WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?
2022–2023 KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT REPORT

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What does readiness look like?

**Statewide Readiness**

This year, teachers assessed 97% of the nearly 61,000 kindergarten children entering public school. The KRA data for 2022–2023 show the following:

- 42% of Maryland’s kindergarteners demonstrate readiness, entering kindergarten classrooms fully prepared to participate in the kindergarten curriculum, an increase from 2021–2022 (40%), the first year that students returned in person after the COVID-19 disruptions.
- 33% are approaching readiness and will benefit from personalized instruction based on their individual strengths and needs.
- 26% of kindergartners are identified as emerging readiness and will require targeted supports or interventions to be successful in kindergarten.

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A child assessed with the KRA is identified as at one of the following stages:

- **Demonstrating Readiness:** A child demonstrates the foundational skills and behaviors that prepare them for curriculum based on the kindergarten standards.
- **Approaching Readiness:** A child exhibits some of the foundational skills and behaviors that prepare them for curriculum based on the kindergarten standards.
- **Emerging Readiness:** A child displays minimal foundational skills and behaviors that prepare them for curriculum based on the kindergarten standards.

KRA data is a valuable source of information and insight into school readiness at the student, school, and jurisdiction level. Teachers use KRA data to help them make instructional and grouping decisions, to identify and design targeted support and interventions, and to communicate with parents about their child’s readiness for school. Local education agencies also rely on KRA data to help make instructional and curricular plans to support children who are emerging or approaching readiness as they progress through the elementary grades, in preparation for college and career readiness.

In the 2022–2023 school year, all local education agencies in Maryland administered the KRA to every kindergartener upon entering school.

Every year, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) reports the compiled statewide and jurisdictional results for overall kindergarten readiness by performance levels as well as for student populations by gender, race/ethnicity, and prior care setting, and for students receiving special services, including children with disabilities, English learners, and students living in low-income households.

The KRA is part of Maryland's Early Childhood Comprehensive Assessment System—a single coordinated system for measuring the knowledge, skills, and behaviors and identifying the needs of young children—which also includes the Early Learning Assessment (ELA). The ELA measures the progress of learning in young children, 36–72 months, across nine levels in seven domains. This voluntary formative assessment is available at no cost for all Maryland programs and is in use in child care programs, Head Start programs, public Pre-K, and kindergarten classrooms throughout the state.

**Statewide Readiness Over Time**

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*Data provided by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology in Education.

**Public Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrollment in Maryland Over Time**

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*Includes publicly funded Pre-K-4 classrooms in public schools and community-based programs participating in the Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Grants Program.

*Statistics may not equal 100 due to rounding.

**Domain Performance**

- **Language and Literacy**
  - Understands spoken words and sounds; comprehends text; communicates in a variety of situations; produces letter-like shapes and symbols to convey meaning; uses words acquired through conversations and shared reading experiences.

- **Mathematics**
  - Knows number names and counts to 20; identifies small quantities; understands the concepts of adding to and taking away from; sorts, classifies, and compares objects; describes attributes; identifies shapes.

- **Social Foundations**
  - Recognizes and identifies emotions; resolves conflicts with others; persists with a task; retains and applies information; solves problems; cooperates with others; seeks and gathers new information.

- **Physical Well-Being and Motor Development**
  - Uses large muscles to perform physical skills; uses small muscles to perform fine motor skills to play and learn; demonstrates personal health and safety rules and tasks.

**WHAT DOES READINESS LOOK LIKE?**

Many of the kindergarteners beginning school this year have risk factors that could impact their readiness for kindergarten; 37% are direct certified, 16% are English learners, and 10% have an identified disability.

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This year, the KRA data indicate that students across the state received the highest average scores in physical well-being and motor development and social foundations, and the lowest average scores in language and literacy and mathematics.

**READINESS BY JURISDICTION**

The 2022–2023 KRA data show the following:
- 20 jurisdictions reported higher readiness scores than in 2021–2022.
- 9 jurisdictions, serving over 28,000 kindergarteners, reported scores at or below the state average.
- Washington and Worcester counties demonstrated the largest gains, increasing 11 percentage points over the prior year.

**A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DATA**

Every year, KRA data offers valuable insights into trends and patterns and more-detailed information about specific student populations. School systems can use this data to help direct efforts where they are needed the most.

