

# All County Needs Assessment ~ 2019 

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The 2019 Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Statewide Needs Assessment was completed in September 2019 as part of a Preschool Development Grant B-5 (see www.earlychildhoodiowa.iowa.gov for full report). It included seven data collection efforts and a series of stakeholder learning sessions with diverse partners including families, community members, executive leaders, private businesses, program managers, and providers. It included information from Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision Making (I2D2) that analyzed administrative records from public programs operated by lowa Departments of Public Health, Education, Human Services, Human Rights, and Workforce Development. This brief uses data from an I2D2 cohort of 27,321 children who were born in lowa and enrolled in kindergarten during the 2017-2018 year. This cohort represents 78\% of all lowa kindergarteners during that school year. Integrated data included Vital Statistics birth records (IDPH), kindergarten and preschool enrollment (DE), and receipt of child care assistance (DHS).

Individual birth risks relate to school readiness.
Statewide Needs Assessment findings using the I2D2 2018 kindergarten cohort ( $n=27,321$ ) identified important birth risks with known associations to early health and school readiness outcomes. As shown in Table 1, compared to national estimates, lowa evidenced higher percentages of children born to a teen mother and to a mother who smoked during pregnancy. Findings also showed that children born to teen mothers, mothers without a high school education, families in poverty, or were exposed to prenatal smoking were more likely born in rural counties compared to urban counties. (Variables presented in Table 1 columns 1 and 2 were derived from the Iowa Department of Public Health Vital Statistics birth records.) See also Appendix Figures A1-A7 and Table A2 for county-level estimates of each individual birth risk.

Table 1. Percentage of individual birth risks for children enrolled in kindergarten statewide in the 2017-2018 school year.

| $\frac{\stackrel{n}{\omega}}{\frac{\omega}{\alpha}}$ | Definitions | Iowa Estimates | Rural lowa ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | National Estimates |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Poverty (receiving Medicaid or WIC at time of birth) | 49 | 57 | $4{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | Unmarried mother (mother was not married at time of child birth) | 33 | 34 | $40^{\text {b }}$ |
|  | Low maternal education (completed < 12 years) | 10 | 13 | $14^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | Teen mother (< age 20 at time of child birth) | 4 | 5 | $2{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
|  | Preterm OR Low Birth Weight ( $<36$ weeks gestation or $<2,500$ grams) | 8 | 5 | $10^{\text {b }}$ |
|  | Inadequate Prenatal Care (no visit in $1^{\text {st }}$ trimester and $<4$ visits overall) | 1 | 2 | $6^{\text {c }}$ |
|  | Prenatal Smoking (mother smoked during the 3 months preceding pregnancy or during pregnancy) | 23 | 27 | $7^{\text {c }}$ |

Notes: National estimates used the following references: (a) U.S. Census Bureau; poverty definition includes children in families under 200\% FPL; (b) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; (c) National Center for Health Statistics; smoking definition includes mothers who smoked during pregnancy only; (d) U.S. Census Bureau; Woods \& Poole (2017), lowa has 88 rural counties (out of 99), assessed as geographic units outside of urban areas where census block groups have a population density less than 1,000 people per square mile.

Cumulative birth risks.
As children often face multiple risks that are highly correlated and accumulate over time, a cumulative risk approach was utilized to understand the multiple risk context and provide deeper insights into how agencies might address the needs of vulnerable children. A cumulative risk measure was constructed as a sum of the 7 individual birth risks identified above (i.e., poverty, unmarried mother, low maternal education, teen mother, preterm/low birth weight, inadequate prenatal care, and prenatal smoking). See Figure 1 for a depiction of the amount of cumulative risk experienced across the 2018 I2D2 cohort ( $n=27,321$ )

Figure 1. Statewide cumulative risk


Findings from the 2019 Statewide Needs Assessment revealed that children living in rural areas had disproportionately more cumulative risks than other children, with $49 \%$ experiencing 2 or more risks compared to $40 \%$ in the rest of the cohort. Children with more cumulative risks were less likely to participate in a formal, preschool program during the year before kindergarten. Figure 2 presents the percentage of children in each county with 2 or more birth risks using the 2018 I2D2 cohort ( $n=27,321$ children).

Figure 2. Percent of children with 2 or more cumulative birth risks (2018 I2D2 kindergarten cohort, $n=27,321$ ).


