advanced Distinguished in the content area. Academic achievement is beyond mastery. Test score provides evidence of in-depth understanding in the academic content area tested.
- **Proficient** Competent in the content area. Academic achievement includes mastery of the important knowledge and skills. Test score shows evidence of skills necessary for progress in the academic content area tested.
- **Basic** Somewhat competent in the content area. Academic achievement includes mastery of most of the important knowledge and skills. Test score shows evidence of at least one major flaw in understanding the academic content area tested.
- **Minimal** Limited achievement in the content area. Test score shows evidence of major misconceptions or gaps in knowledge and skills tested in the academic content area.

	Proficiency Levels
Proficiency Level	Comprehension Score
Advanced	from 60 through 67 points
Proficient	from 38 through 59 points
Basic	from 19 through 37 points
Minimal	from 0 through 18 points
s	tudents Not Tested
	mary by District and by School Within District includes a column calle ares in this column represent the numbers of students not tested in eac
Students were not tested for one of four reasor	IS:
. Absent. These students were absent during	the testing period, including makeup testing sessions.
	d on DPI guidelines for testing Students with Disabilities, district Test was inappropriate for these students and assessed them through
as LEP Level 1 or 2, as defined in Administra Comprehension Test (WRCT) were assessed since the 2002 WRCT was administered; the	dents were not tested because their English language skills were classified tive Rule PI 13. LEP students who did not take the Wisconsin Reading by alternate methods. Note: The definitions of LEP levels were revised revised definitions were implemented beginning with the 2003 WRCT WRCT data for LEP students with WRCT data from years prior to 2003.
	on DPI guidelines for testing students with disabilities under Sec. 504 on nined that the Reading Comprehension Test was inappropriate for thes te methods.

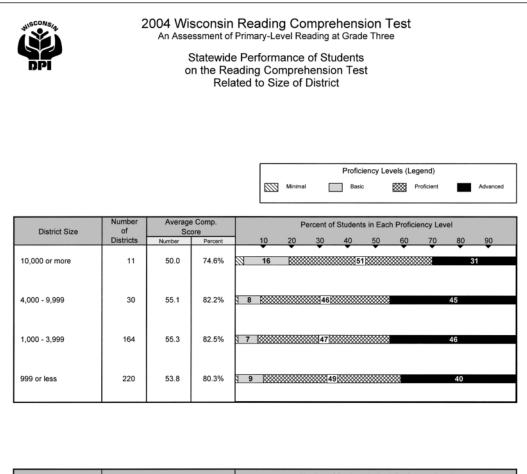
Statewide Performance of Students on the Reading Comprehension Test Related to Size of District

Note: Districts will not receive separate copies of this report.

This report shows how students in four different district size categories performed on the test.

The first table lists the number of districts in each size category and the average comprehension score for the students. The bar graphs are shaded to show the proportion of students falling into each of the four performance categories. Percentages less than 3% are not printed on the bars.

The second table shows the number of students who were tested in each of the four district size categories and the numbers of students whose scores were in the Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced proficiency levels.



District Size	Number of Third	Number of Students in Each Proficiency Level						
District Size	Grade Students Tested	Minimal	Basic	Proficient	Advanced			
10,000 or more	16,611	417	2,710	8,401	5,083			
4,000 - 9,999	11,144	93	842	5,161	5,048			
1,000 - 3,999	20,806	152	1,455	9,707	9,492			
999 or less	8,151	118	750	3,987	3,296			

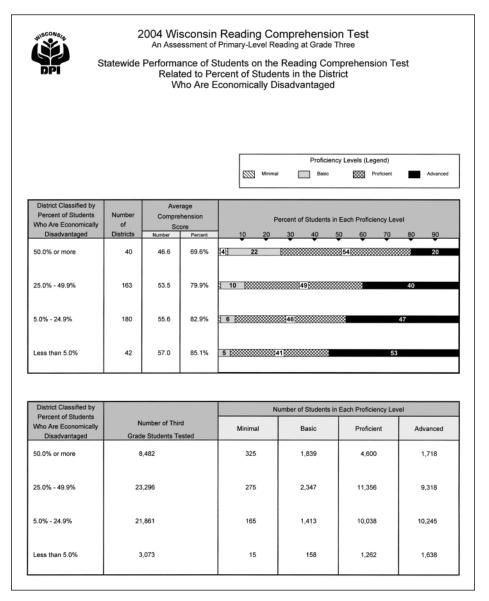
Statewide Performance of Students on the Reading Comprehension Test Related to Percent of Students in the District Who Are Economically Disadvantaged

Note: Districts will not receive separate copies of this report.

This report shows the performance of students in districts related to the percent of children in the district who are economically disadvantaged. An "economically disadvantaged" student is a student who is a member of a household that meets the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced-price lunch (< = 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines) under the National School Lunch Program. Districts are permitted to use their best local source of information about the economic status of individual students consistent with this DPI definition.

