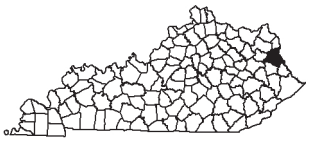
2016 Early Childhood Profile

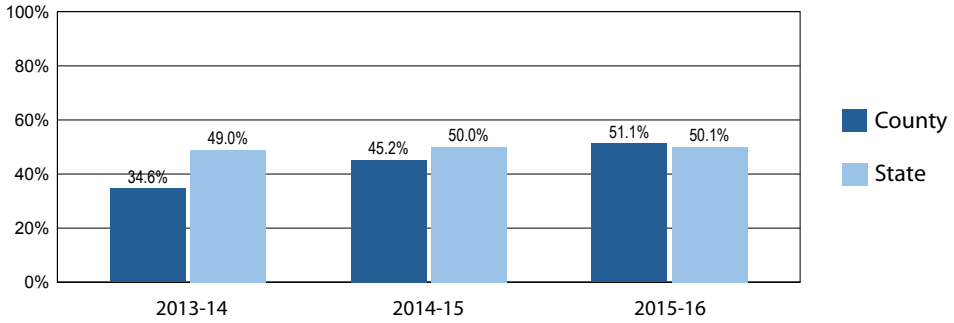
Lawrence County

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).

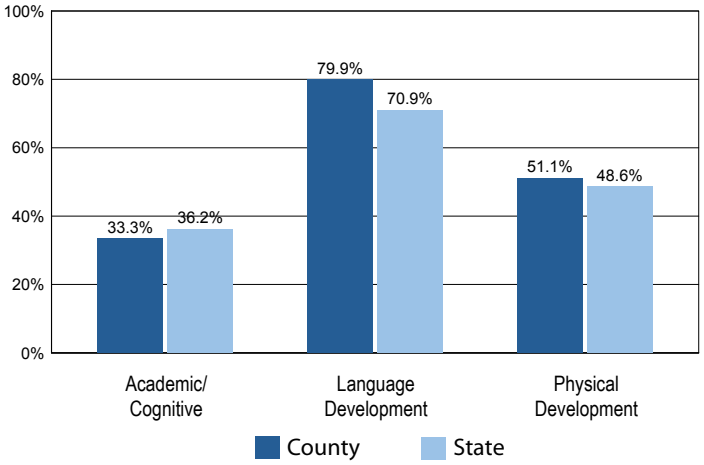


Kindergarten Readiness

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 academic/cognitive, language development, and physical development domains.



Results by Composite Domain



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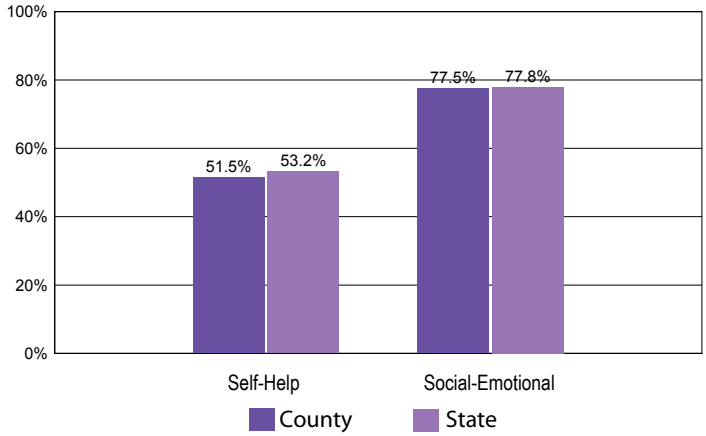
Results by Social-Emotional and Self-Help Domains



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Early Care and Education Programs

	County	State
Kindergarten	**255**	**53,953**
Preschool	**156**	**21,049**
At-risk 4-year-olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	42	9,249
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	83	9,468
3- and 4-year-olds over income or other	31	2,333
Head Start enrollment	**31**	**13,841**
3- and 4-year-olds income eligible (at-risk 4s at 150% FPL)	30	11,864
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	1	1,696
Other (4s over 150% FPL without disabilities)	0	241
Total child care capacity	**121**	**167,746**
Children receiving child care assistance (CCAP program)	*	**23,969**
CCAP at Licensed Centers	*	23,102
CCAP at Licensed Homes	*	155
CCAP at Certified Homes	*	615
CCAP at Registered Providers	*	149

* Data suppressed to ensure confidentiality.