## Unduplicated percentage of children with prekindergarten center-based experiences.

I2D2 analyses documented unduplicated counts of children across different types of center-based programs. It is the first time our state was able to see a more refined count of how many children have access to and participate in publicly-visible center-based experiences during the year before kindergarten, because it used administrative records from across programs including the Department of Education, Department of Human Services (child care assistance data), Head Start, and private centers that participate in Teaching Strategies GOLD (TS GOLD) statewide assessments. Findings using these data indicated that $73 \%$ of lowa children experienced at least 1 center-based program the year before kindergarten, with many having more than one experience.
For this analysis, a center-based experience was defined by participation in a Department of Education funded program (e.g., Statewide Voluntary Preschool, Shared Visions, or IDEA), receiving child care assistance from DHS that funded a center-based program, and/or who completed a TS GOLD assessment (which indicated that the child attended a center that participated in TS GOLD assessments through the State of lowa license and included Head Start programs and many other privately funded preschool centers).
Figure 3 presents county level estimates of the percent of children who were living in each county at the time of their birth and who later attended public school kindergarten in lowa (note - some children may NOT have attended kindergarten in the same county where they were born. These estimates are aggregated at the county in which children were born).

Figure 3. Percentage of children from the 2018 I2D2 cohort who were born in each county and had at least one center-based experience the year before kindergarten (statewide $=73 \%$ ).


## Kindergarten indicators.

The 2018 I2D2 cohort study documented that some populations of children were more likely to evidence poor kindergarten attendance or be suspended from school, including children born in low-income families; born to unmarried, low educated, or teen mothers; children of minority racial status (i.e., Black, Hispanic, Asian, or multiple races); and children whose mothers smoked during pregnancy. Boys were also significantly more likely than girls to have identified needs for special education (e.g., an IEP) and to be suspended from school in kindergarten.

Figure 4 shows the distribution of children statewide with each of the five indicators in kindergarten using the I2D2 2018 Kindergarten cohort. See also Appendix Figures A8-A12 and Table A3 for county-level estimates of these indicators.

Figure 4. Percentage of children with kindergarten indicators statewide (2018 I2D2 cohort; $n=27,321$ ).


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Table A1. Statewide descriptive statistics ( $\mathrm{n}=27,321$ ).

| Risk and Indicators | Total | Mean | Standard Deviation | By County Range |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vital Statistics |  |  |  |  |
| Poverty | 27,319 | $48.7 \%$ | 0.50 | $20.8-77.1 \%$ |
| Unmarried mother | 27,321 | $32.6 \%$ | 0.47 | $15.8-49.0 \%$ |
| Low maternal education | 27,315 | $9.6 \%$ | 0.29 | $0.0-32.4 \%$ |
| Teen mother | 27,321 | $3.8 \%$ | 0.19 | $0.0-10.9 \%$ |
| Preterm or low birthweight | 27,312 | $7.7 \%$ | 0.27 | $0.0-15.7 \%$ |
| Inadequate prenatal care | 27,264 | $1.0 \%$ | 0.10 | $0.0-6.8 \%$ |
| Tobacco | 27,321 | $22.6 \%$ | 0.42 | $9.7-50.8 \%$ |
| 0 Risks | 27,321 | $40.1 \%$ | $0.7-66.7 \%$ |  |
| 1 Risk | 27,321 | $19.2 \%$ | 0.39 | $11.7-40.0 \%$ |
| 2 Risks | 27,321 | $20.3 \%$ | 0.40 | $9.3-33.3 \%$ |
| 3+ Risks | 27,321 | $20.4 \%$ | 0.40 | $7.0-34.3 \%$ |
| Preschool and Kindergarten Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Any Preschool Experience | 27,321 | $73.1 \%$ | 0.44 | $46.1-100.0 \%$ |
| Individualized Education Plan | 27,321 | $7.4 \%$ | 0.26 | $1.4-18.9 \%$ |
| English Language Learner | 27,321 | $7.0 \%$ | 0.25 | $0.0-45.9 \%$ |
| Free or Reduced Price Lunch Status | 27,321 | $39.2 \%$ | 0.49 | $18.1-68.6 \%$ |
| Any Suspensions | 27,321 | $1.0 \%$ | $0.0-4.8 \%$ |  |
| Poor (<90\%) Attendance | 27,321 | $7.5 \%$ | 0.10 | 0.26 |

Figures A1-A7. Individual risks.
Figure A1. Percentage of children born to a mother receiving WIC or Medicaid at birth (statewide $=49 \%$ )


Note: Data provided from the 2018 I2D2 cohort study, $\mathrm{n}=27,321$.
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Figure A3. Percentage of children born to a mother without a high school education (statewide $=10 \%$ )


Figure A4. Percentage of children born to a teenage mother (statewide $=4 \%$ )


Figure A5. Percentage of children born preterm or with a low birthweight (statewide $=8 \%$ )


Figure A6. Percentage of children born to a mother who received inadequate prenatal care (statewide $=$ $1 \%)$


Figure A7. Percentage of children born to a mother who smoked during pregnancy (statewide $=\mathbf{2 3} \%$ )


Note: Data provided from the 2018 I2D2 cohort study, $\mathrm{n}=27,321$.