In the first table, districts are classified into four categories, based on the percent of children who are economically disadvantaged: 50.0% or more, 25.0-49.9%, 5.0-24.9%, and less than 5.0%. The number of districts in each category and the average comprehension score of the students are shown in the next two columns. (Note: the comprehension scores are for all students in the district, not just those who are economically disadvantaged.) The bar charts are shaded to show the proportion of students falling into each of the four proficiency levels. Percentages less than 3% are not printed on the bars.

The second table shows the number of economically disadvantaged students in each of the four categories and the numbers of students whose scores were Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced.



Sample District and School Reports

The sample reports which follow are included to assist in interpreting the reports from the scoring contractor. Reports are sent to districts in two shipments. Shipment #1 includes the Student Roster and Parent/Guardian reports. All other reports are included in Shipment #2.

Student Roster

The Student Roster report shows individual student performance on each part of the test. At the end of the report are averages for the district and school. (Note: This report was sent to districts in Shipment #1.)

Maximum Possible Score is the highest score that can be obtained on each part of the test.

Total Comp. (Total Comprehension) is the comprehension score of each student for the three passages.

Prof. Level (Proficiency Level) shows whether the student's score was Minimal, Basic, Proficient, or Advanced on the comprehension items.

The three columns under **Comprehension** show each student's comprehension score for each passage.

The three columns under **Prior Knowledge** show the number of prior knowledge items the student answered correctly for each passage.

The three columns under **Reading Strategy** show the number of reading strategy items related to each passage that the student answered correctly.

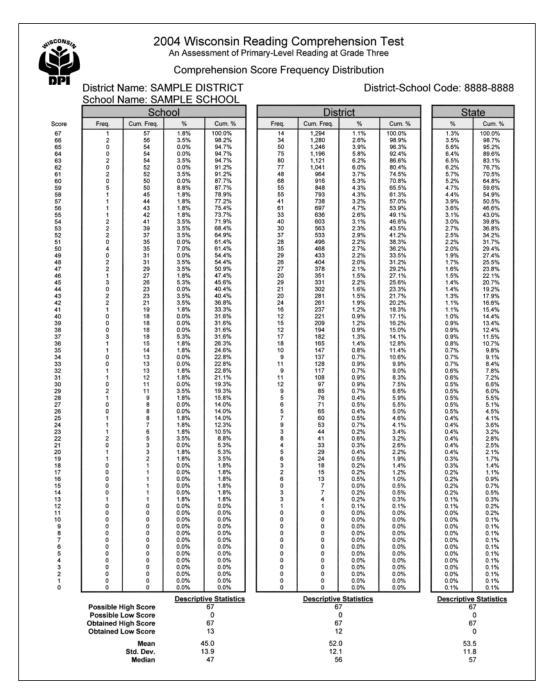
DPI			STUD	ENT ROSTER					
strict Name: SAMPLE DISTRICT hool Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL							D	District-School C	ode: 8888-88
	Total	Prof.		Comprehension		Prior Kn	auladaa	Reading	Strategy
Student Name	Comp.	Level	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 1	Part 2	Part 1	Part 2
Maximum Possible Score →	67		28	29	10	7	7	8	6
SAMPLE, STUDENT A. SAMPLE, STUDENT B. SAMPLE, STUDENT C. SAMPLE, STUDENT D. SAMPLE, STUDENT E.	52 32 37 23 42	Proficient Basic Basic Basic Proficient	21 13 17 7 21	22 11 14 12 13	9 8 6 4 8	6 7 7 5	5 6 4 6 4	6 7 6 5 5	5 5 3 4
SAMPLE, STUDENT F. SAMPLE, STUDENT G. SAMPLE, STUDENT H. SAMPLE, STUDENT I. SAMPLE, STUDENT J.	53 45 59 19 37	Proficient Proficient Proficient Basic Basic	22 21 24 7 14	22 18 26 9 14	9 6 9 3 9	7 7 7 3 6	5 4 4 5 5	7 7 8 5 7	6 6 4 5
SAMPLE, STUDENT K. SAMPLE, STUDENT L. SAMPLE, STUDENT M. SAMPLE, STUDENT N. SAMPLE, STUDENT O.	45 50 61 25 63	Proficient Proficient Advanced Basic Advanced	19 21 23 9 26	17 23 28 12 28	9 6 10 4 9	7 6 7 7 7	4 6 5 5 5 5	5 8 8 5 8	6 5 6 3 6
SAMPLE, STUDENT P. SAMPLE, STUDENT Q. SAMPLE, STUDENT R. SAMPLE, STUDENT S. SAMPLE, STUDENT T.	29 50 22 66 52	Basic Proficient Basic Advanced Proficient	14 22 10 28 24	12 21 6 28 20	3 7 6 10 8	6 5 7 7 6	4 5 4 6 6	4 8 6 8 7	4 6 3 6 4
SAMPLE, STUDENT U. SAMPLE, STUDENT V. SAMPLE, STUDENT W. SAMPLE, STUDENT X. SAMPLE, STUDENT Y.	66 31 20 24 59	Advanced Basic Basic Basic Proficient	27 11 8 7 25	29 14 8 13 25	10 6 4 4 9	7 7 4 7 6	7 4 3 5 4	8 4 5 3 8	6 3 5 4 6
SAMPLE, STUDENT Z.	54	Proficient	21	24	9	6	4	8	6
School Average District Average	45.0 52.0		19.1 22.0	18.6 21.9	7.3 8.1	6.1 6.2	5.0 5.2	6.4 7.1	5.0 5.4

Comprehension Score Frequency Distribution

The Comprehension Score Frequency Distribution report shows the number and percent of students receiving each of the possible scores, ranging from 0 through 67 points. Also shown are the cumulative frequencies and cumulative percentages.