Third Grade Assessment Results

Below are the percentages of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or distinguished in the 2014-15 school year. They were kindergartners in the 2011-12 school year.

	County	State
Math	42.8%	47.6%
Reading	59.7%	54.3%

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Family, Health, and Services

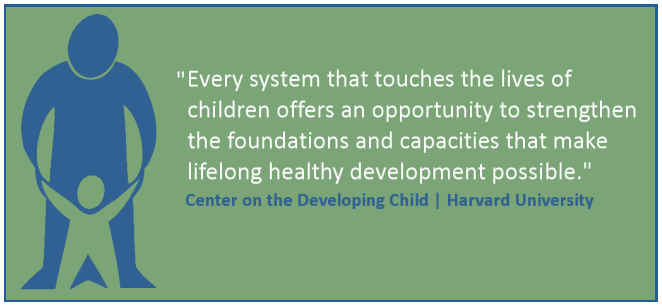
Select Indicators	County #	County %	State %
Number of children:			
0-2 year-olds	599	3.8%	3.8%
3-4 year-olds	431	2.7%	2.5%
Children living below:			
100% poverty	347	30.9%	30.1%
150% poverty	521	46.4%	42.7%
200% poverty	710	63.2%	53.3%
Children 0-17 years old with substantiated child abuse/neglect	39	1.1%	1.9%
Children 0-17 years old being raised by grandparents	208	5.7%	5.4%
Households with non-English language in home	111	1.9%	5.7%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates**	41	20.9%	16.8%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old**	17	40^	41^
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)**	26	13.2%	8.7%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	28	14.2%	11.1%

^ Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

**Numbers represent 1-year rolling averages calculated from 3-year aggregate data. Rates are 3-year aggregate rates.

Support Services

	County #	State #
Children receiving Medicaid insurance	2,208	476,909
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	229	44,854
Families served by the First Steps program	27	4,498
Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program	85	8,119



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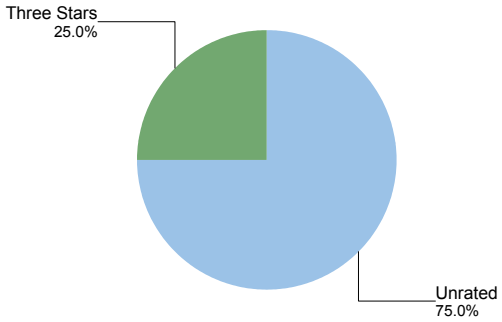
Visit the Governor's Office of Early Childhood online at http://kidsnow.ky.gov or call 502-782-0200 for more information.

STARS Participation

STARS is the rating and improvement system for licensed and certified child care providers. Participants receive resources and technical assistance to continually improve their quality and their star rating. A higher star rating means the provider is meeting quality standards that help children succeed.



	Child Care Centers		Child Care Capacity	
Rating	Licensed	Certified	Licensed	Certified
STARS	1	0	48	0
Not STARS	2	1	67	6

To find a STAR-rated child care provider in your county, click here: https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/kiccspublic/providersearchpublic.aspx

Early Childhood Workforce

KIDS NOW Scholarships

KIDS NOW Scholarships awarded to early childhood educators:

	County #	County $	State #	State $
College	0	$ 0	968	$ 845,047
Non-College	0	$ 0	380	$ 89,581

To learn more about scholarships, contact a Professional Development Counselor in your county: http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/about/map

High School Credentials

Family and Consumer Sciences programs offer high school early childhood students an opportunity to earn industry-recognized certificates and credentials.

	County #	State #
Early Care and Education Orientation Certificate	0	515
Commonwealth Child Care Credential	0	564
Child Development Associate	0	11

For more information about these programs, please visit: http://education.ky.gov/CTE/ctepa/FCS/Pages/default.aspx

Visit http://kcews.ky.gov/reports/earlychildhoodprofiles/ for sources, technical descriptions of each data element in this profile, notes for how to use this report, and links to other sources of information for the early childhood community. For school and district Kindergarten readiness data, please visit the Kentucky Department of Education's Open House website at http://openhouse.education.ky.gov/