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Figure A11. Percentage of children born in each county and attending less than $90 \%$ of days in kindergarten in the 2017-2018 school year.


Figure A12. Percentage of children born in each county and experiencing a suspension in kindergarten in the 2017-2018 school year.


Table A2. Percentage of individual and cumulative birth risks for children born in each county (2018 I2D2 cohort; n=27,321).

| Individual Birth Risks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cumulative Birth Risks |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County | Poverty | Unmarried Mom | $\begin{gathered} \text { Low } \\ \text { Maternal } \\ \text { Education } \end{gathered}$ | Teen Mom | Preterm OR Low Birthweight | Inadequate Prenatal Care | Prenatal Smoking | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { Risks } \end{gathered}$ | 1 Risk | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ \text { Risks } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3+ \\ \text { Risks } \end{gathered}$ |
| Adair | 67.2\% | 40.6\% | 6.3\% | 6.3\% | 6.3\% | 0.0\% | 31.3\% | 26.6\% | 21.9\% | 25.0\% | 26.6\% |
| Adams | 67.9\% | 35.7\% | 14.3\% | 0.0\% | 7.1\% | 0.0\% | 21.4\% | 28.6\% | 21.4\% | 32.1\% | 17.9\% |
| Allamakee | 62.4\% | 40.9\% | 16.1\% | 6.5\% | 4.3\% | 0.0\% | 29.0\% | 30.1\% | 15.1\% | 28.0\% | 26.9\% |
| Appanoose | 67.2\% | 42.0\% | 7.6\% | 3.8\% | 9.2\% | 0.8\% | 28.2\% | 24.4\% | 24.4\% | 28.2\% | 22.9\% |
| Audubon | 64.4\% | 42.2\% | 6.7\% | 6.7\% | 4.4\% | 0.0\% | 33.3\% | 24.4\% | 22.2\% | 31.1\% | 22.2\% |
| Benton | 40.4\% | 26.3\% | 6.6\% | 4.2\% | 7.0\% | 0.9\% | 24.4\% | 47.9\% | 19.7\% | 13.1\% | 19.2\% |
| Black Hawk | 55.9\% | 39.3\% | 10.5\% | 3.6\% | 8.7\% | 1.6\% | 24.5\% | 34.6\% | 18.6\% | 21.6\% | 25.2\% |
| Boone | 47.1\% | 31.7\% | 4.6\% | 4.2\% | 10.8\% | 0.4\% | 29.2\% | 39.2\% | 19.2\% | 20.8\% | 20.8\% |
| Bremer | 30.2\% | 18.8\% | 3.0\% | 3.5\% | 6.9\% | 0.5\% | 15.3\% | 57.4\% | 20.3\% | 10.9\% | 11.4\% |
| Buchanan | 43.7\% | 28.6\% | 11.7\% | 2.9\% | 7.8\% | 6.8\% | 18.4\% | 35.9\% | 22.8\% | 28.6\% | 12.6\% |
| Buena Vista | 64.2\% | 36.2\% | 28.0\% | 4.1\% | 7.3\% | 0.9\% | 13.8\% | 22.0\% | 27.5\% | 28.4\% | 22.0\% |
| Butler | 41.9\% | 23.6\% | 4.7\% | 1.4\% | 9.5\% | 1.4\% | 22.3\% | 45.9\% | 20.9\% | 18.9\% | 14.2\% |
| Calhoun | 46.7\% | 29.3\% | 5.4\% | 4.3\% | 3.3\% | 1.1\% | 32.6\% | 43.5\% | 17.4\% | 17.4\% | 21.7\% |
| Carroll | 44.0\% | 31.3\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 7.1\% | 0.5\% | 28.0\% | 44.5\% | 17.0\% | 17.6\% | 20.9\% |
| Cass | 64.3\% | 35.7\% | 12.2\% | 5.1\% | 2.0\% | 1.0\% | 46.9\% | 28.6\% | 16.3\% | 25.5\% | 29.6\% |
| Cedar | 35.8\% | 23.6\% | 6.1\% | 3.6\% | 4.2\% | 0.0\% | 22.4\% | 56.4\% | 12.7\% | 14.5\% | 16.4\% |
| Cerro Gordo | 57.8\% | 36.1\% | 6.1\% | 2.1\% | 5.5\% | 0.3\% | 26.6\% | 35.2\% | 20.5\% | 22.9\% | 21.4\% |
| Cherokee | 53.6\% | 36.6\% | 6.3\% | 4.5\% | 6.3\% | 0.0\% | 28.6\% | 34.8\% | 23.2\% | 19.6\% | 22.3\% |
| Chickasaw | 45.4\% | 22.2\% | 8.3\% | 0.9\% | 7.4\% | 1.9\% | 25.9\% | 40.7\% | 25.0\% | 16.7\% | 17.6\% |
| Clarke | 68.0\% | 46.4\% | 9.3\% | 6.2\% | 9.3\% | 0.0\% | 33.0\% | 21.6\% | 19.6\% | 25.8\% | 33.0\% |
| Clay | 51.8\% | 32.1\% | 7.1\% | 3.6\% | 3.6\% | 0.0\% | 34.8\% | 37.5\% | 18.8\% | 22.3\% | 21.4\% |
| Clayton | 41.5\% | 24.5\% | 2.8\% | 2.8\% | 9.4\% | 0.0\% | 24.5\% | 52.8\% | 14.2\% | 11.3\% | 21.7\% |
| Clinton | 56.6\% | 44.3\% | 9.0\% | 5.6\% | 7.7\% | 0.0\% | 31.3\% | 31.8\% | 18.3\% | 22.7\% | 27.1\% |
| Crawford | 62.8\% | 30.4\% | 32.4\% | 6.1\% | 2.7\% | 3.4\% | 16.2\% | 27.0\% | 18.9\% | 29.1\% | 25.0\% |
| Dallas | 20.8\% | 15.8\% | 3.4\% | 1.9\% | 9.2\% | 0.5\% | 9.7\% | 66.7\% | 15.7\% | 9.5\% | 8.1\% |
| Davis | 58.2\% | 18.2\% | 1.8\% | 1.8\% | 10.9\% | 0.0\% | 25.5\% | 36.4\% | 27.3\% | 23.6\% | 12.7\% |
| Decatur | 64.2\% | 39.6\% | 5.7\% | 5.7\% | 5.7\% | 0.0\% | 32.1\% | 26.4\% | 22.6\% | 28.3\% | 22.6\% |


