

**“LITERACY BY THE NUMBERS”
THE GOVERNOR’S THIRD LITERACY SUMMIT**

**P-16 Council
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Report

The Governor’s Third Annual Literacy Summit was held June 17 at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville. The summit was sponsored by the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet, the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, the Kentucky Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, and the Kentucky Center for Family Literacy, under the auspices of the Literacy Partnership. It was co-chaired by Dianne M. Bazell (CPE) and Brenda Hauser (KDE).

This year’s theme was “Literacy by the Numbers” and the summit featured Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville. He presented an array of census, student performance, college enrollment, and other data highlighting Kentucky’s education and workforce needs. The data was organized by regions served by local P-16 councils. The local councils will work to implement strategies to address the needs identified in the data for their regions. Over 270 community leaders, educators, and literacy advocates participated in this day-long working session to take a regionally focused look at literacy attainment and its implications for Kentucky.