School Readiness Indicators Initiative:
Indicator Selection by State

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Ready Children

Ready Children:
Immunizations

	Indicator	Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CA	Immunization rate Percentage of children with up-to-date immunizations at age 2.	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Immunization Survey.	By ethnicity	data are released yearly
CO	% of children with up-to-date immunizations by two years of age	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2004	State versus national	2002
KS	% of kindergarteners with up-to-date immunizations at age 2			
ME	% of young children age 2 appropriately immunized	Maine Immunization Program, BOH, DHHS (1996 – 1999); CDC, National Immunization Survey (2000-2002)	State versus national	BOH-1995 through 1999; CDC, NIS-2000 through 2002
NH	Immunization rates at age 2	2002 National Immunization Survey, Infants aged 19-35 months. Available from the Centers for Disease Control	State as a whole	2002
OH	% of children receiving complete immunization by 3rd grade			

Ready Children:
Immunizations (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
RI	Up-to-Date Immunizations: % of children ages 19-35 months who have received the entire 4:3:1:3:3 Series of Vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Immunization Survey, 1996-2002	State as a whole and national	1996-2002
VT	Immunization rates			

Ready Children:
Low Birth weight

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CA	Low birth weight rate: % of infants born weighing less than 5.5 lbs.	California Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics, Birth Records	Data are available at the state, county level and by ethnicity	Data are released yearly
CO	% of low birth weight births	CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment, 2003, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003	State versus national	2002
CT	% of low birth weight births	CT Dept. of Public Health, Provisional Registration Reports, 1999-2001	Connecticut and its poorest towns (Hartford, Windham, New Britain, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New London)	1999-2001
KY	% of infants born low birth weight			
VT	Full weight / full term births			
VA	Low birth weights: 2002 Number and percentage of low birth weight babies # of low birth weight births % of low birth weight births	VA Dept. of Health	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready Children:
Child Deaths

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CT	Child Deaths: # of child deaths per 100,000 children (ages 1-4, ages 5-9, ages 10-14)	CT Department of Public Health, Provisional Registration Reports, 1999-2001	State as a whole	1999-2001
NJ	# and % of child deaths, ages 1-14	NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics (1999) and Preliminary Birth and Death Data (2003)	State as a whole	1999, 2003

Ready Children:
Language Screenings

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
NH	% of school districts screening for phonological awareness in kindergarten or first grade	Potential assessment tools; Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) and Dynamic Indicators for Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)	State as a whole	

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
Language Development

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
MA	Children beginning kindergarten who speak a language other than English and are currently learning the English language	MA Dept. of Education	State and city	2000
MO	% of children recognizing basic shapes at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
MO	% of children almost always using language to communicate ideas, feelings, questions and to solve problems at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
RI	Language development: Verbal communication and emergent literacy rate of kindergarten children who do not use age-appropriate vocabulary	RI Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, SALT Survey	State as a whole	2002-2003
VT	Communication			

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
Language Development (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
VA	Child Assessments Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening for kindergarten (PALS) 2002-2003 kindergarten students identified as needing additional intervention under the Early Intervention Reading Initiative (EIRI) # screened # identified % identified	The University of Virginia	State and city	2002-2003
WI	Language development and communication	WI Early Learning Standards, first printing (August 2003). Early Learning Standards Steering Committee: Dept. of Public Instruction		

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
General

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KS	% of kindergarteners who demonstrate age-appropriate skills and behaviors			
ME	% of kindergarteners who demonstrate developmentally appropriate skills and behaviors (developmental)	Maine Success by Six School Readiness Survey	Single region	2000, 2002
MO	% of children almost always coping with failure and frustration at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
Approaches to Learning

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
MO	% of children almost always showing curiosity and interest at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
RI	Approaches to learning: Inclination to use skills, knowledge and capacities rate of kindergarten students who have a problem with concentrating and paying attention rate of kindergarten students who have difficulty following direction rate of kindergarten students who have trouble working independently	RI Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, SALT Survey	State as a whole	2002-2003
VT	Approaches to learning			
WI	Approaches to learning	WI Early Learning Standards, first printing (August 2003). Early Learning Standards Steering Committee: Dept. of Public Instruction		