**READINESS BY GENDER**

Readiness scores in Maryland continue to follow national trends; as in previous years, boys are less ready for school than their female peers. The 2022–2023 data show the following:
- 36% of boys demonstrated readiness, compared to 48% of female students.
- Girls continue to outperform boys in every domain, with the largest differences in social foundations (277, 268) and physical well-being and motor development (279, 270).
**READINESS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

Nearly 61,000 children began kindergarten in Maryland's public schools this school year. The population of kindergarteners continues to mirror the diversity reflected throughout the state. This year, 10% of kindergartners are Black/African American and 23% are Hispanic/Latino. The 2022–2023 KRA data indicate the following:

- 37% of Black/African American kindergarteners demonstrate readiness, compared to 56% of White kindergartners.
- 22% percent of Hispanic/Latino kindergarteners demonstrate readiness, while 18% are emerging or approaching readiness.
- Black/African American children scored an average of 264 in mathematics, while Hispanic children received an average of 256, compared to 271 for White kindergartners.
- Hispanic/Latino kindergarteners scored an average of 15 points lower (256) than White kindergarteners (271) in language and literacy and 10 points lower in social foundations (267, 277).

**READINESS FOR CHILDREN REceiving SPECIAL SERVICES**

Statewide, the number of students who speak a language other than English continues to grow. Compounding the challenges of learning in a new language, these children are more likely to live in low-income households than children who are fluent in English, presenting an additional hurdle to academic success. English learners are present in every jurisdiction in Maryland. In 11 jurisdictions, English learners make up 10% or more of the kindergarten population, and 25% or greater in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties.

The 2022–2023 KRA data show the following:

- English learners continue to lag behind their peers, with 10% demonstrating readiness compared to their peers who are not English learners (48%).
- English learners score behind their peers in all domains, with the largest gaps in language and literacy (18 point gap) and mathematics (17 point gap).

**READINESS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

The unique nature of early childhood learning environments supports the specific needs of all children, including children with disabilities. Federal law requires that children with disabilities receive services in their “natural environment,” which can be an early childhood program that engages children with their typically developing peers. Inclusive learning opportunities support meaningful access to an early childhood curriculum and allow for important social interactions with peers, which can improve outcomes for children with disabilities and benefit children with and without disabilities.

In 2022–2023, 5,844 children (10%) received special education and related services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in their kindergarten classrooms. The KRA data show the following:

- Children with disabilities are less ready than their peers without a disability: 17% of kindergartners with a disability demonstrate readiness, compared with 44% of their non-disabled peers, representing a 27-percentage-point difference.

**READINESS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS**

Average Domain Scale Score for English Learners

**Average Domain Scale Score for Children Without Disabilities**

**Average Domain Scale Score for Children With Disabilities**
REACHING KINDERGARTEN READINESS TARGETS: AN IMPACT OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

In 2022–2023, the KRA data show the following:

- 37% of entering kindergarteners are direct certified. This represents an increase from 2021–2022 (27%) of children who are living in low-income households.
- Children from low-income households continue to lag behind their peers, with 29% of children who are direct certified demonstrating readiness compared to their peers who are not direct certified (49%).
- Children who are direct certified score behind their non-direct-certified peers in all domains, with the largest gaps in mathematics (261, 268).

Average Domain Scale Score for Children Who Are Direct Certified

![Average Domain Scale Score for Children Who Are Direct Certified](Image)

THE IMPACT OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The KRA data consistently demonstrate that children from low-income households are less ready for kindergarten than their peers from higher income households. Looking more closely at the KRA data provides additional information about the impact of household income on children who are English learners or who have an identified disability.

English Learners

The 2022–2023 kindergarten enrollment data show that 45% of English learners are direct certified, as are 35% of their peers who are not English learners.

- 10% of English learners demonstrate readiness, regardless of direct certification status.
- 34% of children who are fluent in English and are direct certified demonstrate readiness, compared to 55% of children who are fluent in English and are not direct certified.

Children With Disabilities

The 2022–2023 kindergarten enrollment data show that 42% of children with disabilities are direct certified, as are 36% of their peers who do not have an identified disability.

- 11% of children with disabilities who are direct certified demonstrate readiness, compared to 21% of children with disabilities who are not direct certified.
- 32% of children without a disability who are direct certified demonstrate readiness.