| Delaware | 35.0\% | 27.7\% | 2.2\% | 4.4\% | 5.8\% | 0.0\% | 23.4\% | 54.0\% | 13.1\% | 16.8\% | 16.1\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Des Moines | 66.1\% | 40.9\% | 7.6\% | 3.8\% | 7.3\% | 0.5\% | 28.2\% | 26.6\% | 25.7\% | 21.1\% | 26.6\% |
| Dickinson | 46.0\% | 29.8\% | 3.2\% | 3.2\% | 0.8\% | 0.0\% | 29.0\% | 45.2\% | 17.7\% | 21.0\% | 16.1\% |
| Dubuque | 39.7\% | 32.3\% | 6.7\% | 4.9\% | 6.7\% | 1.2\% | 17.0\% | 48.6\% | 15.8\% | 18.8\% | 16.8\% |
| Emmet | 62.5\% | 46.9\% | 14.1\% | 10.9\% | 3.1\% | 1.6\% | 15.6\% | 28.1\% | 20.3\% | 28.1\% | 23.4\% |
| Fayette | 53.3\% | 32.3\% | 7.8\% | 3.6\% | 7.2\% | 3.6\% | 28.1\% | 36.5\% | 20.4\% | 21.0\% | 22.2\% |
| Floyd | 62.8\% | 39.5\% | 10.1\% | 3.9\% | 8.5\% | 0.0\% | 35.7\% | 23.3\% | 27.9\% | 20.9\% | 27.9\% |
| Franklin | 62.5\% | 36.3\% | 17.5\% | 6.3\% | 12.5\% | 3.8\% | 22.5\% | 31.3\% | 13.8\% | 22.5\% | 32.5\% |
| Fremont | 77.1\% | 48.6\% | 8.6\% | 8.6\% | 5.7\% | 0.0\% | 40.0\% | 5.7\% | 40.0\% | 20.0\% | 34.3\% |
| Greene | 57.3\% | 32.0\% | 8.0\% | 10.7\% | 13.3\% | 0.0\% | 25.3\% | 30.7\% | 25.3\% | 18.7\% | 25.3\% |
| Grundy | 31.1\% | 21.3\% | 0.8\% | 1.6\% | 13.1\% | 0.0\% | 20.5\% | 50.0\% | 25.4\% | 13.1\% | 11.5\% |
| Guthrie | 53.9\% | 34.8\% | 5.6\% | 2.2\% | 10.1\% | 1.1\% | 28.1\% | 34.8\% | 22.5\% | 21.3\% | 21.3\% |
| Hamilton | 55.9\% | 37.8\% | 15.7\% | 3.1\% | 13.4\% | 1.6\% | 24.4\% | 30.7\% | 22.8\% | 17.3\% | 29.1\% |
| Hancock | 50.0\% | 31.3\% | 7.3\% | 2.1\% | 8.3\% | 0.0\% | 26.0\% | 43.8\% | 18.8\% | 14.6\% | 22.9\% |
| Hardin | 48.1\% | 29.2\% | 7.8\% | 2.6\% | 6.5\% | 0.6\% | 23.4\% | 41.6\% | 21.4\% | 17.5\% | 19.5\% |
| Harrison | 64.7\% | 32.4\% | 8.8\% | 2.9\% | 5.9\% | 0.0\% | 35.3\% | 32.4\% | 14.7\% | 29.4\% | 23.5\% |
