Nearly Three Out of Four 4th Graders in Arizona CANNOT Read Proficiently

The fact is that the low-income fourth graders who cannot meet NAEP’s proficient level in reading today are all too likely to become our nation’s lowest-income, least skilled, least-productive, and most costly citizens tomorrow.

Source: Casey Foundation’s Early Warning: Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters, 2010
75% of students who are poor readers in third grade will remain poor readers in high school.


Children Ages 3 and 4 NOT Enrolled in Preschool

67% in Arizona

54% in United States

Arizona Ranks Second to Last in this Category

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey 3 Year Estimates, Table C14003