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This inaugural edition of the OECD Skills Outlook is devoted to reporting the results of the first round of the Survey of Adult Skills, a product of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC). The survey provides a rich source of data on adults' proficiency in literacy, numeracy and problem solving in technology-rich environments – the key information-processing skills that are invaluable in 21st-century economies – and in various “generic” skills, such as co-operation, communication, and organising one's time. One core message emerging from the Survey is that what people know and what they do with what they know has a major impact on their life chances.

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