Race/Ethnicity

Research has shown that children of color are more likely to live in low-income households than their White peers. In Maryland, 54% of Black kindergartners and 44% of Hispanic kindergartners are direct certified, compared to 19% of White kindergartners. Across all racial and ethnic groups, students who are not direct certified demonstrate greater levels of readiness than those who are direct certified.

The 2022–2023 KRA data show the following:

- White kindergartners who are direct certified demonstrate only slightly increased readiness scores (36%) than direct certified students from Black/African American (33%) households.
- White children who are not direct certified demonstrate a significant difference in readiness (60%) than Black/African American children (43%) who were not direct certified.

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Percent of Children Who Are Direct Certified by Race/Ethnicity

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PRIOR CARE

Early learning experiences can help young children build the knowledge and skills they need to be ready for kindergarten. Data from the KRA has consistently shown that children who attend a formal early learning program demonstrate increased readiness over those children who are at home or in informal care.

Maryland uses information provided by families at kindergarten registration to identify the settings children were in prior to entering school. In 2022–2023, families reported that 68% of children attended some type of formal early learning program for either a full or half day the year before kindergarten.

The 2022–2023 KRA data show that 49% of children who attended any formal early learning program demonstrated readiness, compared with 26% of children who were in informal care.

Valuable learning opportunities can happen anywhere. But many children, especially those who are at greatest risk of starting kindergarten behind their peers, benefit most through formal early learning experiences.

Assessment data don’t tell the whole story of how Maryland’s youngest citizens have fared in the years since the COVID-19 pandemic altered the landscape. But the KRA data can provide an opportunity for the education community to reflect on how Maryland’s early learning systems can support young children and their families before they enter school. The following pages share the 2022–2023 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment data for each of Maryland’s local education agencies.

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### Percent Demonstrating by Participation in an Early Learning Program

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### Parent-Reported Prior Care 2022–2023

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### Overall Readiness

- **Maryland**
  - 2022: 42%
  - 2023: 39%
  
- **Anne Arundel**
  - 2022: 46%
  - 2023: 43%

#### Subgroup Readiness

- **Not Direct Certified**
  - 2022: 48%
  
- **Direct Certified**
  - 2022: 34%
  - 2023: 43%

#### Domain AVERAGE SCALE SCORE

- **Social Foundations**
  - 2022: 275
  - 2023: 272

- **Language & Literacy**
  - 2022: 265
  - 2023: 265

- **Mathematics**
  - 2022: 265
  - 2023: 265

- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**
  - 2022: 274
  - 2023: 274

### Race/Ethnicity DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - <1%
  - <1%
  - 5%
  - 2%
  - <1%
  - 7%
  - 85%

- **American Indian/Alaska Native**
  - 2022: 19%
  - 2023: 15%

- **Asian**
  - 2022: 15%

- **Black/African American**
  - 2022: 46%

- **Hispanic/Latino**
  - 2022: 15%

- **Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander**
  - 2022: 15%

- **Two or More**
  - 2022: 46%

### Parent-Reported Prior Care READINESS

- **Any Formal Prior Care**
  - Full or half day: 43%
  
- **Home/Informal Care**
  - Full day only: 22%

### Notes

- Estimates based on groups of fewer than 10 students are not reported.
- Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.
Overall Readiness

Subgroup Readiness

Domain Average Scale Score

Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness

Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness

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**Overall Readiness**

- **Maryland:** 46%
- **Calvert:** 50%

**Subgroup Readiness**

- Not Direct Certified: 48%
- Direct Certified: 41%
- Without Disabilities: 50%
- With Disabilities: 20%
- Fluent in English: 47%
- English Language Learners: 17%

**Domain Average Scale Score**

- Social Foundations: 272
- Language & Literacy: 265
- Mathematics: 267
- Physical Well-Being & Motor Development: 277

**Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness**

- Kindergarten Enrollment:
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 1% Asian
  - 11% Black/African American
  - 9% Hispanic/Latino
  - 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 67% Two or More
  - 11% White

**Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness**

- Any Formal Prior Care (Full or half day): 49%
- Home/Informal Care (Full day only): 39%
### Overall Readiness

- **Carroll**
  - 1,737 Kindergarteners
  - 55% Direct Certified
  - 22% Identified Disabilities
  - 9% English Language Learners

- **Cecil**
  - 970 Kindergarteners
  - 39% Direct Certified
  - 48% Identified Disabilities
  - 12% English Language Learners

