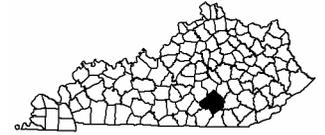


2013 Early Childhood Profile

The Early Childhood Profile is produced by the Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood in partnership with the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS).



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.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT KINDERGARTEN READINESS DATA

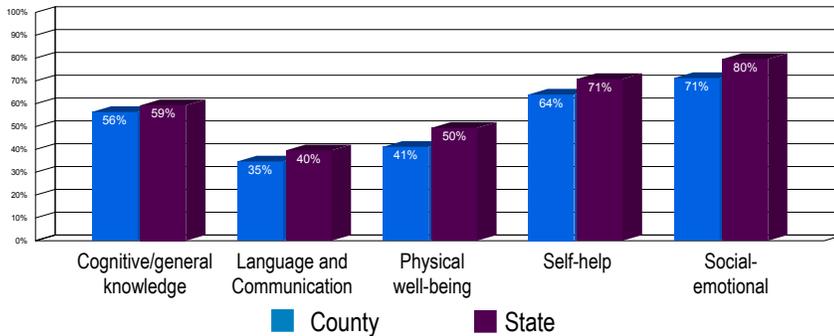
Academic year 2012-2013 was a pilot year for kindergarten readiness screening. Not all districts and not all schools participated in screening incoming kindergarten students.

Schools in the county that participated in the screening	9
Kindergarteners in the county that were screened	722
Kindergarteners in the state that were screened	31,480

- Fields in this section and in the graph below may be blank if schools did not participate in readiness screenings or if the number of Kindergarteners who were screened are fewer than 10.
- Readiness screening of incoming kindergarteners will become mandatory for all schools next year. Since it was not mandatory this year, comparisons between the two years will not yield valid results.
- Future profiles will include data about the "prior settings" of incoming kindergarteners. Prior settings means where the student was prior to kindergarten; State-funded preschool, Head Start, Home, Child care, other.

2012 PILOT Screening Results by Domain

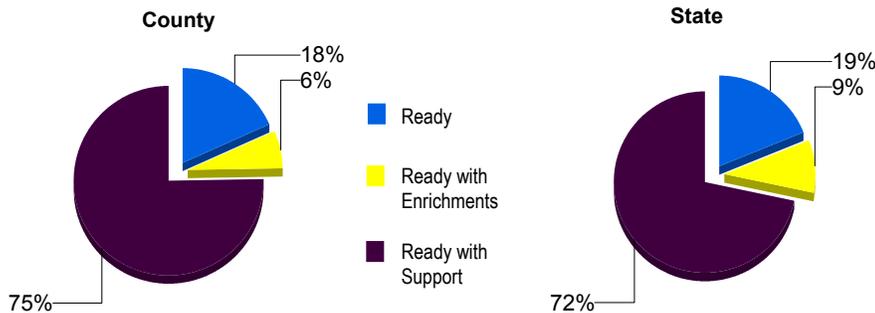
(chart shows percentage of students scoring "average" or "above average")



* For a detailed explanation, see the technical notes at <http://kcews.ky.gov/reports/earlychildhoodprofiles/>

Percentage of Children Ready for Kindergarten

(Based on Brigance Composite Score)



The sum of Ready plus Ready with Enrichments are the Percent School Ready.

The total score is a cumulative score that represents a child's performance on the basic screen.