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
Cognitive Development

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
ME	% of children experiencing difficulties in basic academics when arriving at kindergarten	Maine Success by Six School Readiness Survey	Single region	2000, 2002
MO	% of children almost always recognizing the relationship between letters and sounds at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
MO	% of children almost always determining "same", "more than" and "less than" by using comparisons at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
RI	Cognitive development: Knowledge about properties of objects and societal conventions rate of kindergarten students who cannot count objects	RI Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, SALT Survey	State as a whole	2002-2003
VT	Cognitive development and general knowledge			

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
Social-Emotional Development

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
VT	Social-emotional development			
RI	Social-emotional development: Ability to interact with others rate of kindergarten students who have difficulty working with others rate of kindergarten students who are disruptive in class rate of kindergarten students who are overly aggressive to peers	RI Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, SALT Survey	State as a whole	2002-2003
WI	Social and emotional development	WI Early Learning Standards, first printing (August 2003). Early Learning Standards Steering Committee: Dept. of Public Instruction		

Kindergarten Skills and Behaviors:
Physical Well-Being and Motor Development

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
ME	# of children entering kindergarten exiting special education to regular education	Special Education Child Count Data, ME Dept. of Education	State as a whole	1995-2001
ME	Sub-indicator visual ability: % of children entering kindergarten with untreated vision problems	ME Dept. of Education, School Nurse Consultant	State as a whole	2003-2004
ME	Sub-indicator auditory ability: % of children entering kindergarten with untreated hearing problems	ME Dept. of Education, School Nurse Consultant	State as a whole	2003-2004
MO	% of students with unidentified special needs at kindergarten entry	Data collection will begin 2004-2005	Data collection will begin 2004-2005	Data collection will begin 2004-2005
MO	% of children with age-appropriate fine motor skills at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
MO	% of children with age-appropriate gross motor skills at kindergarten entry	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	1998-2000, 2002
RI	Physical well-being: Health status, growth and disabilities rate of students entering kindergarten with a history of lead poisoning	RI Dept. of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	State as a whole	Fall 2002

Ready Families

Ready Families:
Poverty

	Indicator	Source	Level of Data	Year Reported
AZ	% of children under age 5 in poverty	U.S. Bureau of Census, Current Population Survey	State versus national	1990 2002
AR	Poverty rates by family type and presence of child	U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3, Arkansas 2000	State as a whole	2000
AR	% of children in poverty, 5 to 17 years of age, by school district % of children in poverty, ages 0-4	U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates	By city By lowest poverty rates By highest poverty rates	2000
CA	Child poverty rate: % of children living in poverty	CPS provides data	State and county	Data are released/reported yearly
CA	Low income children: % of children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch	CPS provides the total number of California children living in households with incomes at or below 185% of the FPL	State and county	
CO	% of children living in poverty	U.S. Census, 2003	State versus national	2000

Ready Families:
Poverty (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CT	Economic status of children under age 6 # of children above or below CT Self-Sufficiency Standards # of children near or in poverty	U.S. Census 2000, Table PCT50	State as a whole	2000
KS	% of children living in families earning at least 200% of federal poverty level			
KY	% of population living in poverty			
KY	% of children under age 18 living in poverty			
ME	% of children under age 18 living in female headed households below the poverty level	2000 Census Data	United States	1996-2000
MA	Poverty: # of children under the age of 18 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line	MassChip, MA Dept. of Public Health, 2000 Census Bureau	State and city	2000
ME	% of children under age 18 living in female headed households below the poverty level	2000 Census Data	United States	1996-2000

Ready Families:
Poverty (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
MO	% of children under 6 in poverty	U.S. Census Bureau	State as a whole	1990 2000
NH	% of children under age 6 living below federal poverty level	2000 U.S. Census. Data tables available from the Annie E. Casey Foundation	State as a whole	2000
NJ	# and % of children living below the poverty line	U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch (1999) and the American Community Survey, chart P114 (2003)	State as a whole	1999, 2003
RI	Children under age 6 by poverty status: % of children under age 6 who live in families below the federal poverty threshold of $14, 824 for a family of three with two children	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000	State as a whole, core cities, remainder of state	1999
VA	Children living in poverty: 2002 percent of children under age 6 living in poverty	U.S. Census Bureau	State as a whole all counties	2002
WI	Child poverty: Poverty for children under age 5	2000 Census	By race	