**Domain AVERAGE SCALE SCORE**

- **Social Foundations**
  - Carroll: 276, Cecil: 275
- **Language & Literacy**
  - Carroll: 272, Cecil: 265
- **Mathematics**
  - Carroll: 270, Cecil: 265
- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**
  - Carroll: 278, Cecil: 274

**Subgroup Readiness**

- **Not Direct Certified**
  - Carroll: 59%, Cecil: 50%
- **Direct Certified**
  - Carroll: 38%, Cecil: 28%
- **Without Disabilities**
  - Carroll: 57%, Cecil: 42%
- **With Disabilities**
  - Carroll: 31%, Cecil: 21%
- **English Language Learners**
  - Carroll: 55%, Cecil: 40%

**Race/Ethnicity DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 3% Asian
  - 5% Black/African American
  - 7% Hispanic/Latino
  - <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 4% Two or More
  - 81% White

- **Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness**
  - Carroll: 272, Cecil: 277

**Parent-Reported Prior Care READINESS**

- **Any Formal Prior Care (full or half day)**
  - Carroll: 59%
  - Cecil: 46%
- **Home/Informal Care (full day only)**
  - Carroll: 33%
  - Cecil: 31%

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**Overall Readiness**

- **Charles**: Demonstrating (42%), Approaching (33%), Emerging (26%)
- **Dorchester**: Demonstrating (38%), Approaching (32%), Emerging (30%)

**Subgroup Readiness**

- **Not Direct Certified**:
  - **Maryland**: 46%
  - **Dorchester**: 36%

- **Direct Certified**:
  - **Maryland**: 29%
  - **Dorchester**: 28%

- **Without Disabilities**:
  - **Maryland**: 43%
  - **Dorchester**: 32%

- **With Disabilities**:
  - **Maryland**: 11%
  - **Dorchester**: 29%

- **English Language Learners**:
  - **Maryland**: 42%
  - **Dorchester**: 34%

**Domain Average Scale Score**

- **Social Foundations**:
  - **Maryland**: 272
  - **Dorchester**: 272

- **Language & Literacy**:
  - **Maryland**: 265
  - **Dorchester**: 265

- **Mathematics**:
  - **Maryland**: 264
  - **Dorchester**: 264

- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**:
  - **Maryland**: 275
  - **Dorchester**: 274

**Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**:
  - **<1% American Indian/Alaska Native**: 2% (Maryland), 3% (Dorchester)
  - **2% Asian**: 7% (Maryland), 5% (Dorchester)
  - **53% Black/African American**: 8% (Maryland), 9% (Dorchester)
  - **15% Hispanic/Latino**: 10% (Maryland), 7% (Dorchester)
  - **<1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander**: 1% (Maryland), 1% (Dorchester)
  - **9% Two or More**: 2% (Maryland), 6% (Dorchester)
  - **20% White**: 4% (Maryland), 5% (Dorchester)

**Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness**

- **Any Formal Prior Care (full or half day)**:
  - **Maryland**: 45%
  - **Dorchester**: 39%

- **Home/Informal Care (full day only)**:
  - **Maryland**: 20%
  - **Dorchester**: 19%

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Overall READINESS

**FREDERICK**
- 51% **DEMONSTRATE READINESS**
- 3,170 KINDERGARTENERS
- 27% OF KINDERGARTENERS ARE DIRECT CERTIFIED
- 9% OF KINDERGARTENERS HAVE IDENTIFIED DISABILITIES
- 9% ARE ENGLISH LEARNERS

**GARRETT**
- 53% **DEMONSTRATE READINESS**
- 230 KINDERGARTENERS
- 33% OF KINDERGARTENERS ARE DIRECT CERTIFIED
- 11% OF KINDERGARTENERS HAVE IDENTIFIED DISABILITIES
- 1% ARE ENGLISH LEARNERS

Subgroup READINESS

**FREDERICK**
- Not Direct Certified: 58%
- Direct Certified: 42%
- Without Disabilities: 54%
- With Disabilities: 20%
- Fluent in English: 55%
- English Language Learners: 12%

**GARRETT**
- Not Direct Certified: 59%
- Direct Certified: 41%
- Without Disabilities: 56%
- With Disabilities: 31%
- Fluent in English: 54%
- English Language Learners: *

Domain AVERAGE SCALE SCORE

**FREDERICK**
- Social Foundations: 276
- Language & Literacy: 269
- Mathematics: 265
- Physical Well-Being & Motor Development: 278