| Henry | 56.4\% | 24.6\% | 8.9\% | 3.9\% | 11.2\% | 0.6\% | 27.9\% | 34.1\% | 25.1\% | 22.3\% | 18.4\% |
| Howard | 59.5\% | 43.2\% | 2.7\% | 0.0\% | 2.7\% | 0.0\% | 43.2\% | 27.0\% | 24.3\% | 21.6\% | 27.0\% |
| Humboldt | 50.0\% | 31.4\% | 7.0\% | 3.5\% | 3.5\% | 2.3\% | 31.4\% | 34.9\% | 24.4\% | 18.6\% | 22.1\% |
| Ida | 50.0\% | 22.4\% | 3.4\% | 3.4\% | 6.9\% | 3.4\% | 24.1\% | 41.4\% | 25.9\% | 13.8\% | 19.0\% |
| lowa | 38.3\% | 23.5\% | 7.4\% | 2.5\% | 8.6\% | 0.6\% | 20.4\% | 51.2\% | 17.3\% | 15.4\% | 16.0\% |
| Jackson | 52.3\% | 34.4\% | 3.3\% | 6.0\% | 5.3\% | 0.7\% | 23.2\% | 40.4\% | 19.2\% | 19.2\% | 21.2\% |
| Jasper | 50.4\% | 35.2\% | 5.7\% | 4.2\% | 8.1\% | 0.9\% | 33.4\% | 35.5\% | 22.1\% | 18.5\% | 23.9\% |
| Jefferson | 53.1\% | 35.4\% | 6.3\% | 5.2\% | 10.4\% | 1.0\% | 34.4\% | 34.4\% | 20.8\% | 16.7\% | 28.1\% |
| Johnson | 30.9\% | 21.5\% | 6.0\% | 2.3\% | 7.6\% | 1.4\% | 11.8\% | 58.6\% | 16.3\% | 13.4\% | 11.7\% |
| Jones | 35.2\% | 35.2\% | 3.4\% | 1.4\% | 8.3\% | 0.7\% | 24.1\% | 48.3\% | 17.2\% | 17.2\% | 17.2\% |
| Keokuk | 50.0\% | 28.1\% | 7.0\% | 3.5\% | 10.5\% | 4.4\% | 22.8\% | 38.6\% | 22.8\% | 17.5\% | 21.1\% |
| Kossuth | 40.2\% | 20.7\% | 7.3\% | 1.2\% | 7.3\% | 0.0\% | 30.5\% | 45.1\% | 24.4\% | 18.3\% | 12.2\% |
| Lee | 65.0\% | 43.8\% | 9.4\% | 5.1\% | 7.7\% | 1.7\% | 37.4\% | 26.6\% | 18.9\% | 22.9\% | 31.6\% |
| Linn | 42.6\% | 32.4\% | 7.6\% | 2.6\% | 7.9\% | 0.6\% | 20.5\% | 45.5\% | 17.6\% | 18.7\% | 18.2\% |
| Louisa | 53.4\% | 24.6\% | 25.4\% | 2.5\% | 13.6\% | 2.5\% | 22.0\% | 29.7\% | 23.7\% | 27.1\% | 19.5\% |
| Lucas | 50.0\% | 27.1\% | 5.7\% | 4.3\% | 7.1\% | 2.9\% | 25.7\% | 35.7\% | 28.6\% | 18.6\% | 17.1\% |