Ready Families:
Poverty (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
WI	Neighborhood Conditions Severely stressed neighborhoods High poverty neighborhoods % of children living in stressed and severely stressed neighborhoods	*The Growing Number of Kids in Severely Distressed Neighborhoods: Evidence from the 2000 Census*, The Annie E. Casey Foundation	State as a whole Madison Milwaukee	2000

Ready Families:
Child Abuse and Neglect

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KS	# per 1,000 of substantiated child victims of abuse and/or neglect, ages birth-17			
KY	% of children experiencing child abuse and neglect			
MO	% of victims with repeated substantiated child abuse/neglect within 6 months	MO Dept. of Social Services	State as a whole	1999-2002
NH	Rate of substantiated abuse or neglect	2000-2001 Division for Children, Youth and Families, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services	State as a whole	2000/2001
OH	% of children ages 0-6 living in families with substantiated occurrences of abuse/neglect			
RI	Child Abuse and Neglect: The rate of indicated investigations of child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children under age 6	RI Dept. of Children, Youth and Families, RI Children's Information System, 2003	State as a whole	2003
VT	Rate of child abuse and neglect			

Ready Families:
Child Abuse and Neglect (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
VA	Child Abuse/Neglect: 2001-2002 Duplicated counts of founded cases and assessments # unfounded # assessed # founded founded rate per 1,000	VA Dept of Social Services and VA Center for Health Statistics	State as a whole all counties	2001-2002

Ready Families:
Mother's Education Level

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CA	Mother's education: % of children born to mothers with less than 12 years of education.	California Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics, Birth Records.	Data are available at the state and county level and by ethnicity.	Data are released yearly
KS	% of infants born to mothers with at least a high school degree			
ME	Education level of the mother	Birth Certificate, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics, Maine BOH, DHHS	State as a whole	1996-2001
MA	Mother's education: # of births whose birth mother has a high school diploma, GED or higher	MassChip, MA Dept. of Public Health	State and city	2000-2002
MO	% of births to mothers with less than 12 years of education	MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services	State as a whole	1998-2002

Ready Families:
Mother's Education Level (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
RI	Mother's education level: % of total births to women with less that a high school diploma	RI Dept. of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 1998-2002 average. Data for 2000-2002 are provisional	State as a whole	1998-2002
VA	Maternal education: 2002 percentage of births to mothers with less than 12th grade education # of births to a mother with less than a 12th grade education % of births to a mother with less than a 12th grade education	VA Dept. of Health	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready Families:
Births to Teens

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CA	Teen birth rate: Rate of births to females ages 15 – 19 per 1,000 females of that age.	CA Dept. of Health Services, Vital Statistics, Birth Records.	Data are available at the state, county level and by ethnicity.	Data are released yearly.
CT	Births to teens ages 15 to 19: % of births to teens	CT Dept. of Public Health, Provisional Registration Reports, 199-2001	Connecticut and its poorest towns (Hartford, Windham, New Britain, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New London)	1999-2001
KY	Teen pregnancy rate			
MA	Teen births: % of births to teenagers who are 15-19	MassChip, MA Dept. of Public Health, 2000 Census Bureau	State and city	2000-2002
RI	Births to teens: # of births to teens ages 15-17 per 1,000 girls	RI Dept. of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 1998-2002 average. Data for 2000-2002 are provisional	State as a whole By ethnicity	1998-202
VT	Rate of adolescent pregnancy			
VA	Teen births: 2002 Births to Teenaged Mothers # births to mothers less than 15 # births to mothers 15-17 ages 15-17 birth rate per 1,000	VA Department of Health	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready Families:
Family Reading to Young Children

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	% of infants and children read to on a regular basis	CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment	State as a whole	2005 tentatively
ME	% of families who read to their children at least once a day as well as during the past week		State as a whole	2000, 2001

Ready Families:
Food Security

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CA	Hunger/food security: % of children who experienced food insecurity in the last 12 months.	US Department of Agriculture analyzes data provided by CPS and releases the hunger/food security data yearly at the state level. CHIS surveyed households with annual income up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	State level	Data are released yearly
KY	% of free and reduced lunch eligible four year old children enrolled in preschool programs			
KY	Childhood nutrition			
MA	Hunger: # of children at risk of hunger including those relying on school lunch, food stamps and other food programs	Household Food Security in the United States, 2000 USDA	State and city	2000-2003
NJ	Food insecure children and Hungry children	*Hunger and Food Insecurity in the 50 States 1998-2000*, the Food Security Institute	State as a whole	1998-2000 average

