Engaging with Text

2/10 adults in the U.S. are unlikely to find the name of a particular Congressperson within a summary information sheet that lists: the Congressional district, name of the district’s representative, the year and place of their birth. A recent international survey puts the United States behind 14 of 22 other countries in similar literacy tasks.

Working with Numbers

3/10 adults in the U.S. are unlikely to be able to calculate the total cost of a daily car rental when provided with: miles driven that day, cost per day, and the cost per mile driven. In a recent international survey, more U.S. adults performed at the bottom two levels of numeric competency than 18 of 22 other participating countries, including Canada, England, Germany, and Japan.

Problem Solving in Digital Environments

3/10 adults in the U.S. are likely to have difficulty sorting through emails and organizing them in folders provided for them. In a recent international survey, the United States scored at the bottom of rankings in problem solving in digital environments, behind 17 of 18 other countries, including Austria, Norway, and the Czech Republic.