















Shared Indicators for School Readiness

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INDICATOR	DATA SOURCES	DATA STATUS	NC DATA		STATE/ COUNTY/ REGIONAL DATA AVAILABLE
1. READY COMMUNITIES: HEALTH					
1A. Percent of children born at a healthy birth weight (>2500 g).	State Center for Health Statistics		2000 91.1%	2004 90.9%	County
1B. Percent of children less than 6 who were screened and had elevated blood lead levels (>=10 micrograms/dL).	Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Children's Environmental Health Branch		2000 2.4%	2003 1.8%	County
1C.1 Percent of children <18 years old without health insurance.	Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured		2000 10.4%	2005 12%	State
1C.2 Percent of children 0 to 5 years without health insurance.	Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) ¹ - 2005 Weighted data		N/A	2005 7.8%	State
1D.1 Percent of children (under age 5) receiving preventive care.	Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) - 2005 Weighted data		N/A	2005 92.6%	State
1D.2 Percent of Medicaid enrolled children receiving preventive care.	Division of Medical Assistance		2000 66.7%	2005 71.8%	County
2. READY COMMUNITIES: EARLY CARE & EDUCATION					
2A. Of the regulated early care and education programs serving preschool age children, percent at 3, 4, and 5 star levels.	DHHS Division of Child Development		March 2004 70%	March 2006 72.2%	County
2B. Of the children ages 0-5 enrolled in regulated early care and education programs, the percentage in 3, 4, and 5 star programs.	DHHS Division of Child Development		March 2004 79%	March 2006 80%	County
2C. Of the children ages 0-5 receiving child care subsidy, percent in 3, 4, & 5 star early care & education programs.	DHHS Division of Child Development		March 2004 79%	March 2006 86%	County
2D. Percent of children in kindergarten enrolled in special education who were not previously enrolled in Early Intervention (Part C) and/or pre-school special education services.	Department of Public Instruction - Comprehensive Exceptional Children Accountability System				
2E. Number of children who are eligible to receive child care subsidy but are on waiting list.	DHHS Division of Child Development		March 2004 26,558	March 2006 30,437	County
2F. Percent of at-risk children (4 year olds only) enrolled in high quality pre-k programs the year before they are eligible for kindergarten (includes Public School and 4 and 5 star programs with Head Start, More at Four, Subsidy, and Title 1 children, excluding children with preschool disabilities). ²	Office of School Readiness		2001/02 42.8%	2005/06 60.5%	State
















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3. READY COMMUNITIES: COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS					
3A. Percent of children enrolled for free or reduced lunch.	Department of Public Instruction		2001 40%	2005 48%	County
3B. Teen Pregnancy Rate, ages 15-17.	State Center for Health Statistics		2000 44.4 per 1,000	2004 35.9 per 1,000	County



¹CHAMP Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/champ/

²At risk is defined as eligible for free and reduced lunch. Some categories are estimates and as much duplication has been eliminated as possible.