In the example report shown, 35 students in the district received a score of 50. This represents 2.7% of the students in the district. The Cumulative Frequency indicates the number of students in the district who received a score of 50 or less, in this case, 468. The Cumulative Percent indicates the percent of students in the district who received a score of 50 or less, in this case, 36.2%.

At the bottom of the report are descriptive statistics. The Possible High and Low Scores are given. The Obtained High Score and Obtained Low Score show the highest and lowest scores obtained by students at the school, district, and state levels. Also shown are the mean, standard deviation, and median for the school, district, and state.



Note: The two reports described on pages 12 and 13 are both printed on the same page in the reports provided by the scoring contractor.

Report of Third Grade Students Tested and Not Tested

This report shows the number and percent of third grade students at the state, district, and school levels who were tested and not tested.

^{SCONS} ²⁰⁰⁴ Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three Report of Students Report of Students Tested and Not Tested								
District Name: SAMPLE D School Name: SAMPLE S				Distric	ct-School Coo	le: 8888-888		
	Sta	ate	Dis	trict	School			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Total Students Enrolled	59,065	100.0%	1,469	100.0%	88	100.0%		
Students Tested	56,712	96.0%	1,294	88.1%	57	64.8%		
Students EXCLUDED from Testing								
Absent	129	0.2%	6	0.4%	3	3.4%		
Students with Disabilities	1,347	2.3%	61	4.2%	8	9.1%		
Limited English Proficient	876	1.5%	108	7.4%	20	22.7%		
Limited English Proficient Section 504 (Not S/Dis)	876 1	1.5% 0.0%	108 0	7.4% 0.0%	20 0	22.7% 0.0%		

In this example report, the district had 1,469 students enrolled in the third grade. Of these students, 1,294 were tested. Of the students not tested, 6 were absent, 61 were excluded because they were Students with Disabilities and 108 were excluded because of Limited English Proficiency.

Total Students Excluded is the sum of students who were not tested for all reasons.

Note: In 2003, the definitions of LEP Levels were revised. Districts were required to test Levels 3 and higher. Therefore, caution should be exercised when making comparisons with LEP data from years prior to 2003.

Students with Disabilities and Limited English Proficient Students Tested

This report shows the number of Students with Disabilities and Limited English Proficient students for the state, district, and school. The number and percent of these students tested are also shown.

Students with Disabilities and Limited English Proficient Students Tested											
	State			District			School				
	No. Students	No. Tested	% Tested	No. Students	No. Tested	% Tested	No. Students	No. Tested	% Tested		
Students with Disabilities	7,700	6,228	80.9%	236	161	68.2%	23	10	43.5%		
Limited English Proficient	3,385	2,440	72.1%	289	174	60.2%	36	13	36.1%		
Section 504 (Not S/Dis)	153	146	95.4%	o	0	0.0%	o	0	0.0%		

In the above example, there are 236 third grade students in the district who were Students with Disabilities. Of this number, 161 or 68.2% were tested.

Comprehension Performance Report for All Students and Students by Demographic Group

This two-sided report, shown on pages 14 and 15, summarizes comprehension scores for all students and by gender, ethnicity, and several other demographic categories. Results are shown for the state, district, and school.

	2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three Comprehension Performance Report for All Students and Students by Demographic Group							
District Name: SAMPLE DISTRICT				District-School Code: 8888-888				
School Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL				Proficiency Levels (Legend)				
				Not Tested Minimal Basic Real Proficient Advanced				
	Number of Students Enrolled	S	e Comp.	Percent of Students in Each Proficiency Level				
ALL STUDENTS	Enrolled	Number	Percent					
State	59,065	53.5	79.8%	4 10 39				
District	1,469	52.0	77.5%	12 11 30				
Students Not In District Full Academic Year	183	47.2	70.5%	23 15 15 15				
Students In District Full Academic Year	1,285	52.6	78.4%	10 11 333				
In a Single School	1,177	53.0	79.1%	10 10 000000000000000000000000000000000				
Not In a Single School	108	47.4	70.8%	19 19 2000 16				
School	88	45.0	67.2%	35 19 36 36 36 38				
Students Not In School Full Academic Year	26	42.8	63.9%	54 15 8888888831				
Students In School Full Academic Year	62	45.6	68.1%	27 21 23 21 11				
GENDER								
Male								
State	30,316	52.9	78.9%	5 10 2000 47 2000 36				
District	763	51.3	76.6%	14 12 28				
School	50	45.9	68.5%	38 20 32 10				
Female								
State	28,705	54.1	80.8%	9 *************************************				
District	705	52.6	78.5%	10 10 000000000000000000000000000000000				
School	38	44.0	65.7%	32 18 42 42				

The first column of numbers on this report shows the total number of all third grade students enrolled, the number of males and females enrolled, the number of students enrolled in each ethnic category, and the number of students enrolled in the other demographic categories.

