

2014 Early Childhood Profile

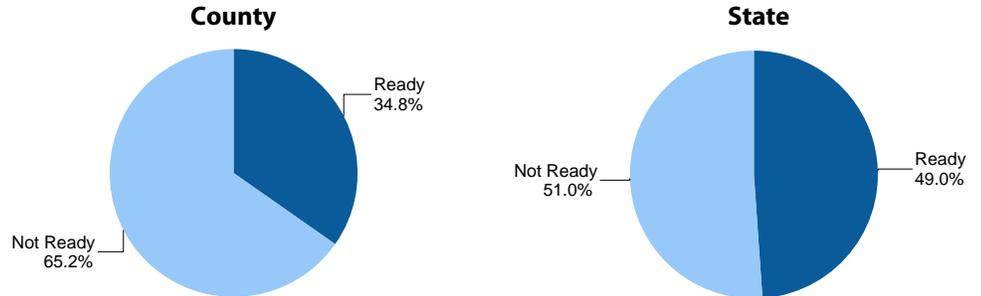
Knox County

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

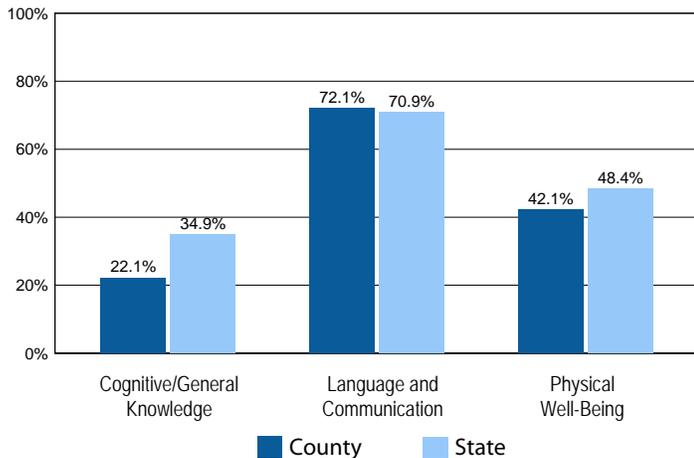


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Results by Social-Emotional and Self-Help Domains

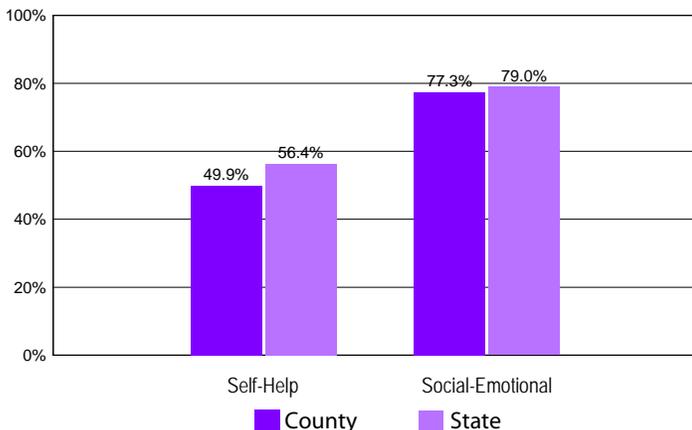


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Early Care and Education Programs

| | County | State |
|---|------------|----------------|
| Kindergarten | 464 | 55,877 |
| Preschool | 170 | 22,492 |
| At-risk 4-year-olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level | 65 | 11,156 |
| 3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities | 105 | 9,661 |
| 3- and 4-year-olds over income or other | 1 | 1,675 |
| Head Start enrollment | 333 | 14,659 |
| 3- and 4-year-olds income eligible (at-risk 4s at 150% FPL) | 309 | 12,726 |
| 3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities | 18 | 1,719 |
| Other (4s over 150% FPL without disabilities) | 6 | 214 |
| Total child care capacity | 975 | 176,688 |
| Children receiving child care assistance (CCAP program) | 314 | 23,761 |
| CCAP at Licensed Centers | 278 | 21,831 |
| CCAP at Licensed Homes | 12 | 275 |
| CCAP at Certified Homes | 17 | 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.

| | County | State |
|---------|--------|-------|
| Math | 34.4% | 43.6% |
| Reading | 33.9% | 47.7% |

Family, Health and Services

| Select Indicators | County # | County % | State % |
|---|----------|----------|---------|
| Number of children 0-2 years old | 1,297 | 4.1% | 3.8% |
| Number of children 3-4 years old | 837 | 2.6% | 2.6% |
| Children living below 100% poverty | 1,415 | 53.5% | 29.9% |
| Children living below 150% poverty | 1,795 | 67.9% | 42.2% |
| Children living below 200% poverty | 2,189 | 82.8% | 53.1% |
| Children with substantiated child abuse/neglect | 88 | 1.1% | 1.6% |
| Households with non-English language in home | 128 | 1.0% | 5.6% |
| Births to mothers who are not high school graduates** | 113 | 29.0% | 18.0% |
| Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old** | 69 | 66^ | 43^ |
| Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)** | 41 | 10.0% | 9.0% |
| Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)** | 50 | 11.0% | 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.

| | County Number | County Amount | State Number | State Amount |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| College Scholarships Awarded | 6 | \$ 5,160 | 1,025 | \$ 849,560 |
| Non-College Scholarships Awarded | 3 | \$ 315 | 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.

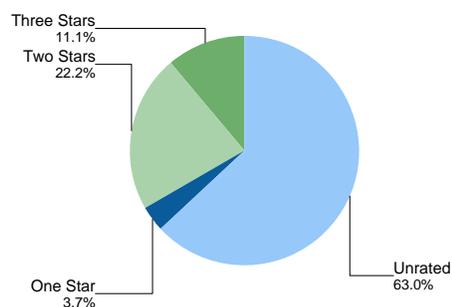
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Support Services

| | County | State |
|--|--------|---------|
| Children receiving Medicaid insurance | 5,418 | 412,249 |
| Children receiving KCHIP health insurance | 786 | 70,867 |
| Families served by the First Steps program | 17 | 4,480 |
| Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program | 176 | 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 | 8 | 2 | 375 | 12 |
| Not STARS | 14 | 3 | 570 | 18 |

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.

