

2016 Early Childhood Profiles

Technical Notes

General Guideline:

The technical notes are presented in the same order as the fields appear in the profile report. Values that are not available or are suppressed to preserve individual privacy are represented by an asterisk (*).

Kindergarten Readiness (Bar Chart): The percent of students screened during the 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 school years who were ready or ready with enrichments for kindergarten based on the BRIGANCE K Screen. Students are counted in their county of enrollment, which may not be the same county in which they were tested.

Source: Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS), Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS).

Results by Composite Domain (Bar Chart): The percent of students screened during the 2015-16 school year who scored “average” or “above average” on the BRIGANCE K Screen for Academic/Cognitive, Language Development, and Physical Development domains. Students are counted in their county of enrollment, which may not be the same county in which they were tested.

Source: Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS), Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS).

Results by Social-Emotional and Self-Help Domains (Bar Chart): The percent of students screened during the 2015-16 school year who scored “average” or “above average” on the BRIGANCE K Screen for Social-Emotional and Self-Help domains. Students are counted in their county of enrollment, which may not be the same county in which they were tested.

Source: Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS), Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS).

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Kindergarten: The number of students enrolled in a public kindergarten during the 2014-15 school year.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Superintendent’s Annual Attendance Report (SAAR).

Preschool: The average total enrollment of 3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities, at-risk 4-year-olds, and other preschool enrollments as of December 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015. Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

At-risk 4-year-olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL): The average number of 4-year-olds who met income eligibility for and were enrolled in the Kentucky Preschool Program as of December 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities: The average number of 3- and 4-year-olds with a developmental delay or disability that were enrolled in the Kentucky Preschool Program as of December 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

3- and 4-year-olds over income or other: Other preschool aged children may be served by the district as long as space is available. This number represents the average enrollment for preschool age children who did not qualify for the two categories above on December 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015. While efforts were made to review the data for accuracy, over income and other data is intended for informational purposes only. Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

Head Start enrollment: The total enrollment of participating 3- and 4-year-olds whose family income meets federal guidelines for poverty or who have a qualifying disability.

Source: Governor’s Office of Early Childhood –December 1, 2014.

3- and 4-year-olds income eligible (at-risk 4s at 150% FPL): The number of 3- and 4-year-olds who meet income eligibility that were enrolled in Head Start as of December 1, 2014. Source: Head Start State Collaboration Office.

3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities: The number of 3- and 4-year-olds with a developmental disability that were enrolled in Head Start as of December 1, 2014. Source: Head Start State Collaboration Office.

Other (4s over 150% FPL without disabilities): The number of 4-year-olds who do not meet income eligibility without a developmental disability that were enrolled in Head Start as of December 1, 2014. Source: Head Start State Collaboration Office.

Total child care capacity: This is the total child care capacity for all licensed and certified programs providing child care assistance through the CCAP program. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Division of Child Care.

Children receiving child care assistance (CCAP program): As of January 8, 2016, 23,969 children were receiving care through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) administered by the Kentucky Division of Child Care. This program provides assistance to families who are low income, are involved with child protective or preventive services, or are involved in other governmental programs. The program allows low income working families to continue employment while having quality child care for their children. It is also benefits children of low income working families by having them placed in quality rated providers.

Eligibility for this program includes each adult family member working a minimum of twenty hours a week, being a resident of Kentucky, and children being less than 13 years of age unless they have special needs and are 18 or under. Families must also meet the income requirements for low income. Starting July 1, 2015 the income limit increased to less than or equal to 150 percent of the 2011 federal poverty level at the initial application.

Starting August 15, 2015 all children receiving CCAP are cared for by quality rated child care providers. This allows low income children access to quality care. The CCAP program also promotes parental responsibility by assessing a co-pay from families who make \$900 or more per month.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Division of Child Care.

CCAP at Licensed Centers: The number of children whose families were being served by a licensed center as of January 8, 2016.

CCAP at Licensed Homes: The number of children whose families were being served by a licensed home as of January 8, 2016.

CCAP at Certified Homes: The number of children whose families were being served by a certified home as of January 8, 2016.

CCAP at Registered Providers: The number of children whose families were being served by a registered provider as of January 8, 2016.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Division of Child Care.

THIRD GRADE ASSESSMENT RESULTS: K-PREP tests are blended norm-referenced and criterion-referenced measures that provide national percentiles and student performance levels of novice, apprentice, proficient and distinguished. The percentages presented are of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or distinguished in math and reading, respectively, during the 2014-15 school year. These students were kindergartners during the 2011-12 school year.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), School Report Card.