Ready Families:
Mental Health

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	% of parents with poor mental health	Colorado Child Health Survey, Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System	State as a whole	2005
KY	# of children receiving mental health services			
OH	# of children served in mental health system			
OH	# of mental health providers available			

Ready Families:
Babies at Risk

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	New babies at risk: % new babies born at-risk	AZ Dept. of Health Services	State versus national	1990 2002 no national source
CO	% of infants born to a high-risk mother	Colorado Children's Campaign	State as a whole	2002
KY	% of infants born to mothers using drugs/alcohol			

Ready Families:
Prenatal Substance Abuse

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KY	% of pregnant women served in substance abuse program			
MO	% of births where mother smoked cigarettes during pregnancy	MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services	State as a whole	1998-2002
OH	% of mothers using tobacco, alcohol and drugs while pregnant			

Ready Families:
Homeless Children

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KY	# of homeless families and children			
RI	Homeless children: # of children under age 6 years of age who received emergency housing services at homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters during the previous calendar year	RI Emergency Shelter Information Project 2003	State as a whole	2003

Ready Families:
Children at Risk

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
VA	At risk 4 year olds: 2003-2004 Projections: Title I and Head Start Enrollees; 2003 Virginia Preschool Initiative Enrollees % of children with free lunch Title 1 preschool Head Start 4 yr. olds VA Preschool Initiative 4 yr. olds served in eligible localities	VA Dept. of Education	State as a whole all counties	2003-2004 2000-2001 2003
KY	# of children spending 5 or more years in primary, K-3			

Ready Families:
Income Level

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AR	Median family income by family type and presence of children under 18	US Census Bureau, Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3, Arkansas, 2000	State as a whole	2000
AR	Per capita personal income	US Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS CD, May 2003	State and city	2001 data 1997-2001
AR	Employment distribution and average annual earnings by dollar amount and %	US Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS CD, May 2003	State as a whole by job type	2001
KY	Median household income			

Ready Families:
Mobility

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of 3rd graders who changed schools	AZ Department of Education	State versus national	1998 2002 no national source

Ready Communities

Ready Communities:
Health Insurance

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of low-income children under age 6 without health insurance	National Center for Children in Poverty	State versus national	1998-2000
AR	ARKids First Enrollment ARKids A (full medical coverage) ARKids B (reduced coverage)	AR Dept. of Human Services, Report IM-2414	By each city State as a whole	1999-2003 June 2003
CA	Medical insurance: # of children with health insurance % of children with health insurance	UCLA Health Policy Research is the only data source that provides the number and percentage of children with health insurance at the county and state level. CHIS is the largest state health survey conducted in the United States. Another source for state level data is the Current Population Survey (CPS).	County and state County and "cluster" area Ethnicity	2001, but a second survey will be taken in 2003 and results will be reported in 2004
CT	Young children enrolled in Medicaid (HUSKY A) (birth, ages 1-2, ages 3-5) # of children enrolled in HUSKY A	CT Department of Social Services, CMS Form 416, FY2000-FY20002	State as a whole	FY2000-FY2002

Ready Communities:
Health Insurance (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KS	% of children without health insurance			
KY	% of uninsured children			
KY	Children below 200% of poverty having Medicaid/KCHIP coverage			
ME	% of insured children	US Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Survey ('88-'98); Random telephone survey (Mathmatica and Muskie School) ('99-'01); Maine Child Health Survey (2002)	Estimates, state as a whole	US Census 1988 through 1998; Mathmatica/Muskie 1999 through 2001; Maine Child Health Survey 2002
MO	% of children without health insurance	U.S. Census Bureau	State as a whole	Based on 3 year averages, '95-'02
NH	% of children under 6 without health insurance	2001 Health Insurance Survey, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services	State as a whole	2001
NJ	% of uninsured children	US Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, table H-15	State as a whole	1999, 2003
NJ	Children receiving Medicaid	NJ Dept. of Human Services	State as a whole	2002, 2004
NJ	Children receiving FamilyCare	NJ. Dept. of Human Services	State as a whole	2002, 2004

