

2014 Early Childhood Profile

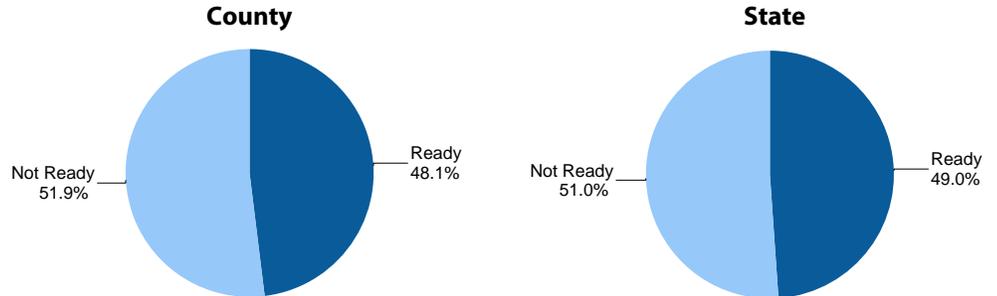
Letcher County

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

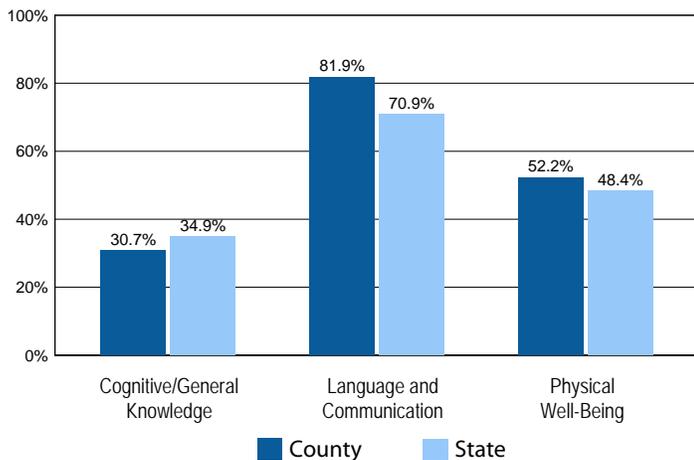


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Results by Social-Emotional and Self-Help Domains

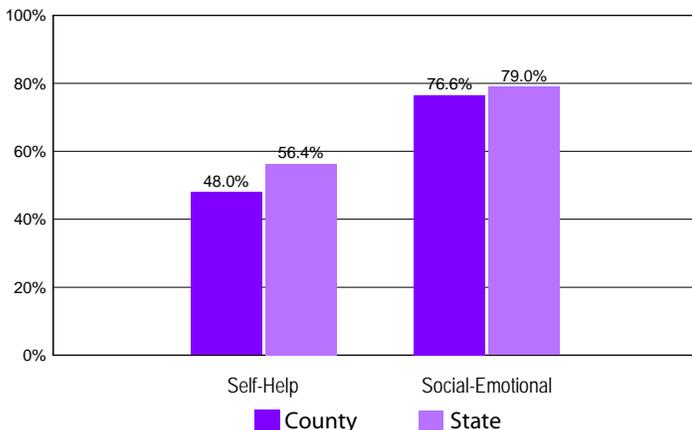


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Early Care and Education Programs

	County	State
Kindergarten	315	55,877
Preschool	81	22,492
At-risk 4-year-olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level	27	11,156
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	50	9,661
3- and 4-year-olds over income or other	5	1,675
Head Start enrollment	175	14,659
3- and 4-year-olds income eligible (at-risk 4s at 150% FPL)	126	12,726
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	45	1,719
Other (4s over 150% FPL without disabilities)	4	214
Total child care capacity	430	176,688
Children receiving child care assistance (CCAP program)	20	23,761
CCAP at Licensed Centers	20	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.

	County	State
Math	28.9%	43.6%
Reading	45.1%	47.7%

Family, Health and Services

Select Indicators	County #	County %	State %
Number of children 0-2 years old	883	3.7%	3.8%
Number of children 3-4 years old	575	2.4%	2.6%
Children living below 100% poverty	492	26.8%	29.9%
Children living below 150% poverty	683	37.2%	42.2%
Children living below 200% poverty	809	44.0%	53.1%
Children with substantiated child abuse/neglect	230	4.3%	1.6%
Households with non-English language in home	159	1.7%	5.6%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates**	79	24.0%	18.0%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old**	54	77^	43^
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)**	29	9.0%	9.0%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)**	39	14.0%	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	1	\$ 420	1,025	\$ 849,560
Non-College Scholarships Awarded	2	\$ 210	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.

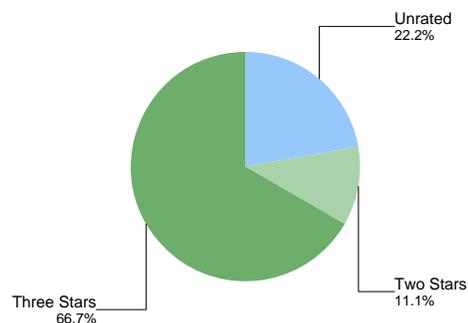
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Support Services

	County	State
Children receiving Medicaid insurance	3,130	412,249
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	530	70,867
Families served by the First Steps program	39	4,480
Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program	110	10,113

STAR Ratings for Child Care

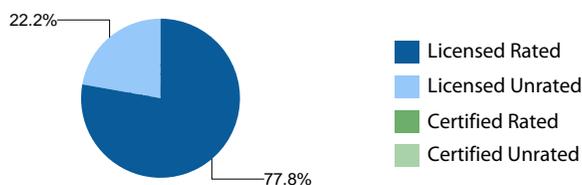
Early child care facilities can voluntarily participate in the STARS for KIDS NOW rating. A higher quality rating means better child-to-caregiver ratios, program curriculum, child care staff training, program regulatory compliance, and personnel policies.



Rating	Child Care Centers		Child Care Capacity	
	Licensed	Certified	Licensed	Certified
STARS	7	0	362	0
Not STARS	2	0	68	0

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.

Rated/Unrated Program Centers



Percent of Total Capacity in Rated/Unrated Program Centers