FAMILY, HEALTH AND SERVICES

Number of children 0-2 years old: The number of children ages 0 to 2 years old, as calculated by summing the number of children age 0, age 1 and age 2. Percentage indicates the percentage of the total population comprised of children 0-2 years old.

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, Population by Single Year of Age and Gender, July 1, 2014 Estimates.

<http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/data-downloads/estimates/>

Number of children 3-4 years old: The number of children ages 3 to 4 years old, as calculated by summing the number of children age 3 and age 4. Percentage indicates the percentage of the total population comprised of children 3-4 years old.

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, Population by Single Year of Age and Gender, July 1, 2014 Estimates.

<http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/data-downloads/estimates/>

Children living below 100% poverty: The number and percent of children under 6 years old who are living below 100% of the federal poverty level. Source: United States Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates.

http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_14_5YR_B17024&prodType=table

Children living below 150% poverty: The number and percent of children under 6 years old who are living below 150% of the federal poverty level. Source: United States Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates.

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Children living below 200% poverty: The number and percent of children under 6 years old who are living below 200% of the federal poverty level. Source: United States Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates.

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Children 0-17 years old with substantiated child abuse/neglect: The number and percent of children determined by the Department of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect in 2014. The percent of children with substantiated child abuse/neglect is calculated by dividing the number of children with substantiated child abuse/neglect by the total number of children ages 0 to 17. Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services; Kentucky State Data Center, Population by Single Year of Age and Gender, July 1, 2014 Estimates. <http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/data-downloads/estimates/>

Children 0-17 years old being raised by grandparents: The number and percent of grandchildren ages 0 to 17 living with a grandparent householder. The percent of grandchildren ages 0 to 17 living with a grandparent householder is calculated by dividing the number of grandchildren ages 0 to 17 living with a grandparent by the total number of children ages 0 to 17 in households. Source: United States Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates. http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_14_5YR_B10002&prodType=table
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Households with a non-English language in home: The number and percent of households in which English is not the primary language. The percent is calculated by dividing the number of non-English speaking households by the total number of households. Source: United States Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates. http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_14_5YR_B16002&prodType=table

Births to mothers who are not high school graduates: One year average of total live births calculated from previous three years by dividing the 2011-2013 (aggregate) number of births to women with less than a high school diploma or GED by three. Rates refer to 2011-2013 (aggregate) data. Data are reported by mother's county of residence. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Vital Statistics Branch, processed by the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville for Kentucky Youth Advocates.

Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old: One year average of total births to teens ages 15-19 calculated from previous three years by dividing the 2011-2013 (aggregate) number of births to teenage girls 15-19 years old by three. Rates refer to the rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 during 2011-2013 (aggregate). Data are reported by mother's county of residence, not infant's county of birth. Rates were not calculated for counties with fewer than six occurrences. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Vital Statistics Branch, processed by the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville for Kentucky Youth Advocates.

Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds): One year average of infants born weighing less than 5 pounds, 8 ounces calculated from previous three years by dividing the 2011-2013 (aggregate) number of low birth weight babies by three. Rates refer to 2011-2013 (aggregate) data. Data are reported by mother's county of residence, not infant's county of birth. Rates were not calculated for counties with fewer than six occurrences. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Vital Statistics Branch, processed by the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville for Kentucky Youth Advocates.

Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy): One year average of the number of births before 37 weeks of pregnancy calculated from previous three years by dividing the 2011-2013 (aggregate) number of preterm births by three. Rates refer to 2011-2013 (aggregate) data. Data are reported by mother's county of residence, not infant's county of birth. Rates were not calculated for counties with fewer than six occurrences. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Vital Statistics Branch, processed by the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville for Kentucky Youth Advocates.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Children receiving Medicaid insurance: Individuals or families with dependent children may be eligible for Medicaid if they meet the following requirements: pregnant women and newborns up to 185% of the federal poverty level; families with a dependent child younger than 19 up to 138% of the federal poverty level. The income and resources of the family members who may receive Medicaid coverage must be within Medicaid program guidelines. The income limits are based on family size. The family's income, after deductions, cannot be more than the income limits found here: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/apply.htm>. Children receiving Medicaid insurance represent the average monthly number of children enrolled in the Kentucky Medicaid program during fiscal year 2014-15. NOTE: These counts reflect the Medicaid expansion that now covers people up to 138% of the federal poverty level. Children who were enrolled in KCHIP for the first half of fiscal year 2013-14 may have transitioned into Medicaid for the second half of the fiscal year. These children are included only in Medicaid counts. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services.