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Highlights

Number of children 0-2 years old	2,201
Number of children 3-4 years old	1,542
Percent of children below 100% poverty	37.0%
<i>Below 150% poverty</i>	52.8%
<i>Below 200% poverty</i>	62.2%
Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program	161
Number of child care spaces in the county	2,389
Number of children receiving child care benefits (CCAP program)	1309
<i>CCAP at Licensed Centers</i>	1124
<i>CCAP at Licensed Homes</i>	59
<i>CCAP at Certified Homes</i>	102
<i>CCAP at Registered Providers</i>	24
Public preschool enrollment	400
<i>3 and 4 year olds with disabilities</i>	136
<i>At-risk 4 year olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level</i>	221
Other	43
Head Start enrollment	132
<i>3s and 4s with disabilities</i>	14
<i>3s and 4s income eligible</i>	117
Other	1
2010-2011 Public kindergarten enrollment	862

Third Grade Assessment Results

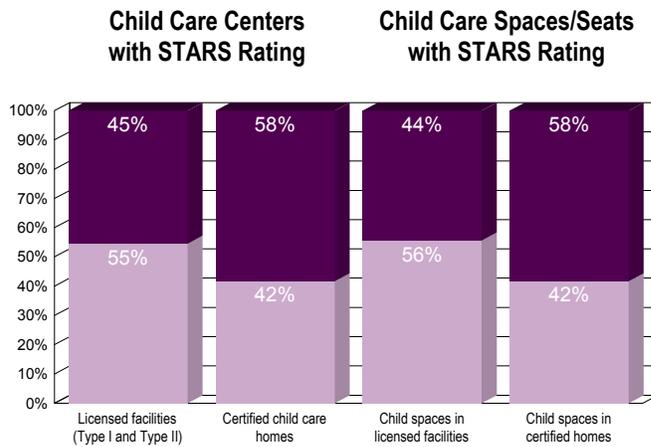
Below are the percentages of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or distinguished in the 2011-12 school year. They were kindergarteners in the 2008-09 school year.

	County	State
Math	53.1%	42.8%
Reading	58.2%	49.4%

Early Care and Education Programs

STARS for KIDS NOW Rating

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.



	Licensed facilities (Type I and Type II)	Certified child care homes	Child spaces in licensed facilities	Child spaces in certified homes
STARS	18	5	1,289	30
Not STARS	15	7	1,028	42

Early Care and Education Workforce

The Commonwealth supports the early care and education workforce with training, scholarships, credentials, and other professional development programs. The counts below are for 2011-2012.

Professional Development of Early Care and Education Workers	FY 2011-2012
Child Care Commonwealth Credential (Credentials approved/renewed)	29
Child Development Associate KIDS NOW (Mini-grants for CDA credential fees)	4
Kentucky Trainer's Credential (Credentials approved/renewed)	11
Director's Credential (Credentials approved)	19
Early Childhood Development Scholarship (ECE worker pursuing degree or credential in college)	0
Scholarships for Professional Training (Unduplicated paid invoices for non-college training)	28

Families, Health and Services

Select Indicators	County	State
Children under five years old	3,743	5.9% 6.4%
Children living below 100% poverty line	1,640	37.0% 29.5%
Children living below 150% poverty line	2,340	52.8% 41.6%
Homeless children in the public school grades K-3	45	1.4% 4.6%
Children with substantiated child abuse/neglect	135	0.9% 1.5%
Households with a non-English language in home	822	3.1% 5.6%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates	528	22.4% 20.6%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old	392	68* 50*
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)	210	9.0% 9.0%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	270	11.0% 12.0%

* Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

Services Provided to Families and Children

The Governor's Office of Early Childhood, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and local agencies provide support to at-risk families and children. These services promote healthy growth and development, assist with disabilities, subsidize early education, and more.

Number Receiving Support Services in the County	Count
Children receiving Medicaid insurance	6,625
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	1,438
Children receiving child care subsidies	1,309
Families served by the First Steps program	194
Families served by the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) home visitation program	161

KIDS NOW Initiative

The Governor's Office of Early Childhood and Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) guide KIDS NOW (Kentucky Invests in Developing Success NOW) using community resources, public-private partnerships, and collaborative planning to:

- support and strengthen families
- assure that all children grow to their full potential
- provide high quality, accessible, affordable early care and education options
- promote greater awareness of the importance of the first years for the well-being of all Kentucky's citizens.

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