| Lyon | 64.3\% | 35.7\% | 10.7\% | 10.7\% | 14.3\% | 3.6\% | 21.4\% | 28.6\% | 14.3\% | 32.1\% | 25.0\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Madison | 38.3\% | 24.8\% | 0.7\% | 4.3\% | 11.3\% | 1.4\% | 22.0\% | 46.1\% | 20.6\% | 18.4\% | 14.9\% |
| Mahaska | 52.5\% | 33.1\% | 6.6\% | 2.8\% | 5.5\% | 1.1\% | 30.9\% | 39.8\% | 15.5\% | 19.3\% | 25.4\% |
| Marion | 40.6\% | 23.8\% | 5.7\% | 3.1\% | 8.4\% | 0.0\% | 22.6\% | 45.6\% | 23.8\% | 14.2\% | 16.5\% |
| Marshall | 73.0\% | 35.3\% | 24.4\% | 8.8\% | 6.9\% | 1.7\% | 22.1\% | 19.9\% | 21.2\% | 33.0\% | 25.9\% |
| Mills | 71.4\% | 42.9\% | 7.9\% | 4.8\% | 11.1\% | 3.2\% | 39.7\% | 22.2\% | 22.2\% | 23.8\% | 31.7\% |
| Mitchell | 45.6\% | 24.6\% | 1.8\% | 0.0\% | 7.0\% | 0.0\% | 19.3\% | 42.1\% | 24.6\% | 26.3\% | 7.0\% |
| Monona | 57.7\% | 36.5\% | 7.7\% | 1.9\% | 7.7\% | 1.9\% | 32.7\% | 26.9\% | 21.2\% | 32.7\% | 19.2\% |
| Monroe | 59.0\% | 34.4\% | 6.6\% | 9.8\% | 13.1\% | 0.0\% | 31.1\% | 31.1\% | 14.8\% | 27.9\% | 26.2\% |
| Montgomery | 68.5\% | 35.2\% | 20.4\% | 1.9\% | 3.7\% | 0.0\% | 42.6\% | 25.9\% | 18.5\% | 24.1\% | 31.5\% |
| Muscatine | 64.3\% | 38.8\% | 18.5\% | 5.8\% | 7.7\% | 0.7\% | 23.7\% | 27.8\% | 19.4\% | 24.5\% | 28.3\% |
| O'Brien | 47.9\% | 30.9\% | 7.4\% | 6.4\% | 2.1\% | 1.1\% | 28.7\% | 42.6\% | 11.7\% | 25.5\% | 20.2\% |
| Osceola | 60.6\% | 42.4\% | 9.1\% | 0.0\% | 6.1\% | 0.0\% | 36.4\% | 27.3\% | 21.2\% | 27.3\% | 24.2\% |
| Page | 70.0\% | 38.9\% | 14.4\% | 8.9\% | 3.3\% | 1.1\% | 44.4\% | 18.9\% | 20.0\% | 30.0\% | 31.1\% |
| Palo Alto | 43.2\% | 27.0\% | 0.0\% | 1.4\% | 1.4\% | 0.0\% | 28.4\% | 47.3\% | 16.2\% | 25.7\% | 10.8\% |
| Plymouth | 45.7\% | 23.6\% | 6.0\% | 2.0\% | 5.0\% | 0.0\% | 19.6\% | 47.7\% | 19.6\% | 17.6\% | 15.1\% |
| Pocahontas | 60.8\% | 47.1\% | 2.0\% | 3.9\% | 15.7\% | 0.0\% | 25.5\% | 23.5\% | 23.5\% | 33.3\% | 19.6\% |
| Polk | 42.9\% | 30.6\% | 11.1\% | 2.8\% | 8.4\% | 1.0\% | 17.5\% | 43.9\% | 19.0\% | 19.9\% | 17.1\% |
| Pottawattamie | 69.6\% | 49.0\% | 17.2\% | 6.1\% | 4.5\% | 1.2\% | 33.0\% | 22.3\% | 19.2\% | 25.3\% | 33.2\% |
| Poweshiek | 43.4\% | 30.1\% | 3.7\% | 5.1\% | 7.4\% | 0.7\% | 25.0\% | 42.6\% | 21.3\% | 16.9\% | 19.1\% |
| Ringgold | 57.1\% | 28.6\% | 8.6\% | 2.9\% | 11.4\% | 0.0\% | 31.4\% | 25.7\% | 34.3\% | 20.0\% | 20.0\% |
| Sac | 40.5\% | 26.2\% | 3.6\% | 1.2\% | 4.8\% | 0.0\% | 32.1\% | 44.0\% | 22.6\% | 16.7\% | 16.7\% |
| Scott | 53.8\% | 42.3\% | 8.8\% | 5.0\% | 7.8\% | 1.5\% | 24.1\% | 35.8\% | 17.4\% | 21.8\% | 25.0\% |
| Shelby | 44.2\% | 29.1\% | 4.7\% | 1.2\% | 4.7\% | 1.2\% | 32.6\% | 41.9\% | 20.9\% | 20.9\% | 16.3\% |
| Sioux | 37.2\% | 22.9\% | 13.0\% | 4.5\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% | 13.0\% | 55.6\% | 17.0\% | 9.4\% | 17.9\% |
| Story | 32.6\% | 18.2\% | 4.0\% | 1.8\% | 6.7\% | 0.6\% | 17.1\% | 57.8\% | 16.8\% | 14.7\% | 10.7\% |
| Tama | 58.0\% | 30.2\% | 10.5\% | 3.1\% | 14.2\% | 0.6\% | 19.1\% | 34.6\% | 20.4\% | 24.7\% | 20.4\% |
| Taylor | 60.6\% | 42.4\% | 6.1\% | 3.0\% | 0.0\% | 3.0\% | 36.4\% | 24.2\% | 24.2\% | 27.3\% | 24.2\% |
| Union | 57.3\% | 40.2\% | 8.5\% | 5.1\% | 6.0\% | 2.6\% | 30.8\% | 27.4\% | 23.1\% | 29.1\% | 20.5\% |
| Van Buren | 54.7\% | 30.2\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 0.0\% | 26.4\% | 32.1\% | 32.1\% | 18.9\% | 17.0\% |
| Wapello | 71.7\% | 38.8\% | 17.2\% | 8.3\% | 11.7\% | 0.6\% | 27.4\% | 21.8\% | 18.5\% | 28.0\% | 31.7\% |
| Warren | 35.6\% | 25.8\% | 2.3\% | 4.2\% | 6.3\% | 0.5\% | 21.2\% | 50.5\% | 20.9\% | 13.0\% | 15.6\% |