**GARRETT**
- Social Foundations: 279
- Language & Literacy: 268
- Mathematics: 265
- Physical Well-Being & Motor Development: 276

Race/Ethnicity DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS

**FREDERICK**
- Kindergarten Enrollment: *
- Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness: *
- 8% Asian
- 16% Black/African American
- 20% Hispanic/Latino
- 10% Two or More
- 48% White

**GARRETT**
- Kindergarten Enrollment: *
- Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness: *
- 9% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 9% Asian
- 21% Black/African American
- 3% Hispanic/Latino
- 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 2% Two or More
- 94% White

Parent-Reported Prior Care READINESS

**FREDERICK**
- Any Formal Prior Care (full or half day): 56%
- Home/Informal Care (full day only): 30%

**GARRETT**
- Any Formal Prior Care (full or half day): 61%
- Home/Informal Care (full day only): 22%

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### Overall Readiness

- **HARFORD**
  - Kindergartners: 2,718
  - Demonstrate Readiness: 41%
  - Direct Certified: 20%
  - Disabilities: 10%
  - English Learners: 3%

- **HOWARD**
  - Kindergartners: 3,668
  - Demonstrate Readiness: 54%
  - Direct Certified: 25%
  - Disabilities: 11%
  - English Learners: 11%

### Subgroup Readiness

- **Not Direct Certified**
  - Maryland: 22%
  - Howard: 23%

- **Direct Certified**
  - Maryland: 58%
  - Howard: 62%

- **Without Disabilities**
  - Maryland: 33%
  - Howard: 41%

- **With Disabilities**
  - Maryland: 22%
  - Howard: 33%

- **Fluent in English**
  - Maryland: 26%
  - Howard: 29%

- **English Language Learners**
  - Maryland: 42%
  - Howard: 44%

### Domain Average Scale Score

- **Social Foundations**
  - Maryland: 266
  - Howard: 270

- **Language & Literacy**
  - Maryland: 265
  - Howard: 265

- **Mathematics**
  - Maryland: 267
  - Howard: 265

- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**
  - Maryland: 273
  - Howard: 270

### Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 3%
  - Asian: 19%
  - Black/African American: 32%
  - Hispanic/Latino: 18%
  - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 9%
  - Two or More: 59%

### Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness

- **Any Formal Prior Care**
  - Full or half day: 43%
  - Full day only: 22%

- **Home/Informal Care**
  - Full day only: 58%

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**Overall READINESS**

- **Maryland**: 42% Demonstrating, 28% Approaching, 19% Emerging
- **Kent**: 33% Demonstrating, 26% Approaching, 19% Emerging

**Subgroup READINESS**

- **Not Direct Certified**: 49%
- **Direct Certified**: 37%
- **Without Disabilities**: 45%
- **Fluent in English**: 48%

**Domain AVERAGE SCALE SCORE**

- **Social Foundations**: 277/298
- **Language & Literacy**: 265/277
- **Mathematics**: 265/277
- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**: 274/293

**Race/Ethnicity DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 2% Asian
  - 2% Black/African American
  - 18% Hispanic/Latino
  - 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 10% Two or More
  - 54% White
- **Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 2% Asian
  - 12% Black/African American
  - 20% Hispanic/Latino
  - <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 6% Two or More
  - 68% White

**Parent-Reported Prior Care READINESS**

- **Any Formal Prior Care (Full or half day)**: 45%
- **Home/Informal Care (Full day only)**: 20%

**DEMONSTRATE READINESS**

- **Kent**: 44%
- **Montgomery**: 43%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 13% Asian
  - 18% Black/African American
  - 36% Hispanic/Latino
  - <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 6% Two or More
  - 68% White
- **Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 13% Asian
  - 18% Black/African American
  - 36% Hispanic/Latino
  - <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 6% Two or More
  - 68% White

**Parent-Reported Prior Care READINESS**

- **Any Formal Prior Care (Full or half day)**: 67%
- **Home/Informal Care (Full day only)**: 31%

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**DEMONSTRATE READINESS**

- **Kent**: 44%
- **Montgomery**: 31%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 13% Asian
  - 18% Black/African American
  - 36% Hispanic/Latino
  - <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 6% Two or More
  - 68% White
- **Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 13% Asian
  - 18% Black/African American
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  - 6% Two or More
  - 68% White

