

# 2013 Early Childhood Profile



The 2013 Early Childhood Profile is produced by the Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood in partnership with the Kentucky P-20 Data Collaborative.

## 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

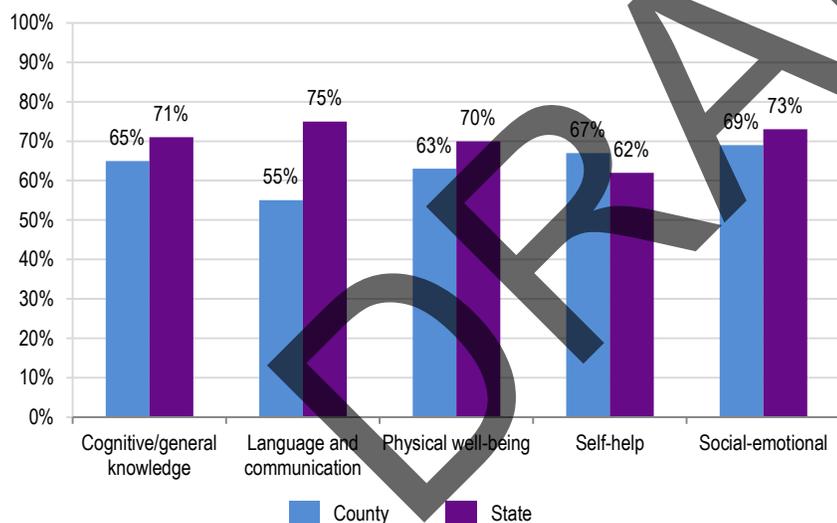
Academic year 2012-2013 was a pilot year for kindergarten readiness screening. Not all districts and not all schools participated in screening incoming kindergarten students.

Schools in the county that participated in the screening	N	%
Kindergarteners in the county that were screened	N	%
Kindergarteners in the state that were screened	N	%

- 1) Some counties will have no local data in this section for 2012-2013 in the case when no schools within the county participated in readiness screening.
- 2) It will *not* be valid to compare the results this year to the results next year when statewide participation will be mandatory for all schools.
- 3) Future profiles will present the data on "prior settings" of kindergarten students which includes public preschool, Head Start, child care, home, or other prior settings.

### 2012-2013 Pilot Year Kindergarten Student Readiness Screening Results

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



### Ongoing Assessments in Elementary School

From elementary through high school, Kentucky has an ongoing process of assessment that rates student performance at novice, apprentice, proficient, and distinguished levels. The results below are for third grade students during the 2010-2011 statewide testing (most of these students were in kindergarten during the 2007-08 school year).

Third Grade 2010-2011 Statewide Testing	County	State
Number of 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders tested	N	N
3 <sup>rd</sup> graders scoring proficient or distinguished in math	%	%
3 <sup>rd</sup> graders scoring proficient or distinguished in reading	%	%

## Highlights

Children - 0, 1, and 2 year olds	N
Children - 3 and 4 year olds	N
Children below 100% poverty	%
Children below 150% poverty	%
Families served by the HANDS home visitation program	N
Child care spaces in the county	N
Children receiving child care benefits (CCAP program)	N
CCAP at Licensed Centers	N
CCAP at Licensed Homes	N
CCAP at Certified Homes	N
CCAP at Registered Providers	N
Public preschool enrollment	N
• 3 and 4 year olds with disabilities	
• at-risk 4 year olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level.	
Head Start enrollment	N
• 3 and 4 year olds with disabilities	
• at-risk 4 year olds at or below 100% of the federal poverty level.	
Public kindergarten enrollment	N

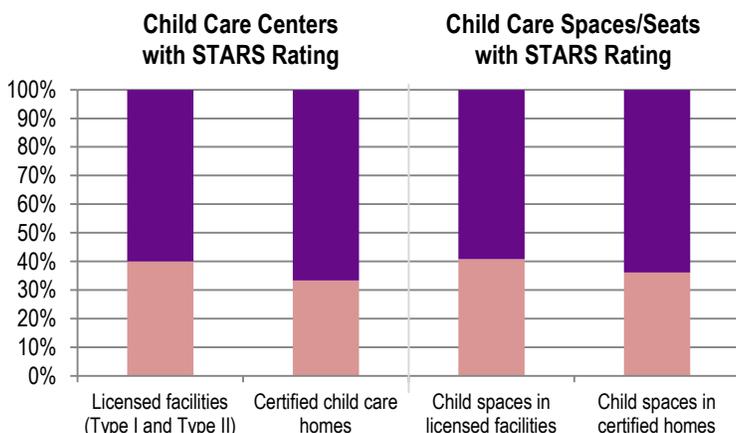
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### Early Care and Education Programs

#### STARS for KIDS NOW Rating

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



STARS	2	1	210	110
Not STARS	3	2	305	195

#### 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)	N
Child Development Associate KIDS NOW (mini-grants for CDA credential fees)	N
Kentucky Trainer's Credential (credentials Approved/Renewed)	N
Director's Credential (credentials Approved)	N
Early Childhood Development Scholarship (ECE worker pursuing degree or credential in college)	N
Scholarships for Professional Training (unduplicated paid invoices for non-college training)	N

### Families, Health, and Services

#### Select Indicators

Select Indicators	County	State
Children under five years old	N %	%
Children living below 100% poverty line	N %	%
Children living below 150% poverty line	N %	%
Homeless children in the public school grades K-3	N %	%
Children with substantiated child abuse/neglect	N %	%
Households with a non-English language in home	N %	%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates	N %	%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old	N Rate	Rate
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)	N %	%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	N %	%

#### 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

Children receiving Medicaid insurance	N
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	N
Children receiving child care subsidies	N
Families served by the First Steps program	N
Families served by the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) home visitation program	N

### 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.

#### KIDS NOW invested more than \$25 million in 2012

- Early Childhood Councils
- Early Care Professional Development and Scholarships
- Child Advocacy Centers
- First Steps
- HANDS Home Visitations
- Healthy Start Consultants
- Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Services
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment