

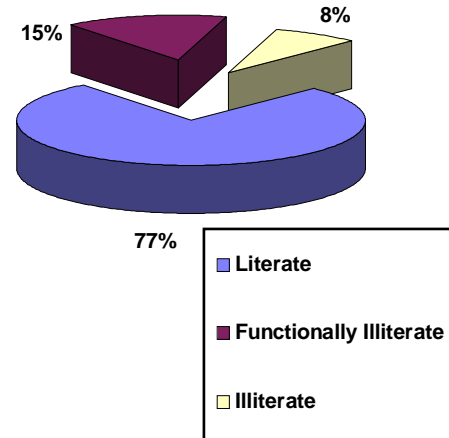
LITERACY IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ALTA NATIONAL LITERACY SURVEY 1994

- 8% of people over 15 years could not read three of these five words:

TO AT LOVE BET SUN

About **62,000 adults** in Trinidad & Tobago are not literate. This is more than the population of the city of Port of Spain.

- 15% of people over 15 years could only read a little. There are **118,000 adults** who cannot read well enough to read labels and fill out forms. They were able to answer only one of the 3 questions below.



1. Mark an 'X' in the box beside the answer which best completes the statement.

To report a crime, you go to the _____

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| 1. Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. School | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Police | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Mark an 'X' in the box beside the name of the third month of the year.

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| 1. June | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. April | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. May | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. March | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. July | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. What is your main reason for living here? Write your reason below in a full sentence.

UWI NATIONAL LITERACY SURVEY 1995

Literate Level 3 - High	45.2%	Can read and write well enough to handle a wide cross section of everyday tasks, including reading the newspapers and medicine labels.
Literate Level 2 - Intermediate	32.7%	Can cope with some everyday reading and writing but not all, e.g. cannot read and understand some parts of the newspapers and simple directions on a medicine label.
Literate Level 1 - Low (Functionally Illiterate)	8.7%	Can read and write but so little that it hinders their everyday activities.
Illiterate	12.6%	Unable to read and write.

SUMMARY: Both surveys agree that 22-23%, or 1 out of 4 persons in Trinidad and Tobago are unable to cope with everyday reading and writing.