READING RECOVERY
BY THE NUMBERS

MORE THAN 30 YEARS
OF DOCUMENTED SUCCESS
WITH MORE THAN
2.3 MILLION STUDENTS

Annual evaluation results for the U.S. are consistent for more than 30 years of service and include more than 2.3 million students. No other reading intervention has such an extensive database and such strong accountability.

Since the first U.S. implementation in 1984, about 70% of students who completed the full 12- to 20-week series of lessons met grade-level expectations in reading and writing.

CATCHING UP: Anastasia, a sixth grader in the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District in Massachusetts, is an enthusiastic reader. In first grade, however, she struggled to control one-to-one match and confused the concepts of letters vs. words. Fortunately, a Reading Recovery-trained teacher tutored Anastasia individually for about 18 weeks of daily 30-minute lessons. By the end of first grade, she was reading and comprehending above grade level.

PROVEN RESULTS

Across the nation thousands of former Reading Recovery students are now successful readers and writers, just like Anastasia. While all were initially considered the lowest-performing students in the class, their learning accelerated upon working individually with Reading Recovery-trained teachers. Reading Recovery is a short-term intervention that provides one-to-one daily 30-minute lessons for 12 to 20 weeks.

This evidence-based early intervention requires data collection for each and every child who has lessons. In the United States, evaluation is conducted by the International Data Evaluation Center (IDEC) located at The Ohio State University. National results are reported annually by IDEC and posted on its website. Because accountability is a key part of Reading Recovery, administrators receive annual reports at the teacher, school, and district levels.

Data in this report compiled by the International Data Evaluation Center. https://www.idecweb.us
FACTS AND FIGURES

READING RECOVERY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Reading Recovery-trained teachers achieve unparalleled results because they take part in a three-level literacy network that includes universities, teacher training sites, and schools. In 2017-2018, faculty from 16 universities oversaw teacher training sites in local schools and districts.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

16 University Training Centers
964 School Districts
2,975 Schools
266 Teacher leaders
4,526 Teachers
42 States

READING RECOVERY-TRAINED TEACHERS PROVIDE WHOLE SCHOOL BENEFITS

For struggling students, knowledgeable teachers are the best investment. Teachers trained in Reading Recovery offer benefits beyond first-grade spending part of their day working with Reading Recovery students and the remainder in other roles including:

- Title I or Small-Group Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Shared Classroom Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher
- Staff Developer/Literacy Coach
- Administrator

In 2017-2018, Reading Recovery-trained teachers served an average of 8 students in Reading Recovery and about 40 students in their other assigned roles for a total reach of over 182,000 students.

ANNUAL RESULTS

READING RECOVERY AND DESCUBRIENDO LA LECTURA U.S. STUDENT RESULTS 2017–2018

CHILDREN TAUGHT: 36,049

CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED INTERVENTION: 27,159

CHILDREN WHO SUCCESSFULLY DISCONTINUED LESSONS: 19,045

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STUDENTS SERVED IN OTHER ROLES: 182,621

Learn how Reading Recovery can provide lasting results at ReadingRecoveryWorks.org