

# 2014 Early Childhood Profile

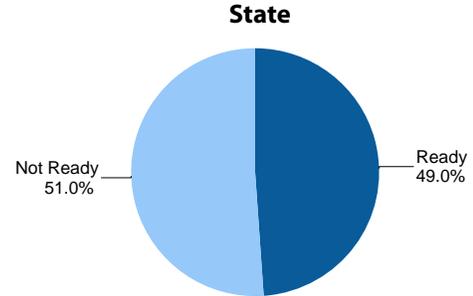
Kentucky

The Early Childhood Profile is produced by the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) for the Governor's Office of Early Childhood (GOEC) and the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) utilizing data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS).



## Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten readiness means that each child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child's success. The kindergarten screener measures readiness in five important domains. The composite readiness score reflected here is comprised of the cognitive/general knowledge, language and communication and physical well-being domains.



## Results by Composite Domain

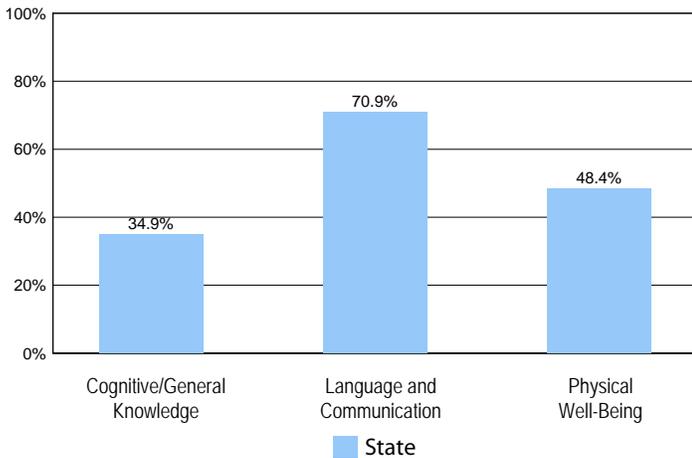


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## Results by Social-Emotional and Self-Help Domains

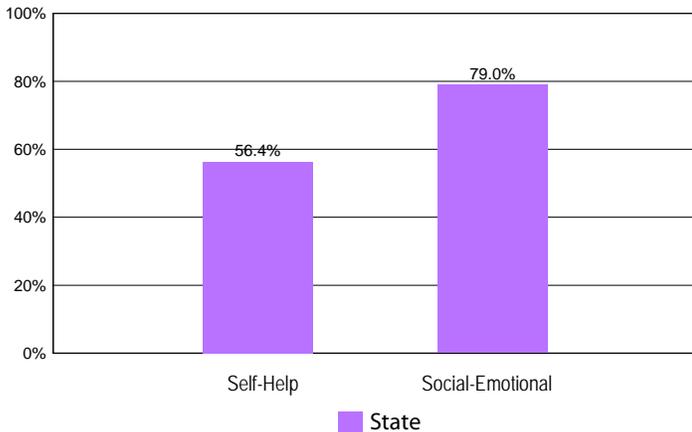


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## Early Care and Education Programs

	State
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>55,877</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>22,492</b>
At-risk 4-year-olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level	11,156
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	9,661
3- and 4-year-olds over income or other	1,675
<b>Head Start enrollment</b>	<b>14,659</b>
3- and 4-year-olds income eligible (at-risk 4s at 150% FPL)	12,726
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	1,719
Other (4s over 150% FPL without disabilities)	214
<b>Total child care capacity</b>	<b>176,688</b>
<b>Children receiving child care assistance (CCAP program)</b>	<b>23,761</b>
CCAP at Licensed Centers	21,831
CCAP at Licensed Homes	275
CCAP at Certified Homes	1,084
CCAP at Registered Providers	571

## Third Grade Assessment Results

Below are the percentages of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or distinguished in the 2012-13 school year. They were kindergartners in the 2009-10 school year.

	State
Math	43.6%
Reading	47.7%

### Family, Health and Services

Select Indicators	State #	State %
Number of children 0-2 years old	167,062	3.8%
Number of children 3-4 years old	112,473	2.6%
Children living below 100% poverty	98,678	29.9%
Children living below 150% poverty	139,137	42.2%
Children living below 200% poverty	175,228	53.1%
Children with substantiated child abuse/neglect	16,553	1.6%
Households with non-English language in home	94,597	5.6%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates**	9,626	18.0%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old**	5,997	43^
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)**	4,845	9.0%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)**	6,263	11.0%

^ Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

\*\*Previous reports used a three-year total. These totals are for one year.

### Workforce Quality

Since 2001, early childhood educators have had access to college and non-college scholarships to improve knowledge and skills.

	State Number	State Amount
College Scholarships Awarded	1,025	\$ 849,560
Non-College Scholarships Awarded	757	\$ 148,838

Find an Early Childhood Professional Development Counselor in your county here: <http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/info/ECPD/scholar/pdc.aspx>

### State and Local Contact

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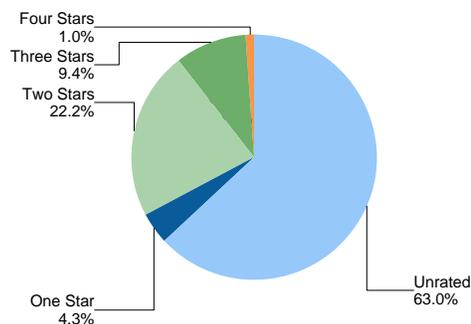
Visit the Governor's Office of Early Childhood online at <http://kidsnow.ky.gov> or call 502-782-0200 for more information.

### Support Services

	State
Children receiving Medicaid insurance	412,249
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	70,867
Families served by the First Steps program	4,480
Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program	10,113

### STAR Ratings for Child Care

Early child care facilities can voluntarily participate in the STARS for KIDS NOW rating. A higher quality rating means better child-to-caregiver ratios, program curriculum, child care staff training, program regulatory compliance, and personnel policies.



Rating	Child Care Centers		Child Care Capacity	
	Licensed	Certified	Licensed	Certified
STARS	877	82	80,140	492
Not STARS	1,215	364	93,886	2,178

The following charts show the percentage of STAR-rated and unrated program centers and the percent of total capacity in STAR-rated and unrated program centers.