Ready Communities:
Health Insurance (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
RI	Health Insurance: % of children under age 6 who are covered by any kind of public or private health insurance, including Medicaid	Average of Census Bureau's March Current Population Survey files from 2001-2003. Compiled by the Annie E. Casey Foundation	State as a whole	2002
VA	Child Health Insurance: December 2003 children eligible and enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS	VA Dept. of Medical Assistance Services	State as a whole all counties	As of December 2003
WI	Access to health care for children: % under age 6 with health insurance	*America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well Being*, 2002	State as a whole	2001

Ready Communities:
Prenatal Care

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	Lack of adequate prenatal care: % of babies born to mothers without adequate prenatal care	The Annie E. Casey Foundation	State versus national	1990 2000
KS	% of pregnant women who receive prenatal care beginning in the first trimester of pregnancy			
KY	% of mothers with late or no prenatal care			
KY	% of women with early entry into prenatal care			
ME	% of mothers who receive prenatal care in the first trimester	ME Dept. of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics	State as a whole	1996 through 2002
MA	Prenatal care: % of mothers receiving adequate prenatal care	MassChip, MA Dept. of Public Health	State and city	2000-2002
MO	% of births with inadequate prenatal care	MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services	State as a whole	1998-2002
NH	% births to women who received late or no prenatal care	2001 New Hampshire Birth Data. Data tables available from the Annie E. Casey Foundation	State as a whole	2001
NJ	% of women receiving late or no prenatal care	NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, NJ State Health Assessment Data	State as a whole	1998, 2002

Ready Communities:
Prenatal Care (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
VT	Early prenatal care			
VA	Prenatal care: 2002 women receiving early prenatal care # of pregnant women receiving care in the first 13 weeks	VA Dept. of Health	State as a whole all counties	2002
WI	Prenatal care: % of expectant mothers receiving inadequate prenatal care	WI Dept. of Health and Family Services, Division of Health Care Financing, Bureau of Health Information: Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths, 2001	State as a whole	2001

Ready Communities:
Community Crime/Violence

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KS	Rate per 1,000 population of crimes against persons			
MO	% of communities with reductions in crime from prior year	Missouri Highway patrol	State as a whole	2002
VT	Crime rates			

Ready Communities:
Access to Health Care

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	% of Colorado primary care physicians that accept Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus	CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment	State as a whole	May 2004
CT	Children enrolled in HUSKY A Receiving well-child visits on time (4-24 mths. and 3-5 yrs. old) % with on-time visits	Children's Health Council, EPSDT On-Time Visit Rates, First-Fourth Quarter 2001	State as a whole	Quarterly averages, first-fourth quarter 2001

Ready Communities:
Foster Care

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CT	Young children in foster care (birth to age 5) # of young children in foster care	CT Department of Children, Youth and Families, as of August 31, 2003	State as a whole	As of August 31, 2003
MO	Average # of children's division out-of-home placements per child	MO Dept. of Social Services	State as a whole	1998-2002
NJ	# of children in out-of-home placements	NJ Dept. of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Caseload Trend Reports, DAR-SISQ-23A	State as a whole	1998, 2004
VA	Foster care: 2002 number of children under age 6 entering and exiting foster care and rate per 1,000 children # entering and exiting foster care in SFY02 average # in foster care CY2002	VA Dept. of Social Services and VA Center for Health Statistics	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready Communities:
Lead Poisoning

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
MO	% of children screened for lead	MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services	State as a whole	1998-2002
OH	% of one and two year olds screened for high blood lead levels			
VA	Elevated lead levels: Prevalence of elevated blood lead levels and proportion tested under age 6 # and % of children under 6 with elevated lead levels # of children under age 6 tested for lead per 1,000 children	VA Dept. of Health	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready ECE:
Parent Support Services

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KS	% of parents of children ages birth-5 involved in a parenting program			
KY	# of families receiving support through home visiting			
MO	% of school districts increasing participation in Parents as Teachers for high needs families	MO Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education	State as a whole	2002

Ready Communities:
Housing

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
NJ	% of households paying more than 30% of income to rent	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000, Summary Tape File 3, chart H069 (1999) and American Factfinder, chart H067 (2003)	State as a whole	1999, 2003
VT	Civic engagement			
VT	Availability of affordable housing			
WI	Unsafe housing		State as a whole	

Ready Communities:
High School Dropouts

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	High school drop-out rate	The Annie E. Casey Foundation	State versus national	2000
KY	% of high school dropouts, ages 16-19			

