Measure: Kindergarten Readiness

What is Kindergarten Readiness?

Kindergarten Readiness is a measure of a student's preparedness for the rigors of kindergarten. In Washington, kindergarten readiness is measured by the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS), which has three components: Family Connection, Early Learning Collaboration, and Whole-child Assessment. The Annual Snapshot on Student Opportunity and Outcomes uses data from the WaKIDS Whole-child Assessment. The Whole-child Assessment is an observational assessment that identifies the skills, knowledge, and characteristics of kindergarten children at the beginning of the school year to support six domains of development.

What are the six domains of the WaKIDS Whole-child Assessment?

The Whole-child Assessment is comprised of six domains:

- Social-emotional
- Physical
- Language
- Literacy
- Cognitive
- Mathematics

How is the data used?

Kindergarten readiness data is used to support kindergarten students in their transition to K–12 education. The Whole-child Assessment provides important information about where Washington's kindergarteners are in their development early in the school year. At the local levels, the data can inform classroom decisions about individualized learning supports. At the state level, the data are used to understand demographic shifts and inform policy decisions.

What does the data show?

The data show that over the past three years, greater percentages of Washington's students are entering kindergarten ready in all six domains.

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Percent of Kindergarten Students Showing Readiness in All Six Domains Statewide

School Year	Percent
2022–23	49.8%
2023–24	54.8%
2024–25	53.6%

What are the business rules for calculating Kindergarten Readiness?

The Kindergarten Readiness measure is defined as the rate of kindergarten students who met all six domains of the WaKIDS Whole-child Assessment. The six domains of WaKIDS are Social-Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, and Math.

Numerator = Number of kindergarten students meeting all six domains of WaKIDS Whole-child Assessment.

Denominator = Number of kindergarten students in the kindergarten cohort as of October 1.

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Additional Resources:
OSPI's WaKIDS Webpage
WaKIDS Frequently Asked Questions

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