**Parent-Reported Prior Care READINESS**

- **Any Formal Prior Care (Full or half day)**: 67%
- **Home/Informal Care (Full day only)**: 31%

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Overall Readiness

Subgroup Readiness

Domain Average Scale Score

Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness

Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness

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**Overall Readiness**

- **Maryland**
  - 2022: 42%
  - 2023: 44%
  - Emerging: 28%
  - Demonstrating: 33%

- **St. Mary's**
  - 2022: 47%
  - 2023: 39%
  - Emerging: 28%
  - Demonstrating: 33%

**Subgroup Readiness**

- **Not Direct Certified**
  - 2022: 51%

- **Direct Certified**
  - 2022: 28%

- **Without Disabilities**
  - 2022: 47%

- **With Disabilities**
  - 2022: 9%

- **Fluent in English**
  - 2022: 45%

- **English Language Learners**
  - 2022: 6%

**Domain Average Scale Score**

- **Social Foundations**
  - KRA Score: 273

- **Language & Literacy**
  - KRA Score: 272

- **Mathematics**
  - KRA Score: 266

- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**
  - KRA Score: 274

**Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - <1% American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 4% Asian
  - 19% Black/African American
  - 9% Hispanic/Latino
  - <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 9% Two or More
  - 9% White

- **Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness**
  - 2022: 51%
  - 2023: 44%

**Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness**

- **Any Formal Prior Care**
  - Full or half day: 47%
  - Full day only: 39%

- **Home/Informal Care**
  - Full day only: 39%

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44% **Demonstrate Readiness**

1,127 **Kindergarteners**

31% **of Kindergarteners are direct certified**

8% **of Kindergarteners have identified disabilities**

3% **are English learners**

- **Maryland**
  - 2022: 44%
  - 2023: 47%
  - Emerging: 22%
  - Demonstrating: 25%

- **St. Mary’s**
  - 2022: 39%
  - 2023: 31%
  - Emerging: 23%
  - Demonstrating: 20%

**Domain Average Scale Score**

- **Social Foundations**
  - KRA Score: 273

- **Language & Literacy**
  - KRA Score: 272

- **Mathematics**
  - KRA Score: 266

- **Physical Well-Being & Motor Development**
  - KRA Score: 274

**Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness**

- **Kindergarten Enrollment**
  - 2022: 51%
  - 2023: 44%

- **Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness**
  - 2022: 42%
  - 2023: 35%

**Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness**

- **Any Formal Prior Care**
  - Full or half day: 51%
  - Full day only: 18%

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47% **Demonstrate Readiness**

190 **Kindergarteners**

75% **of Kindergarteners are direct certified**

7% **of Kindergarteners have identified disabilities**

11% **are English learners**

- **Somerset**
  - 2022: 44%
  - 2023: 44%
  - Emerging: 28%
  - Demonstrating: 26%

- **Maryland**
  - 2022: 44%
  - 2023: 44%
  - Emerging: 28%
  - Demonstrating: 26%
### Overall Readiness

**Maryland**
- 22-23: 58%
- 22-23: 22%

**Washington**
- 22-23: 53%
- 22-23: 19%

### Subgroup Readiness

**Not Direct Certified**
- 22-23: 64%

**Direct Certified**
- 22-23: 42%

**Without Disabilities**
- 22-23: 56%

**With Disabilities**
- 22-23: 27%

**English Language Learners**
- 22-23: 55%

### Domain Average Scale Score

#### Social Foundations
- 2022: 273
- 2023: 271

#### Language & Literacy
- 2022: 265
- 2023: 265

#### Mathematics
- 2022: 266
- 2023: 266

#### Physical Well-Being & Motor Development
- 2022: 271
- 2023: 271

### Race/Ethnicity Demographics & Readiness

#### Kindergarten Enrollment
- <1%
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Black/African American
  - Hispanic/Latino
  - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - Two or More
  - White

#### Kindergarten Readiness
- 12%
  - <1%
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 2%
  - Asian
  - 13%
  - Black/African American
  - 28%
  - Hispanic/Latino
  - 15%
  - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - 12%
  - Two or More
  - 5%
  - White
  - 53%

### Parent-Reported Prior Care Readiness

**Any Formal Prior Care (full or half day)**
- 2022: 48%
- 2023: 33%

**Home/Informal Care (full day only)**
- 2022: 33%
- 2023: 28%

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### Race/Ethnicity

**DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS**

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### Parent-Reported Prior Care

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