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4. READY FAMILIES					
4A. Percent of children entering kindergarten with a regular source of primary care.	Kindergarten Health Assessment ³				
4B. Percent of children age 0 to 5 who have a medical home (according to definition used by the American Academy of Pediatrics).	National Survey of Children's Health		N/A	2003 56.6%	State
4C. Percent of children entering kindergarten with up to date immunizations.	Immunization Branch, DPH, DHHS Self Reported by Schools.		SY2001 97.5%	SY2005 97.6%	County
4D. Percent of children with required immunizations by age 2.	Immunization Branch, DPH, DHHS National Immunization Survey, CDC		2000 80.6%	2004 86.2%	State
4E. Percent of live births where mother received adequate prenatal care (based on the Kotelchuck Index).	State Center for Health Statistics		2000 88.5%	2004 87.8%	County
4F. Percent of births to mothers with at least a High School education.	State Center for Health Statistics		2000 77.5%	2004 76.9%	County
MALTREATMENT BLOCK 4G- 4L <i>(May be refined based on work of surveillance subgroup of Child Maltreatment Leadership Team)</i>					
4G. Number of children age 0 to 6 with substantiated reports of abuse and neglect.	Department of Social Services		2001 16,044	2005 11,878	County
4H. Number of children age 0 to 6 with a finding of "services needed".	Department of Social Services		N/A	2005 3,940 <small>(49 counties)</small>	County
4I. Percent of parents reporting that anyone in their household has insulted their child (under age 5), by calling the child dumb, lazy or another name like that in the past year.	Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) - 2005 Weighted data		N/A	2005 14.4%	State
4J. Percent of parents reporting that their child (under age 5) has been left alone for more than one hour without any adult supervision within the past year.	Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) - 2005 Weighted data		N/A	2005 23.5%	State
4K. Percent of parents reporting that their child (under age 5) did not receive all the medical care that the parent felt he or she needed in the past 12 months.	Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) - 2005 Weighted data		N/A	2005 1.0%	State
4L. Percent of parents reporting that in last 12 months their child (under age 5) skipped a meal because there wasn't enough money for food?	Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) - 2005 Weighted data		N/A	2005 0.8%	State
4M. Percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day.	National Survey of Children's Health		N/A	2003 49.7%	State
4N. Percent of mothers who experienced abuse before, during or after pregnancy.	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) ⁴		2000 7.7%	2003 7.1%	Regional
4O. Percent of mothers who used alcohol during pregnancy .	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)		2000 5.0%	2003 4.2%	Regional















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			2000	2003	
4P. Percent of mothers who have someone they can talk with about problems.	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)		2000 88.3%	2003 87.2%	Regional
4Q. Percent of mothers who report that they were moderately to severely depressed in the months after delivery.	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)		2000 18.9%	2003 19.6%	Regional



³Kindergarten Health Assessment is required for all children entering kindergarten (Public Law GS 130A 440).

⁴PRAMS Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/

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5. READY CHILDREN					
5A. Health and Physical Well-Being - Percent of children entering kindergarten with:					
1a. Normal Body Mass Index	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
1b. Normal Body Mass Index for children ages 2 to 4 seen in NC Public Health Sponsored WIC and Child Health Clinics and some School Based Health Centers	North Carolina-Nutrition and Physical Activity Surveillance System (NC-NPASS)		2000 68.3%	2005 65.7%	County
2. Adequate or corrected vision	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
3. Adequate or corrected hearing	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
4a. Adequate dental care	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
4b. Kindergarten children with untreated tooth decay	Oral Health Section		1999 23%	2004 22%	State
5. Appropriate fine and gross motor skills.	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
5B. Emotional and Social Development: Percent of children with developmentally appropriate skills and behaviors in the emotional/social emotional domain.	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
	NC School Readiness Assessment ⁵				
5C. Cognition and General Knowledge: Percent of children with developmentally appropriate skills and behaviors in the cognition and general knowledge domain.	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
	NC School Readiness Assessment				
5D. Approaches to Learning: Percent of children with developmentally appropriate skills and behaviors in the approaches to learning domain.	Kindergarten Health Assessment				
	NC School Readiness Assessment				
5E. Language Development and Communication: Percent of children with developmentally appropriate skills and behaviors in the language development and communication domain.	Kindergarten Health Assessment				

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	NC School Readiness Assessment			
6. READY SCHOOLS				
The Kellogg Foundation has funded the Ready Schools Task Force and this section is "Under Construction" until that task Force completes its work.				

⁵NC School Readiness Assessment uses information from parents, kindergarten teachers, and children to assess the condition of children as they enter school. The Assessment is based on five areas of development and learning: health and physical development; social and emotional development; approaches toward learning; language development and communication; and cognition and general knowledge. In the Fall of 2000, the first NC School Readiness Assessment was administered to a random sample of kindergarteners. The report can be accessed at www.fpg.unc.edu/~SchoolReadiness. Conducting the NC School Readiness Assessment on a regular basis would provide trend data.