**Literacy**

**By Disability Status**

**Article 24 – CRPD**

**Persons with disabilities can access quality education, on equal basis with others in the communities**

**Rates**

**Literacy Rates (Age 5+)**

- **Reading**
  - PWD: 69%
  - PWOD: 38%

- **Writing**
  - PWD: 66%
  - PWOD: 35%

**Literacy Rates is lower among persons with disabilities (PWD)**

**Age**

People age 18+ have a high literacy rate for both groups. However, almost all are literate among People without disabilities (PWOD) while only half the total of PWD are.

**Area**

**Rural**
- PWD: 68%
- PWOD: 37%
- Reading: 65%
- Writing: 33%

**Urban**
- PWD: 72%
- PWOD: 47%
- Reading: 72%
- Writing: 45%

**Literacy rate is low for PWD regardless of where they reside**

**Sex**

**Women with disabilities are more disadvantaged having the lowest literacy rates**

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics, Disability Monograph, 2018