Ready Communities:
TANF

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CT	Young children receiving welfare benefits (Temporary Family Assistance-TFA) (birth to age 5) # of children receiving welfare benefits	CT Department of Social Services, Form 8017, October 31, 2003	State as a whole	As of October 31, 2003

Ready Communities:
WIC

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of low-income children receiving WIC	US Dept. of Agriculture, Women, Infants and Children Program	State versus national	1990 2002 not available nationally for the year 1990

Ready Early Care and Education

Ready ECE:
Child Care Licensing and Accreditation

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of licensed child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	Children's Defense Fund	State versus national	2002
KY	# of accredited centers			
KY	# of accredited family child care homes			
MO	# of accredited child care facilities	Missouri Accreditation, NAEYC, National School-Age Care Alliance, NAFCC; Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral	State as a whole	1998-2002
NH	% of child care centers accredited by NAEYC %of Family child care homes accredited by NFCCA	Accredited program count from NAEYC and NAFCC. Total count of NH programs provided by Child Development Bureau of Child Care Licensing, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services	State as a whole	
NJ	# of state-licensed child care centers	NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing	State as a whole	1996, 2004

Ready ECE:
Child Care Licensing and Accreditation (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
RI	Accredited child care: % of child care centers serving young children that have NAEYC accreditation and family child care homes accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care	Options for Working Parents, December 2003	State as a whole	2003
WI	Child care accreditation: % of accredited child care centers	*Brief and To The Point, Who Cares for Wisconsin Children, Education and Experience of the Child Care Workforce*, Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership, Issue Brief No.1, July 2001	By child care centers and family child care programs	June 2003

Ready ECE:
Child Care Subsidies

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CT	Children receiving child care subsidies (Care4Kids) # of children receiving child care subsidies (monthly averages)	CT Department of Social Services, Annual Reports to the State Legislature, 1999-2003	State as a whole	1999-2003
KY	% of eligible children served by child care subsidy			
ME	% of eligible children receiving child care subsidies (vouchers and slots)	ME Dept. of Health and Human Services Child Care Development Fund Report	State as a whole	
MO	% of subsidized children in licensed child care	MO Dept. of Social Services	State as a whole	FFY '98-FFY'02
RI	Access to child care subsidies: # of children under age 6 receiving child care that is either fully or partially paid for with a child care subsidy from the Rhode Island Department of Human Services	RI Dept. of Human Services	State as a whole	1997-2003
VA	Child care subsidies: 2002 FFY average number of children receiving child care subsidies	VA Dept. of Social Services and VA Center for Health Statistics	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready ECE:
Child Care-Quantity

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AR	Child Care Licenses: By number By capacity	AR Dept. of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education	State and city	August 2003
CA	Preschool participation: The percentage of 3-5 year olds enrolled in preschool by income	CPS's ferret system provides state level preschool participation rates yearly. Census 2000 and CHIS provide preschool participation data for the state.	By state, income and some ethnic data	2000
CT	Supply of regulated child care: # of slots per 100 children	Child Care Infoline, June 2003	State as a whole	June 2003
KS	Child care capacity			
KY	# of child care center placements for children 0-3			
KY	# of child care placements for children 3-5			
KY	# of family child care placements			

Ready ECE:
Child Care-Quantity (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
ME	Availability of early childhood education programs	ME Dept. of Health and Human Services Licensing Data Base	State as a whole	2002, 2004
ME	# of slots available in licensed childcare	ME Dept. of Health and Human Services Licensing Data Base	State as a whole	2002, 2004
NJ	# of registered family day care providers	NJ Dept. of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing	State as a whole	1996, 2003
VT	Availability of child care			

Ready ECE:
Child Care Quality

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AR	Child care licenses meeting quality standards	AR Dept. of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education	State and city	August 2003
CT	Supply of quality early care and education # of quality early care and education slots	Child Care Infoline, June 2003	State as a whole	June 2003
KY	# of programs receiving a STAR rating			
KY	# of children served in a STAR rated program			
OH	Child care programs that have achieved a quality rating			

