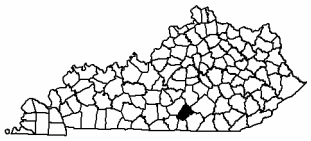
2013 Early Childhood Profile

Russell County



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

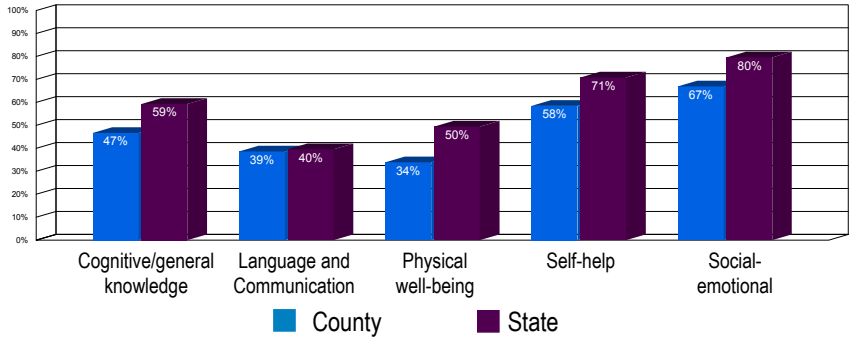
Academic year 2012-2013 was a pilot year for kindergarten readiness screening. Not all districts and not all schools participated in screening incoming kindergarten students.

Schools in the county that participated in the screening	4
Kindergarteners in the county that were screened	236
Kindergarteners in the state that were screened	31,480

1) 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.
2) 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.
3) 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")



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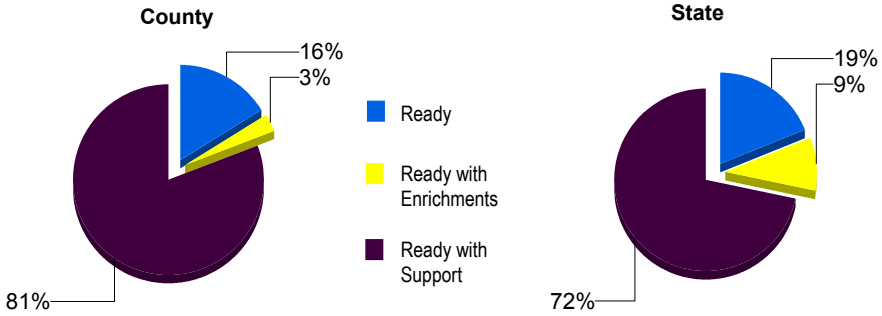
Percentage of Children Ready for Kindergarten

(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	666
Number of children 3-4 years old	419
Percent of children below 100% poverty	18.8%
Below 150% poverty	27.4%
Below 200% poverty	37.0%
Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program	66
Number of child care spaces in the county	520
Number of children receiving child care benefits (CCAP program)	415
CCAP at Licensed Centers	355
CCAP at Licensed Homes	47
CCAP at Certified Homes	10
CCAP at Registered Providers	3
Public preschool enrollment	95
3 and 4 year olds with disabilities	28
At-risk 4 year olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level	65
Other	2
Head Start enrollment	52
3s and 4s with disabilities	1
3s and 4s income eligible	49
Other	2
2010-2011 Public kindergarten enrollment	276

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	42.9%	42.8%
Reading	54.4%	49.4%

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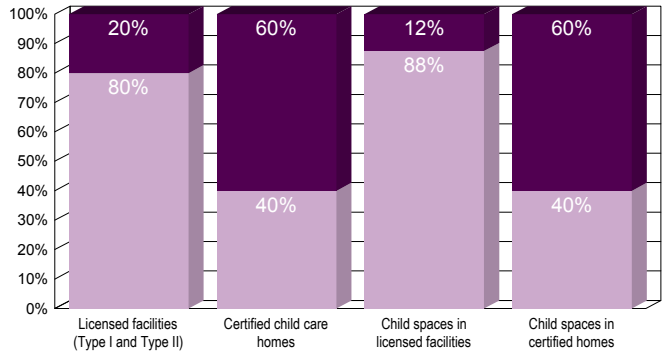
Early Care and Education Programs

STARS for KIDS NOW Rating

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



STARS	8	2	429	12
Not STARS	2	3	61	18

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)	13
Child Development Associate KIDS NOW (Mini-grants for CDA credential fees)	1
Kentucky Trainer's Credential (Credentials approved/renewed)	5
Director's Credential (Credentials approved)	2
Early Childhood Development Scholarship (ECE worker pursuing degree or credential in college)	34
Scholarships for Professional Training (Unduplicated paid invoices for non-college training)	2

Families, Health and Services

Select Indicators	County		State
Children under five years old	1,085	6.2%	6.4%
Children living below 100% poverty line	206	18.8%	29.5%
Children living below 150% poverty line	300	27.4%	41.6%
Homeless children in the public school grades K-3	143	15.2%	4.6%
Children with substantiated child abuse/neglect	57	1.5%	1.5%
Households with a non-English language in home	165	2.2%	5.6%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates	208	31.2%	20.6%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old	151	96 *	50 *
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)	61	9.0%	9.0%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	72	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	
Children receiving Medicaid insurance	2,127
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	415
Children receiving child care subsidies	415
Families served by the First Steps program	64
Families served by the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) home visitation program	66

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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