The column called **Average Comp. Score** shows the average comprehension score (the number and percent of comprehension points).

The last column shows the percent of students whose scores were Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced for the state, district, and school. The three bar charts (one for the state, one for the district, and one for the school) are shaded to show the proportion of students falling into each of the four performance categories (Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced). The numbers printed on the bars are the percentages of students falling into the particular category. Percentages less than 3% are not printed on the bars.

	Number of		e Comp.	Percent of Students in Each Proficiency Level
	Students		ore	
	Enrolled	Number	Percent	10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90
THNICITY American Indian or Alaskan Native				
State	818	50.4	75.3%	5 13 26
		45.4	67.8%	
District	74			8 4 23
School	0	0.0	0.0%	
Asian or Pacific Islander			75 70/	
State	2,099	50.7	75.7%	7 14 26
District	117	48.5	72.4%	22 14 56
School	10	47.3	70.6%	30 20 50 50
Black (Not of Hispanic Origin)				
State	6,686	43.4	64.8%	4 858 27 27 13
District	96	44.3	66.1%	14 868 21 43 43 17
School	18	38.1	56.8%	17 868 33 39 39
lispanic				
State	4,074	48.4	72.3%	20 14 2000 17
District	208	49.8	74.3%	44 9 36 36 12
School	30	51.3	76.5%	73 27
Vhite (Not of Hispanic Origin)				
State	45.346	55.5	82.8%	N 7 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
District	972	53.7	80.2%	4 9 40
School	26	48.0	71.7%	12 27 38 23
Combined Groups (Small Number)		40.0	1	
State	0	0.0	0.0%	
District	ŏ	0.0	0.0%	
School	4	37.5	56.0%	50 \$
DTHER		57.5	50.078	30 poorcoordoord 30 poorcoordoord 30 poorcoordoord 30 poorcoordoord 30 poorcoordoord 30 poorcoord 30 poorcoord
imited English Proficient				
State	3,385	46.0	68.6%	28 17 ***********************************
District	289	48.9	73.0%	
School	36	49.0	73.1%	
English Proficient	30	49.0	13.170	64 6 88888831
State	53,503	53.9	80.5%	9 2000000000000000000000000000000000000
District	1,159	52.6	78.5%	5 N 11 36
School				
Aigrant	51	44.4	66.2%	16 27 27 14
	62	47.8	71.4%	
State				34 13 35 35 15
District	26	48.5	72.3%	35 15 38 38 12
School	3	28.0	41.8%	67 33
Ion-Migrant	50.001	50.5	70.00/	
State	59,001	53.5	79.8%	4 N 10 8000 46 39
District	1,443	52.0	77.6%	12 11 31
School	85	45.3	67.7%	34 19 200000000000000000000000000000000000
Students with Disabilities				
State	7,700	41.9	62.5%	19 7 25 37 37 25 12
District	236	40.1	59.9%	32 4 28 28 28
School	23	35.2	52.5%	57 30 30 13
londisabled				
State	51,364	54.9	82.0%	43
District	1,233	53.6	80.0%	8 8 8 35
School	65	47.1	70.3%	28 15 28 45 11
conomically Disadvantaged				
State	18,786	48.1	71.8%	7 17 21
District	654	48.1	71.8%	23 15 23 16
School	76	44.9	67.0%	23 15 44 16 39 17 37
lot Economically Disadvantaged	1 10	44.5	01.070	
State	40,277	55.9	83.4%	§ 6 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$44\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
District	815	54.4	81.2%	41
School	12	45.6	68.1%	8 33 25
301001	12	40.0	00.1%	8 33 25

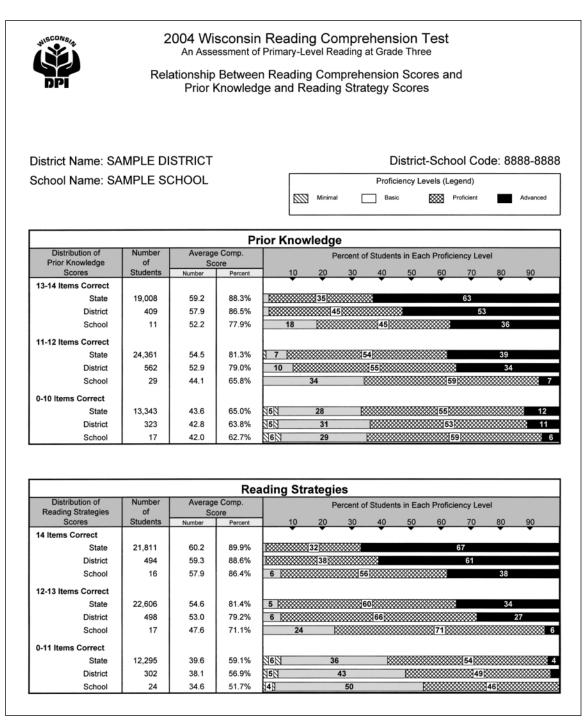
Note: Districts should avoid reporting data for small groups of students in such a way that individual students might be identified.

Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Prior Knowledge and Reading Strategy Scores

The purpose of this report is to show how students' reading comprehension scores relate to students' scores on the prior knowledge and reading strategy questions. The report also allows for a comparison of district and school results with the state results.

For each of the charts below, statewide frequency distributions of students' scores in prior knowledge and reading strategies for all three passages were divided into three categories.

In the example shown, at the state level, 19,008 of the students' prior knowledge scores fell into the top category. These students averaged 88.3% correct on the comprehension items. In contrast, the 13,343 students in the bottom category averaged 65.0% correct on the test.



Note: The two reports described on pages 17 and 18 are printed on the same page in the reports provided by the scoring contractor.

Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Prior Knowledge Scores for Each Part

The purpose of this report is to show how students' responses to the prior knowledge questions for each passage relate to the students' reading comprehension scores.

The prior knowledge scores for each of the two passages in Part 1 and Part 2 on the test are broken into three categories. These categories are based on the number of prior knowledge questions that students throughout the state answered correctly.

For Part 1, the number of students at the state, district, and school levels falling into each of three prior knowledge categories is shown. Students in the top category answered all seven of the prior knowledge items correctly. In the example district shown, 683 students answered all seven items correctly; these students averaged 83.6% correct on the passage. In contrast, the 242 students in the district who answered 0-5 of the prior knowledge questions correctly averaged 62.6% correct.

The figures for Part 2 are interpreted similarly. There were seven prior knowledge items for Part 2.



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District Name: SAMPLE DISTRICT School Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL District-School Code: 8888-8888

Par	rt 1		Part 2				
Distribution of Prior Knowledge	Number of	Average Comp.	Distribution of Prior Knowledge	Number of	Average Comp.		
Scores	Students	Score	Scores	Students	Score		
7 Items Correct			6-7 Items Correct				
State	31,356	86.0%	State	25,980	85.6		
District	683	83.6%	District	589	83.7		
School	28	66.6%	School	20	74.9		
6 Items Correct			5 Items Correct				
State	15,892	77.7%	State	16,814	79.7		
District	369	76.1%	District	368	77.2		
School	16	74.4%	School	18	67.3		
0-5 Items Correct			0-4 Items Correct				
State	9,464	62.9%	State	13,918	69.3		
District	242	62.6%	District	337	67.2		
School	13	59.6%	School	19	59.0		

Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Prior Knowledge Scores for Each Part

Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Reading Strategy Scores for Each Part

The purpose of this report is to show how students' responses to the reading strategy questions relate to the students' reading comprehension scores.

The reading strategy scores for each of the passages in Parts 1 and 2 on the test are broken into three categories. These categories are based on the number of reading strategy questions that students throughout the state answered correctly.

For the first passage in Part 1, the number of students at the state, district, and school levels falling into each of three categories is shown. Students in the top category correctly answered eight of the reading strategy items for Part 1. In the example district shown, 626 students answered eight items correctly; these students' average comprehension score on the passage was 86.2% correct. The 311 students who answered 0-6 items correctly had an average comprehension score on the passage of 60.3% correct.

The figures for Part 2 are interpreted similarly. There were six strategy items for Part 2.

	Reau	ng Strategy S	cores for Each Part			
Pa	rt 1		Par	t 2		
Distribution of Strategy Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score	Distribution of Number Ave Strategy of Co Scores Students Sc			
8 Items Correct			6 Items Correct			
State	27,477	87.7%	State	36,112	87.0	
District	626	86.2%	District	794	85.5	
School	21	82.1%	School	26	81.1	
7 Items Correct			5 Items Correct			
State	15,997	80.1%	State	12,561	74.7	
District	357	77.4%	District	296	71.6	
School	15	70.7%	School	14	66.6	
0-6 Items Correct			0-4 Items Correct			
State	13,238	63.1%	State	8,039	55.8	
District	311	60.3%	District	204	55.3	
School	21	49.9%	School	17	46.4	

Parent/Guardian Report

Districts receive one Parent/Guardian Report for each child who was tested. *Districts are not required by Standard (r) to report each child's results to the parent(s) or guardian(s).* However, districts may wish to do so. For this reason, reports for each child were provided in Shipment #1.

			uperintendent MPREHENSION TEST							
	An Assessment of Th	indry-Lever i tea	ading at brade three							
	Parent/C	Guardiar	n Report							
	District Name: SAMPLE DISTRICT									
	School Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL									
	Dear Parent/Guardian of SAMPLE A. ST	UDENT:								
	This is your copy of the 2004 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test results for your child. This test was developed by the Department of Public Instruction's Office of Educational Accountability and a committee of Wisconsin educators. The test was administered to all third grade students in Wisconsin in the spring of 2004. Students were given two passages to read. The material was typical of what third graders read in school. The passages were followed by sets of questions measuring reading comprehension. Following are the test results for your child: TEST RESULTS									
	Highest Possible Comprehension <u>Score on the Test</u>		Comprehension Score for the Student							
	67		52							
	The State of Wisconsin, Department of Put specialists, has established proficiency leve categories of scores were identified:			reading						
	Proficiency Level	Score Rang								
	Advanced =	oo or more								
	Proficient =		ough 59 points							
	Basic = Minimal =		ough 37 points Igh 18 points							
	On this test, your child's score was in the Proficient level.									
	Your child's reading activities in school and away from school are all important. Encouraging your child to read for fun, reading aloud to your child, and having your child read aloud to you or someone else are practices that have been shown to help children become successful readers. Successful readers should be able to read a variety of fiction and nonfiction materials. Your librarian can help you and your child select appropriate books and magazines. You may also want to talk to your child's teacher about your child's reading progress.									
	For More Information:									
	You can find out more about this test by co district administrator. You may also refer to			lool						

The comprehension score for the student is shown under the heading called Test Results. Also shown is the highest possible score.

A student's score is classified into one of four levels of proficiency: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Minimal. For example, a student must have a comprehension score of 60 or more to score in the Advanced level. The performance of a student who received a score of 38 through 59 is in the Proficient level. A score of 19 through 37 is in the Basic level, and a score of 0-18 is in the Minimal level.

Comprehension Performance Report Summary by District and by School Within District

This report is an alphabetical listing of all Wisconsin school districts and schools within each district showing the numbers and percents of students whose scores were in the Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced proficiency levels. Also shown for each district and school are the number of third grade students enrolled and the number and percent of students not tested. In schools or districts in which the number of third grade students. In schools or district the privacy of those students. In these cases, dashes appear in the data columns.

	by Distric		Schoo	ol Withir	n Distric	ct						
District/ School Code	District/School Name	Number Of Students Enrolled	Stud Not T		Minimal		Student: Basic		s Tested Proficient		Advanced	
			No.	%	No. %		No. %		No. %		No. %	
	STATEWIDE (ALL DISTRICTS/SCHOOLS)	59,065	2,353	4.0%	780	1.3%	5,757	9.7%	27,256	46.1%	22,919	38.89
8110 8110-0100	21st Century Prep Sch 21st Century Prep Sch	51 51	1	2.0% 2.0%	3 3	5.9% 5.9%	9 9	17.6% 17.6%	29 29	56.9% 56.9%	9 9	17.69
0007 0007-0020	Abbotsford Abbotsford El	47 47	1 1	2.1% 2.1%	0	0.0% 0.0%	6 6	12.8% 12.8%	29 29	61.7% 61.7%	11 11	23.49 23.49
8112 8112-0100	Acad of Learning & Leadership Acad of Learning & Leadership	16 16	0 0	0.0% 0.0%	1	6.3% 6.3%	13 13	81.3% 81.3%	2 2	12.5% 12.5%	0 0	0.09
0014 0014-0130 0014-0080 0014-0140 0014-0180 0014-0200	Adams-Friendship Area Adams-Friendship El Castle Rock El Grand Marsh El Pine Land El Roche A Cri El	115 55 23 15 6 16	0 0 0 0 0	0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0%	2 1 0 1 0	1.7% 1.8% 0.0% 16.7% 0.0%	11 7 2 1 1 0	9.6% 12.7% 8.7% 6.7% 16.7% 0.0%	58 33 10 9 2 4	50.4% 60.0% 43.5% 60.0% 33.3% 25.0%	44 14 11 5 2 12	38.39 25.59 47.89 33.39 33.39 75.09
0063 0063-0020	Albany Albany El	29 29	1 1	3.4% 3.4%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2 2	6.9% 6.9%	13 13	44.8% 44.8%	13 13	44.8 44.8
0070 0070-0020	Algoma Algoma El/Mid	29 29	1 1	3.4% 3.4%	0 0	0.0% 0.0%	2 2	6.9% 6.9%	19 19	65.5% 65.5%	77	24.1 9
0084 0084-0020	Alma Alma El	23 23	3 3	13.0% 13.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2 2	8.7% 8.7%	10 10	43.5% 43.5%	8 8	34.8°
0091 0091-0080	Alma Center Lincoln El	51 51	2 2	3.9% 3.9%	0 0	0.0% 0.0%	8 8	15.7% 15.7%	24 24	47.1% 47.1%	17 17	33.39 33.39
0105 0105-0020	Almond-Bancroft Almond El	30 30	3 3	10.0% 10.0%	0 0	0.0% 0.0%	1	3.3% 3.3%	12 12	40.0% 40.0%	14 14	46.7 9
0112 0112-0080	Altoona Pedersen El	116 116	2 2	1.7% 1.7%	4 4	3.4% 3.4%	12 12	10.3% 10.3%	51 51	44.0% 44.0%	47 47	40.5 40.5
0119 0119-0050	Amery Amery Intermediate	137 137	5	3.6% 3.6%	6 6	4.4% 4.4%	777	5.1% 5.1%	55 55	40.1% 40.1%	64 64	46.7 9
0140 0140-0080 0140-0100 0140-0160 0140-0180 0140-0200 0140-0240 0140-0260 0140-0280	Antigo Crestwood EI East EI Mattoon EI North EI Pleasant View EI River Grove EI Spring Valley EI West EI	169 23 17 13 31 18 14 19 34	4 0 1 0 0 0 3	2.4% 0.0% 7.7% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 8.8%	1 0 0 0 0 0 1	0.6% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 2.9%	17 2 1 3 1 2 2 6	10.1% 8.7% 5.9% 9.7% 5.6% 14.3% 10.5% 17.6%	97 12 10 8 17 11 9 10 20	57.4% 52.2% 58.8% 61.5% 54.8% 61.1% 64.3% 52.6% 58.8%	50 9 4 11 6 3 7 4	29.6% 39.1% 35.3% 30.8% 35.5% 33.3% 21.4% 36.8% 11.8%

