



Fall 2019 Readiness Report for Richmond City

All of Virginia's children, regardless of their background or zip code, deserve to enter kindergarten ready. Yet, **44%** of Virginia children do not enter kindergarten with the skills needed to thrive. Research shows that high-quality early childhood programs can help prepare children for school. Yet too many of Virginia's most vulnerable children lack access to affordable, quality early childhood care and education. To ensure children can fulfill their potential, Virginia should increase access to and the quality of early childhood care and education.

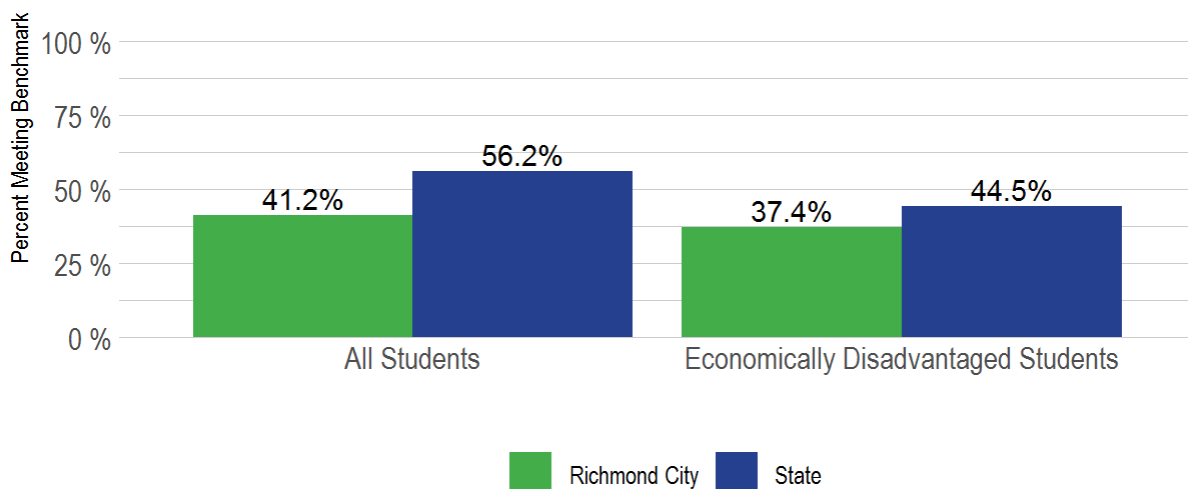
This document provides an overview for Richmond City in Fall 2019, including the results of the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) assessments and access data for publicly-funded early childhood programs.

Percent of Children Meeting or Exceeding VKRP Benchmark by Domain, Fall 2019

*In each column, pass rates are presented for **All Students / Economically Disadvantaged Students**. Overall refers to the percentage of children meeting or exceeding benchmarks in all four domains.*

Domain	Richmond City	State
Overall	41.2% / 37.4%	56.2% / 44.5%
Self Regulation	72.3% / 68.1%	80% / 74.5%
Social Skills	67% / 63.2%	77.5% / 73.7%
Math	68.9% / 64.8%	78.5% / 67.2%
Literacy	71.3% / 72.1%	82% / 73.5%

Percent of Kindergarten Students Ready

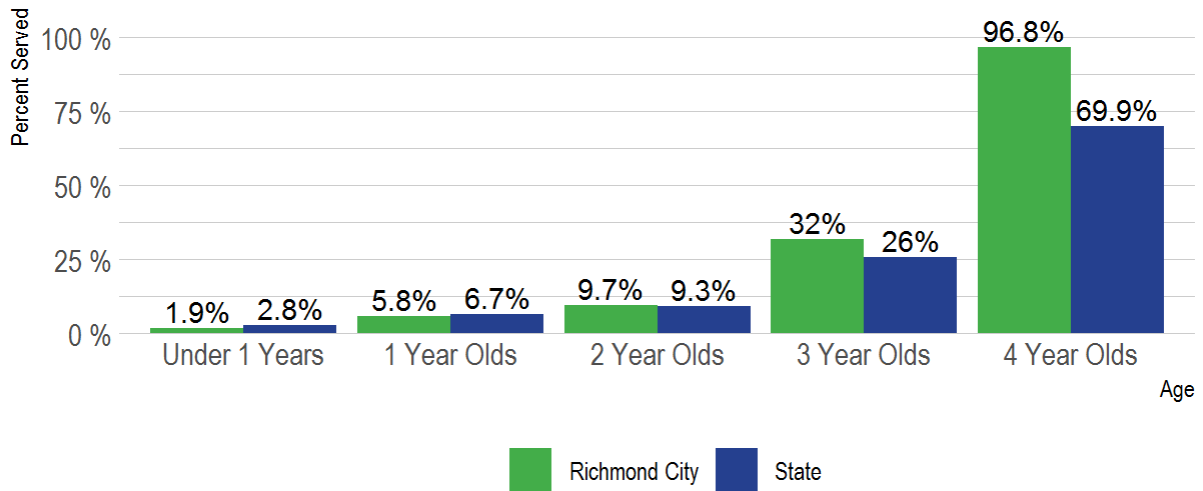


At-Risk Children Served in Publicly-Funded Programs, Fall 2019

In each column, the number of at-risk children served is presented outside of parentheses, whereas the estimated proportion of at-risk children served is presented inside parentheses. Any counts less than 10 are suppressed.

Age	Richmond City	State
Under 1 Years Old	35 (1.9%)	1323 (2.8%)
1 Years Old	105 (5.8%)	3255 (6.7%)
2 Years Old	164 (9.7%)	4584 (9.3%)
3 Years Old	504 (32%)	12859 (26%)
4 Years Old	1407 (96.8%)	34242 (69.9%)

Percent of At-Risk Children Served in Publicly-Funded Programs



Data Notes

Data presented in this document were drawn from the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Social Services, Head Start, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the University of Virginia’s VKRP database. Beginning in Fall 2019, VKRP is a required statewide assessment of kindergarten readiness. Additionally, in this document:

- *“At-risk” children* are those who are economically disadvantaged, qualify for special education services, or both, and the number of “at-risk” children in a given age band is estimated using locality-specific data.
- *Publicly-funded early childhood programs* include Head Start/Early Head Start, Child Care Subsidy Program, VPI, VPI+, Title I-funded PreK, Early Childhood Special Education, and locally-funded PreK.

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