Children receiving KCHIP health insurance: The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free or low-cost health insurance for children. KCHIP is for children younger than 19 who do not have health insurance and whose family income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Children receiving KCHIP health insurance represent the average monthly number of children enrolled in the Kentucky KCHIP program during fiscal year 2014-15. NOTE: Due to the Medicaid expansion in fiscal year 2013-14, some children were enrolled in KCHIP during the first half of the fiscal year, but transitioned to Medicaid during the second half of the fiscal year. These children are included only in Medicaid counts, resulting in a KCHIP enrollment count that is substantially lower than counts published in the 2014 Early Childhood Profiles. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services.

Families served by the First Steps program: First Steps is a statewide early intervention system that provides services to children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 3 and their families. First Steps is Kentucky's response to the federal Infant-Toddler Program. Families served by the First Steps program represent the number of families served in fiscal year 2014-15. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health.

Number of families served by the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) home visitation program: The number of families served by the HANDS program during fiscal year 2014-15. Totals include families served by the Every Child Succeeds (ECS) program. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health.

STATE AND LOCAL CONTACT: Contact information for each county's Community Early Childhood Council (CECC). Source: Governor's Office of Early Childhood.

STAR Ratings for Child Care (Pie Chart): The STARS for KIDS NOW program is Kentucky's voluntary quality rating improvement system for Licensed Type I (centers serving 13 or more children), Licensed Type II (home-based centers serving 12 children or fewer), and Certified Family Care Homes (homes serving up to six unrelated children). Programs are rated using a one-STAR to four-STAR level system. A higher quality rating means better child-to-caregiver ratios, program curriculum, child care staff training, program regulatory compliance, and personnel policies. The pie chart shows the percent of STAR-rated licensed facilities and certified child care homes by rating (as of January 8, 2016). Totals do not include certified out-of-state, licensed out-of-state, or licensed military providers. Source: Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Active Licensed Provider Directory and Active Certified Provider Directory. These directories are from the Kentucky Integrated Child Care Systems (KICCS) available online at <https://prd.chfs.ky.gov/KICCSPublic/ProviderSearchPublic.aspx>.

Rated/Unrated Child Care Centers and Child Care Capacity (Table): The number of program centers and total child care capacity in licensed STAR-rated, certified STAR-rated, licensed unrated, and certified unrated program centers in each county (as of January 8, 2016). Totals do not include certified out-of-state, licensed out-of-state, or licensed military providers. Source: Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Child Care.

EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE

Kids Now Scholarships

College scholarships awarded: The number and average amount of KIDS NOW Scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2014-15. These scholarships provide financial assistance, to the extent of available funds, in the form of non-repayable tuition scholarships for Kentucky students who are currently employed in an early childhood program and are pursuing a Commonwealth Child Care Credential, Child Development Associate, Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education or related program, or Director's Credential. Source: Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

Non-college scholarships awarded: The number and average amount of KIDS NOW non-college scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2014-15 to early care and education workers who are currently employed in an early childhood program for professional training. These scholarships are unduplicated paid invoices for non-college training. Source: Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Child Care.

High School Credentials

Early Care and Education Orientation Certificate: The number of Early Care and Education Orientation Certificates earned in fiscal year 2014-15 by high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences programs. These certificates are required for new child care providers in Kentucky and represent cost- and time-savings measures for licensed child care programs. Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education.

Commonwealth Child Care Credential: The number of Commonwealth Child Care Credentials earned in fiscal year 2014-15 by high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences programs. These Kentucky-specific credentials articulate to three college credit hours at KCTCS and represent at least one-half of Child Development Associate content. Students earn a Certificate of Eligibility for the Commonwealth Child Care

Credential signifying that the recipient has met all the competencies required by regulation except they have not reached the age of 18 and/or are not employed in a licensed child care center or certified home.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education.

Child Development Associate: The number of Child Development Associates earned in fiscal year 2014-15 by high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences programs. These internationally-recognized credentials articulate to nine college credit hours at KCTCS and other colleges, represent the benchmark for NIEER for preschool assistants, and are recognized by Head Start and Corporate Child Care

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education.