Item Analysis

This report shows district-level numbers and percents of students selecting each answer choice for each test question. Note that the sample questions (1, 2, 10, 11, and 12) are not included. Questions 38, 80, and 94 were short-answer questions. For these questions, the number and percent of students receiving a score of "0" are indicated in column "A", column "B" shows the number and percent of students receiving a score of "1", column "C" shows the number and percent of students receiving a score of "2", and column "D" shows the number and percent of students receive an additional report showing the state-level item analysis.

D	PI	Dis	trict N	lame: \$	SAMP	LE DI	STRIC	т			Item	Analy	/sis					Dis	trict-S	School	Code:	8888-	000
Response Item		A	A B		3	С		D		Other †		Response		A		В		С		D		Other †	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Item	n	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Prior Knowledge	3456789	1,248 66 28 5 128 116 1,128	96.4%* 5.1% 2.2% 0.4% 9.9% 9.0% 87.2%*	33 50 1,247 13 1,076 922 78	2.6% 3.9% 96.4%* 1.0% 83.2%* 71.3%* 6.0%	12 1,177 18 1,275 89 255 86	0.9% 91.0%* 1.4% 98.5%* 6.9% 19.7% 6.6%			1 1 1 1 1 2	0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2%		54 55 56 57 58 59 60	96 40 31 1,161	3.4% 91.1%* 7.4% 3.1% 2.4% 89.7%* 13.8%	883 36 76 46 1,086 37 22 71	68.2%* 2.8% 5.9% 3.6% 83.9%* 2.9% 1.7%	289 14 1,046 46 37 42 1,015	22.3% 1.1% 80.8%* 3.6% 2.9% 3.2% 78.4%*	78 64 73 1,161 138 51 79	6.0% 4.9% 5.6% 89.7%* 10.7% 3.9% 6.1%	0 1 3 1 2 3 0	0.05 0.15 0.25 0.15 0.25 0.25 0.25
Comprenension	13 14 15 16 17 18 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	108 26 44 132 35 834 1,037 47 72 1,082 44 84 113 197 30 114 83 99 1,122 31	8.3% 2.0% 3.4% 10.2% 2.7% 64.5% 80.1% 5.6% 83.6% 8.3.6% 15.2% 2.3% 8.8% 8.8% 14.1% 3.8% 88.7%	28 13 1,075 79 64 71 76 6 1,070 56 1,070 56 915 105 26 6 1,126 43 916 57 42 84	2.2% 1.0% 83.1%* 6.1% 4.9% 5.5% 5.5% 5.9% 82.7% 4.3% 3.2% 70.7% 81.1% 2.0% 87.0% 87.0% 87.0% 87.0% 4.4% 3.3%	72 1,242 45 973 46 139 123 79 916 53 98 52 62 927 41 1,109 87 239 87 239	5.6% 96.0% 3.5% 75.2% 3.8% 10.7% 9.5% 6.1% 70.8% 4.1% 70.8% 4.1% 70.8% 4.1% 71.6% 5.7% 6.7% 18.5% 3.5% 81.1%	1,085 13 130 109 1,148 246 58 96 250 108 1,057 238 1,010 136 85 24 4 90 934 79 125	83.8%* 1.0% 10.0% 8.4% 88.7%* 19.0% 4.5% 7.4% 81.7%* 19.3% 8.3% 81.7%* 10.5% 6.6% 7.0% 7.2%* 6.1% 9.7%	1 0 1 1 4 0 2 0 0 10 3 5 4 8 12 4 8 12 4 18 15 5 5	0.1% 0.0% 0.0% 0.1% 0.3% 0.0% 0.2% 0.0% 0.8% 0.2% 0.4% 0.3% 0.6% 0.3% 0.3% 0.3% 0.5% 0.5% 0.4%	Comprehension	61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 ‡	31 57 63 1,220 174 873 98 229 731 1,059 155 86 80 0 69 1,061 271 122 47 141	2.4% 4.9% 94.3%* 13.4% 