



# CLOSING THE GAP

At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) was administered to 53,767 kindergartners across South Carolina. The South Carolina Education Oversight Committee completed an analysis of the KRA Results. Here's what they found:

**36%** of entering kindergartners were ready for school

Disparities persist in kindergarten readiness in South Carolina.

An overarching measure of success for First Steps is to reduce the **racial/ethnic** gap in kindergarten readiness.

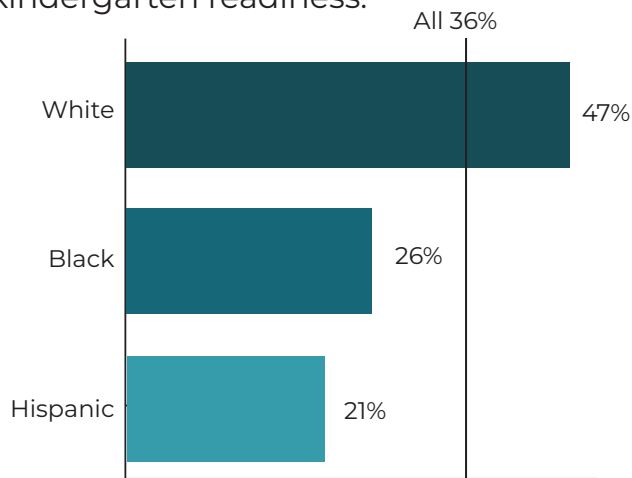
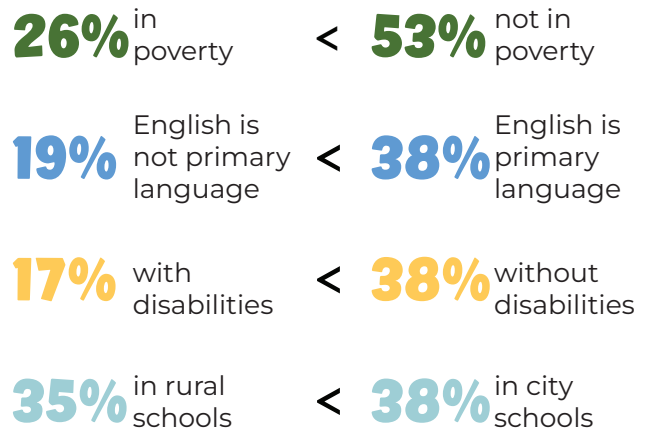


Figure 1 Kindergarten Readiness by Race/Ethnicity

There are **other disparities** that exist in kindergarten readiness.



We have work to do to get more kindergartners **ready for school** statewide.

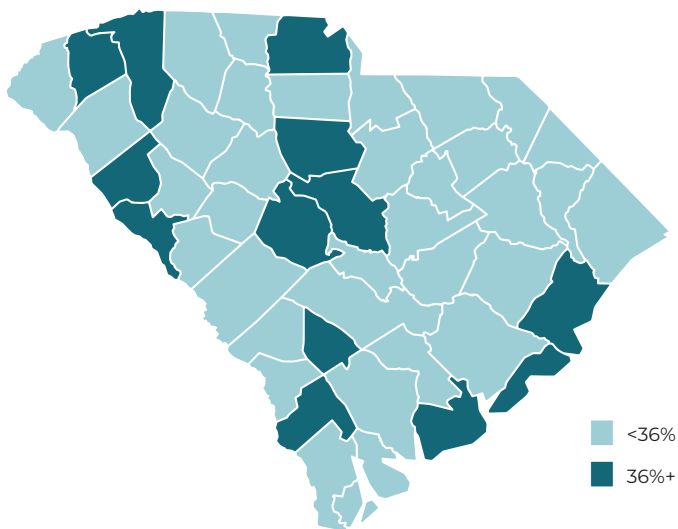


Figure 3 Kindergarten Readiness by County, compared to the State Overall

**Kindergarten readiness** is getting back on track to pre-pandemic levels.

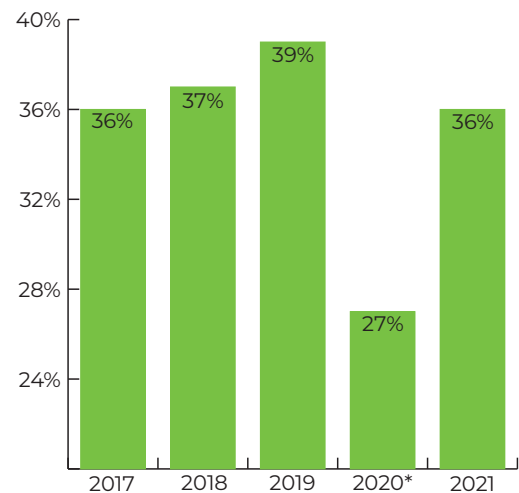


Figure 4 Kindergarten Readiness by Year; \*Modified KRA due to COVID-19 Pandemic