Ready ECE:
ECE Teacher's Credentials

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	# of credentialed early care and education educators	Community College of Denver	State and counties	2004
KS	% of teachers with a CDA teacher license or degree in early childhood			
KY	# of teachers in Head Start, Pre-K and First Steps with IECE certification			
KY	# of teachers with national certification in Pre K-primary			
MO	Early Childhood Education Child Development Degrees Conferred		State as a whole	1998-2002
NH	% of early educators with early childhood credentials serving children birth to school entry	Child Development Bureau, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services	State as a whole	
WI	Education training for early education and care providers: Education and training attainment of children's teachers % of teachers with a high school diploma, Associate Degree, BA/BS Degree, 40-0 Hours Training or AB/BS in ECE Degree	WI Child Care Research Partnership, Issue Brief No.1, July 2001	State as a whole High school Associate Degree BA/BS Degree 40-0 hours training AB/BS in ECE	2001

Ready ECE:
Head Start

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of poor 3 and 4 yr. olds enrolled in Head Start	US Head Start Bureau	State versus national	2000 2002
KY	# of eligible children that participate in KY Preschool and Head Start programs			
ME	% of eligible children enrolled in Head Start	ME Head Start Program Information Report	State as a whole	2000-01 2002-03
MO	Children in Head Start as a percent of children under age 5 in poverty		State as a whole	1998, 2000-2002
VA	Head Start: Head Start enrollments by grantee # of children enrolled in Head Start	VA Dept. of Social Services	By program and locality served	2002

Ready ECE:
Early Head Start

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
MO	Children in Early Head Start as a percent of children under age 5 in poverty		State as a whole	1998, 2000-2002
RI	Early Head Start: % of income-eligible children birth to age 3 enrolled in the Early Head Start program	RI Early Head Start Program, October 2003	State as a whole	As of October 2003
VA	Early Head Start: Early Head Start enrollments by grantee # of children enrolled in Early Head Start	VA Dept. of Social Services	By program and locality served	2002

Ready ECE:
Wages and Turnover

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	Child care providers' salary relative to kindergarten teachers' salary: % of child care providers with salaries relative to K teacher's salaries	Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Occupational Survey	State versus national	1999 2001
AZ	Preschool teachers' salary relative to kindergarten teachers' salary % of preschool teachers with salaries relative to K teacher's salaries	Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Occupational Survey	State versus national	1999 2001
KY	Retention of early care teachers			
ME	Sub-indicator: compensation and turnover rates	Office of Child Care and Head Start, Maine Department of Health and Human Services Maine Child Care Workforce and Market Rate Study, MDHHS	State as a whole	2002, 2004
WI	Care giver wages and child care workforce stability	*Set for Success, Building A Strong Foundation for School Readiness Based on the Social-Emotional Development of Young Children*, Lisa G. Klein, Ph.D., The Kauffman Early Education Exchange, The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation		

Ready ECE:
Early Intervention

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
RI	Early Intervention: % of all children ages birth to 3 enrolled in the Early Intervention program	RI Dept. of Health, December 31, 2003	State as a whole	As of December 31, 2003
VA	Early Intervention: Birth to three year olds in community early intervention programs # of children enrolled birth to three % of 1 and 2 year olds enrolled	VA Dept. of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services	State as a whole Counties/communities with Early Intervention programs	2002

Ready Schools

Ready ECE:
Before/After School Care

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years reported
KY	# of school age child care placements			
NH	% of school districts offering before and after school programs			

Elementary Test Scores: Comprehensive

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AR	Grade 4 Test Scores on Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP): # and % of children scoring below basic, at basic, proficient, advanced or meeting or exceeding proficiency	Based on the Criterion Referenced Test, Benchmark Examination, General Population, April 2003. Arkansas Dept. of Education	State as a whole	2002, 2003
CA	Reading/Math Assessments: % of students scoring at or above 50th National Percentile Rank (NPR) on California standardized reading tests and math tests in 2nd grade and 4th grade.	California Department of Education, and Spanish Assessment of Basic Education, 2nd Edition (SABE/2) for Spanish speaking students enrolled in school less than 12 months.	Data are available at the state, county, school district and school level. Data provided are the percentage of children scoring at or above the National Percentile Rank (NPR). Data are available by Ethnicity.	Data are released yearly

Elementary Test Scores:
Comprehensive (continued)

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CT	Student Performance on CT Mastery Test (4th Grade) by Education Reference Group: % of children meeting state performance goal	CT State Department of Education, Strategic School Profiles, 2002-2003	State as a whole	2002-2003
NH	% of children at or above basic level in reading and math by end of grade three	2002-2003 3rd Grade NHEIAP Test Scores, NH Dept. of Education	State as a whole	2002/2003
NJ	% of 4th graders passing the language arts and math sections of the state test	NJ Dept. of Education	State as a whole	2002-03, 2003-04
NJ	% of 4th graders passing state tests by District Factor Group (income)	NJ Dept. of Education	State as a whole	2002-03, 2003-04
VA	3rd Grade Standards of Learning: % of children passing 3rd grade Standards of Learning Assessments (SOLS)	VA Dept. of Education	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready Schools:
Class Size