67.5%* 7.6% 81.8%* 12.0% 6.8% 6.8% 6.8% 6.2% 20.9% 9.4% 3.8% 10.9%	71 18 56 21 76 134 694 719 307 107 76 846 0 102 580 100 580 113 149 85	5.5% 1.4% 4.3% 5.9% 10.4% 53.6% 53.6% 53.6% 53.6% 5.9% 13.1% 85.4% 0.0% 7.9% 7.7% 44.8% 8.7% 11.5% 6.6%	1,162 1,069 22 23 92 194 114 64 172 80 969 59 59 191 0 88 59 234 44 925 572	89.8%* 82.6%* 1.7% 1.8% 7.1% 15.0% 8.8% 4.9% 13.3% 6.2% 74.9%* 4.6% 14.8% 0.0%* 6.8% 4.6% 18.1% 3.4% 71.5%*	28 142 1,151 26 946 85 382 271 79 44 89 976 171 0 1,032 68 194 1,011 168 496	2.2% 11.0% 88.9% 2.0% 73.1%* 6.6% 29.5% 20.9% 8.1% 3.4% 6.9% 75.4%* 13.2% 0.0% 79.8%* 5.3% 15.0% 15.0% 38.3%	2 8 2 4 6 8 6 1 5 4 5 4 6 0 3 6 5 4 5 0 3 6 5 5 0	0.29 0.69 0.29 0.59 0.69 0.59 0.49 0.39 0.49 0.39 0.49 0.39 0.59 0.29 0.59 0.29 0.59 0.29 0.59 0.29 0.59 0.29 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.29 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.49 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.49 0.49 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.59 0.49 0.59 0.59 0.59 0.59 0.59 0.59 0.59 0.5
	33 34 35 36 37 38‡	89 49 82 649 82 85	6.9% 3.8% 6.3% 50.2%* 6.3% 6.6%	50 1,182 106 38 1,119 155	3.9% 91.3%* 8.2% 2.9% 86.5%* 12.0%	52 18 804 181 38 387	4.0% 1.4% 62.1%* 14.0% 2.9% 29.9%	1,097 43 294 422 49 667	84.8%* 3.3% 22.7% 32.6% 3.8% 51.5%	6 2 8 4 6 0	0.5% 0.2% 0.6% 0.3% 0.5% 0.0%	Reading Strategy	81 82 83 84 85 86	1,195 62 939 20 73 32	92.3%* 4.8% 72.6%* 1.5% 5.6% 2.5%	52 15 52 1,253 1,100 11	4.0% 1.2% 4.0% 96.8%* 85.0%* 0.9%	47 1,217 303 20 119 1,249	3.6% 94.0%* 23.4% 1.5% 9.2% 96.5%*		•	0 0 1 2 2	0.09 0.09 0.19 0.29 0.29
Strategy	39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46	1,200 30 77 35 98 1,256 142 103	92.7%* 2.3% 6.0% 2.7% 7.6% 97.1%* 11.0% 8.0%	52 37 1,161 123 110 18 1,054 1,036	4.0% 2.9% 89.7%* 9.5% 8.5% 1.4% 81.5%* 80.1%*	39 1,224 54 1,134 1,083 17 95 152	3.0% 94.6%* 4.2% 87.6%* 83.7%* 1.3% 7.3% 11.7%	-		3 3 2 2 3 3 3 3 3	0.2% 0.2% 0.2% 0.2% 0.2% 0.2% 0.2% 0.2%	comprehension	87 88 90 91 92 93 94‡	80 94 977 1,183 141 62 33 34	6.2% 7.3% 75.5%* 91.4%* 10.9% 4.8% 2.6% 2.6%	65 1,129 88 22 50 987 9 68	29 87.2%* 88 6.8% 22 1.7% 50 3.9% 87 76.3%* 9 0.7%	* 44 62 30 1,069 * 140 20	72.6%* 3.4% 4.8% 2.3% 82.6%* 10.8% 1.5% 48.1%	208 25 164 54 31 100 1,229 569	16.1% 1.9% 12.7% 4.2% 2.4% 7.7% 95.0%* 44.0%	2 2 3 5 3 5 3 0	0.25 0.25 0.25 0.45 0.25 0.45 0.25 0.25 0.05
Prior Knowledge	47 48 49 50 51 52 53	378 1,133 9 597 26 167 512	29.2% 87.6%* 0.7% 46.1%* 2.0% 12.9% 39.6%	32 20 1,249 134 33 974 85	2.5% 1.5% 96.5%* 10.4% 2.6% 75.3%* 6.6%	884 141 36 560 1,235 153 697	68.3%* 10.9% 2.8% 43.3% 95.4%* 11.8% 53.9%*	-		003000	0.0% 0.0% 0.2% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0%												