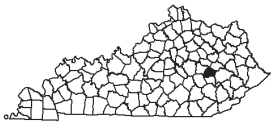
2015 Early Childhood Profile

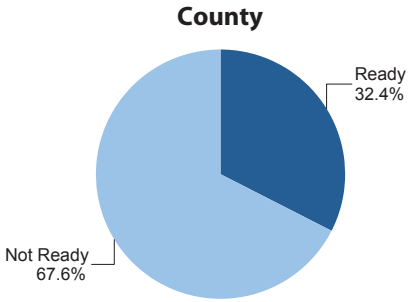
Lee County

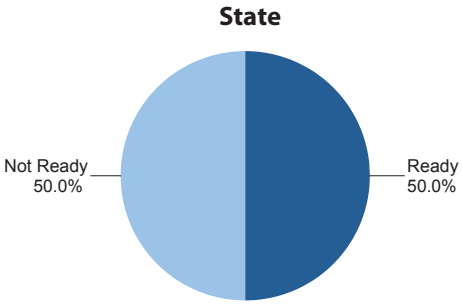


The Early Childhood Profile is produced by the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) for the Governor's Office of Early Childhood (GOEC) and the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) utilizing data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS).

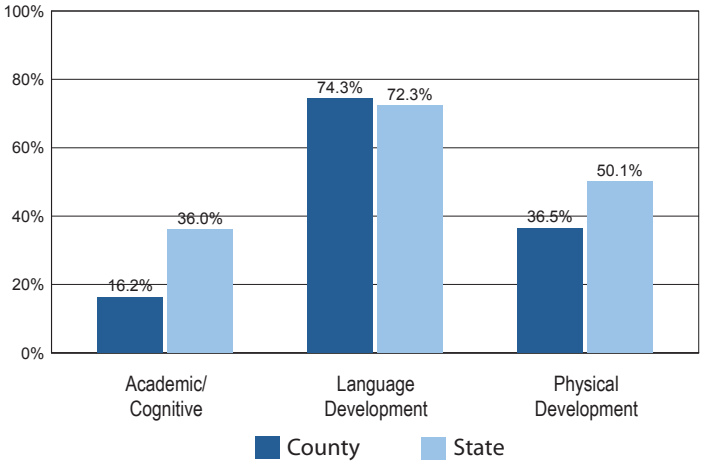
Kindergarten Readiness

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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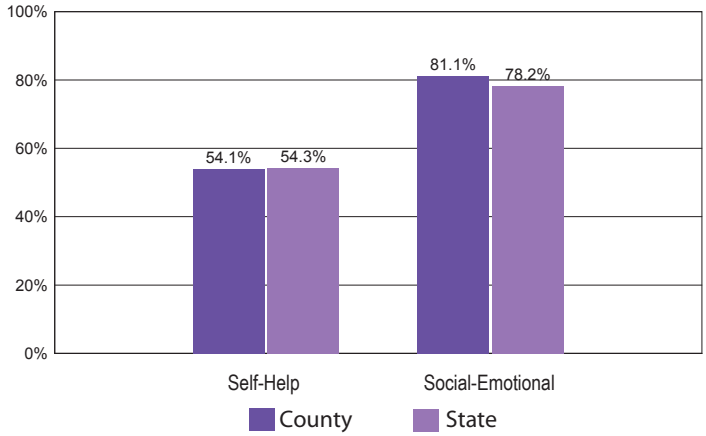
Results by Social-Emotional and Self-Help Domains



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Early Care and Education Programs

	County	State
Kindergarten	**79**	**54,949**
Preschool	**0**	**22,567**
At-risk 4-year-olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	0	10,907
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	0	9,650
3- and 4-year-olds over income or other	0	2,010
Head Start enrollment	**80**	**12,864**
3- and 4-year-olds income eligible (at-risk 4s at 150% FPL)	67	11,272
3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities	9	1,592
Other (4s over 150% FPL without disabilities)	4	200
Total child care capacity	**189**	**170,142**
Children receiving child care assistance (CCAP program)	**46**	**24,361**
CCAP at Licensed Centers	46	22,884
CCAP at Licensed Homes	*	244
CCAP at Certified Homes	*	878
CCAP at Registered Providers	*	355

Third Grade Assessment Results

Below are the percentages of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or distinguished in the 2013-14 school year. They were kindergartners in the 2010-11 school year.

	County	State
Math	43.7%	45.8%
Reading	60.9%	54.1%

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Family, Health and Services

Select Indicators	County #	County %	State %
Number of children:			
0-2 years old	169	2.3%	3.7%
3-4 years old	149	2.1%	2.5%
Children living below:			
100% poverty	282	67.0%	30.2%
150% poverty	288	68.4%	42.6%
200% poverty	320	76.0%	53.1%
Children 0-17 years old with substantiated child abuse/neglect	25	1.8%	1.8%
Children 0-17 years old living with grandparents	223	15.7%	5.6%
Households with non-English language in home	23	0.8%	5.6%
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates**	16	23.0%	18.0%
Births to teenage girls 15-19 years old**	10	50^	43^
Low birth weight babies (born less than 5.5 pounds)**	8	11.7%	8.9%
Preterm babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	10	16.9%	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.

Early Childhood Workforce

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	0	$ 0	847	$ 714,240
Non-College Scholarships Awarded	0	$ 0	698	$ 130,148

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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http://kidsnow.ky.gov/Mobilizing-Communities

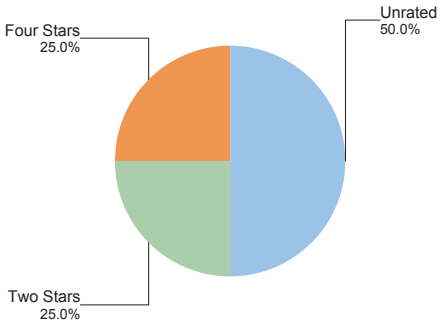
Visit the Governor's Office of Early Childhood online at http://kidsnow.ky.gov or call 502-782-0200 for more information.

Support Services

	County	State
Children receiving Medicaid insurance	1,158	449,750
Children receiving KCHIP health insurance	78	40,904
Families served by the First Steps program	6	4,196
Number of families served by the HANDS home visitation program	44	9,431

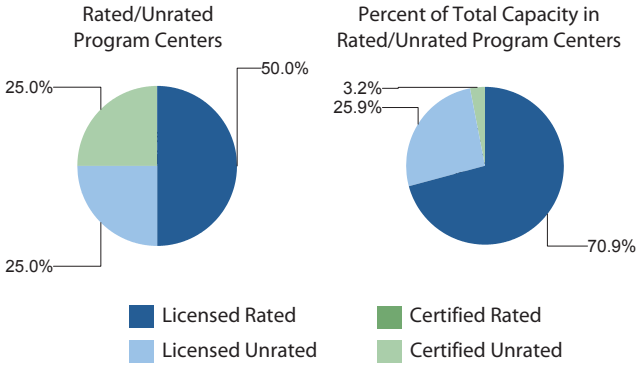
STAR Ratings for Child Care

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.



	Child Care Centers		Child Care Capacity	
Rating	Licensed	Certified	Licensed	Certified
STARS	2	0	134	0
Not STARS	1	1	49	6

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.



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- Margaret Mead

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