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of 4th graders in classes with 25 or fewer children	National Assessment of Educational Progress	State versus national	1996 1998
CO	Average elementary school class size	U.S. Dept. of Education, 2002	State versus national	1999
CT	Average kindergarten class size by Education Reference Group (ERG)	CT State Department of Education, Strategic School Profiles, 2002-2003	State as a whole	2002-2003
KS	Average teacher/child ratio in K-1 classrooms			
WI	Early elementary class size: % of students participating in Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) classrooms	Interviews with teachers and observations of WI's Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) classrooms	State as a whole	

Elementary Test Scores:
Reading

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	NAEP 4th Grade reading: % of children scoring below basic, at basic, at proficient or advanced levels	National Center for Education Statistics	State versus national	1992 2002
CO	Proficiency in third grade reading test	CO Dept. of Education, 2003	State as a whole and by level of proficiency	2003
KY	# of children reaching proficient reading level in grade 4			
ME	% with reading proficiency in fourth grade	ME Dept. of Education, Maine Educational Assessment	State as a whole	2000-2004
RI	Fourth grade reading skills: % of fourth-grade students who scored at or above proficiency level for reading (Basic Understanding and Analysis and Interpretation) in the New Standards English Language Arts Reference Exam	RI Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2002-2003 school year	State as a whole	2002-2003

Ready Schools:
Special Education

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
AZ	% of 1st graders in special education	AZ Dept. of Education	State versus national	1998 2002 no national source
ME	Young children in special education Part C (0-2 years)-Section 619 (3-5 years)	Special Education Child Count Data, ME Dept. of Education	State as a whole and by age of child	1998-2002
ME	# of children entering kindergarten exiting special education to regular education	Special Education Child Count Data, ME Dept. of Education	State as a whole	1995-2001
MA	% of children on special education IEP's between ages 3-5, and in elementary school	MA Dept. of Education	State as a whole	2000-2003
NJ	% of students enrolled in special education	NJ Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education	State as a whole	1999-00, 2003-04
VA	Preschool Special Education: Number and rates per 1,000 of birth to six year olds in public school special education programs	VA Dept. of Education	State as a whole all counties	2002

Ready Schools:
Transitions

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
KS	% of schools with formal working transition plans between early childhood settings and kindergarten			
ME	% of schools with formal working transition plans between early childhood settings and kindergarten (developmental)	ME Dept. of Education		

Ready Schools:
Public Preschool

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
ME	Sub-indicator: # of schools with public 4-year-old programs and students served	ME Dept. of Education	State as a whole and by # of students and # of schools	1999-2004
NJ	Preschool enrollment	NJ Dept. of Education, ASSA October enrollment counts	State as a whole	1999-00, 2003-04
WI	Collaborative 4-year-old kindergarten: % of school districts offering collaborative 4 year old kindergarten	WI Dept. of Public Instruction	By school district	2003

Ready Schools:
Full Day Kindergarten

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
ME	% of all public kindergarten schools offering all-day kindergarten		State and city	1997-2003
MA	Full-day kindergarten: % of children enrolled in full-day kindergarten	MA Dept. of Education	State and city	2003-2004
OH	% of school districts providing full-day kindergarten			
RI	Full-day kindergarten: % of public school kindergarten children enrolled in a full-day kindergarten program as of October 2003	RI Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education,1999-2000 and 2003-2004 school years	State as a whole	1999-2000 2003-2004

Ready Schools:
Elementary Teacher's Credentials

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	# of credentialed early care and education educators	Community College of Denver	State as a whole	2004
KS	% of K teachers with early childhood licensure or endorsement			

Ready Schools:
Public Kindergarten

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
NH	# of school districts offering public kindergarten		State as a whole	2003-2004

Elementary Test Scores:
Math

	Indicator	Data Source	Level of Data	Years Reported
CO	Proficiency in fifth grade math test	CO Dept. of Education, 2003	State as a whole	2003
KY	# of children reaching proficient math level in grade 4			