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| Washington | $44.9 \%$ | $25.3 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $24.2 \%$ | $42.1 \%$ | $22.5 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ |
| Wayne | $57.6 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $50.8 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ |
| Webster | $64.5 \%$ | $45.2 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $36.4 \%$ | $27.7 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ |
| Winnebago | $56.7 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ | $30.0 \%$ | $30.0 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ |
| Winneshiek | $33.7 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $59.4 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ |
| Woodbury | $66.5 \%$ | $44.4 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $25.4 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $19.2 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ |
| Worth | $38.3 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $40.4 \%$ | $31.9 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ |
| Wright | $63.9 \%$ | $27.1 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $21.1 \%$ | $32.3 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $27.1 \%$ | $22.6 \%$ |

Table A3. Percentage of preschool enrollment and kindergarten indicators for children born in each county (2018 I2D2 cohort; n=27,321).

| County | Any Preschool Experience <br> (CCA, DE, PreK, or GOLD) | Free or Reduced <br> Lunch Status | English <br> Language Learner | Individualized <br> Education Plan | Poor (<90\%) <br> Attendance |
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| Suspension |  |  |  |  |  |


| Dickinson | 89.5\% | 36.3\% | 0.0\% | 8.9\% | 6.5\% | 0.0\% |
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| Dubuque | 88.0\% | 31.0\% | 3.1\% | 9.9\% | 5.5\% | 0.4\% |
| Emmet | 82.8\% | 53.1\% | 7.8\% | 4.7\% | 9.4\% | 1.6\% |
| Fayette | 91.6\% | 43.7\% | 0.0\% | 7.2\% | 7.8\% | 2.4\% |
| Floyd | 81.4\% | 48.8\% | 1.6\% | 8.5\% | 7.8\% | 0.0\% |
| Franklin | 95.0\% | 55.0\% | 20.0\% | 10.0\% | 12.5\% | 0.0\% |
| Fremont | 82.9\% | 68.6\% | 0.0\% | 2.9\% | 8.6\% | 0.0\% |
| Greene | 90.7\% | 40.0\% | 2.7\% | 10.7\% | 14.7\% | 1.3\% |
| Grundy | 86.1\% | 25.4\% | 0.0\% | 9.8\% | 5.7\% | 0.0\% |
| Guthrie | 89.9\% | 46.1\% | 0.0\% | 6.7\% | 11.2\% | 0.0\% |
| Hamilton | 89.0\% | 42.5\% | 7.9\% | 7.1\% | 3.9\% | 0.8\% |
| Hancock | 79.2\% | 35.4\% | 2.1\% | 7.3\% | 2.1\% | 2.1\% |
| Hardin | 91.6\% | 40.9\% | 1.9\% | 9.1\% | 4.5\% | 2.6\% |
| Harrison | 91.2\% | 50.0\% | 0.0\% | 11.8\% | 5.9\% | 0.0\% |
| Henry | 73.7\% | 45.3\% | 1.7\% | 8.4\% | 10.6\% | 0.6\% |
| Howard | 100.0\% | 40.5\% | 0.0\% | 18.9\% | 8.1\% | 0.0\% |
| Humboldt | 82.6\% | 41.9\% | 1.2\% | 8.1\% | 3.5\% | 1.2\% |
| Ida | 87.9\% | 39.7\% | 3.4\% | 5.2\% | 1.7\% | 0.0\% |
| lowa | 88.3\% | 28.4\% | 0.0\% | 9.3\% | 5.6\% | 0.6\% |
| Jackson | 94.7\% | 42.4\% | 0.7\% | 11.9\% | 8.6\% | 0.0\% |
| Jasper | 66.6\% | 40.9\% | 0.6\% | 7.2\% | 5.4\% | 0.0\% |
| Jefferson | 65.6\% | 41.7\% | 3.1\% | 3.1\% | 12.5\% | 1.0\% |
| Johnson | 54.6\% | 25.7\% | 6.6\% | 6.0\% | 6.5\% | 0.4\% |
| Jones | 92.4\% | 33.8\% | 0.7\% | 13.1\% | 11.0\% | 0.7\% |
| Keokuk | 93.9\% | 22.8\% | 1.8\% | 5.3\% | 7.9\% | 0.0\% |
| Kossuth | 96.3\% | 32.9\% | 0.0\% | 8.5\% | 9.8\% | 0.0\% |
| Lee | 65.0\% | 51.9\% | 0.0\% | 6.7\% | 8.1\% | 0.7\% |
| Linn | 68.8\% | 37.1\% | 3.5\% | 8.2\% | 9.0\% | 1.0\% |
| Louisa | 76.3\% | 54.2\% | 16.9\% | 3.4\% | 9.3\% | 0.8\% |
| Lucas | 81.4\% | 38.6\% | 5.7\% | 8.6\% | 4.3\% | 0.0\% |
| Lyon | 89.3\% | 35.7\% | 10.7\% | 7.1\% | 10.7\% | 0.0\% |
| Madison | 86.5\% | 28.4\% | 0.7\% | 7.8\% | 5.7\% | 2.1\% |


| Mahaska | 86.2\% | 46.4\% | 0.6\% | 5.5\% | 6.6\% | 2.8\% |
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| Marion | 75.5\% | 31.8\% | 1.5\% | 7.7\% | 8.4\% | 0.0\% |
| Marshall | 72.4\% | 60.4\% | 34.5\% | 7.1\% | 14.8\% | 1.3\% |
| Mills | 68.3\% | 54.0\% | 0.0\% | 7.9\% | 9.5\% | 0.0\% |
| Mitchell | 91.2\% | 38.6\% | 0.0\% | 1.8\% | 0.0\% | 1.8\% |
| Monona | 80.8\% | 53.8\% | 0.0\% | 5.8\% | 3.8\% | 0.0\% |
| Monroe | 95.1\% | 32.8\% | 3.3\% | 11.5\% | 11.5\% | 1.6\% |
| Montgomery | 81.5\% | 59.3\% | 5.6\% | 5.6\% | 11.1\% | 1.9\% |
| Muscatine | 83.2\% | 52.3\% | 13.9\% | 7.2\% | 13.2\% | 0.5\% |
| O'Brien | 92.6\% | 45.7\% | 4.3\% | 9.6\% | 6.4\% | 0.0\% |
| Osceola | 90.9\% | 51.5\% | 3.0\% | 12.1\% | 9.1\% | 0.0\% |
| Page | 62.2\% | 56.7\% | 1.1\% | 5.6\% | 4.4\% | 1.1\% |
| Palo Alto | 97.3\% | 27.0\% | 0.0\% | 1.4\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
| Plymouth | 65.8\% | 33.2\% | 3.0\% | 8.0\% | 5.5\% | 0.5\% |
| Pocahontas | 98.0\% | 47.1\% | 3.9\% | 5.9\% | 3.9\% | 0.0\% |
| Polk | 60.4\% | 39.0\% | 11.6\% | 6.2\% | 5.4\% | 0.9\% |
| Pottawattamie | 65.8\% | 54.9\% | 6.1\% | 8.5\% | 6.7\% | 2.4\% |
| Poweshiek | 94.9\% | 30.1\% | 1.5\% | 11.0\% | 6.6\% | 0.0\% |
| Ringgold | 97.1\% | 31.4\% | 0.0\% | 14.3\% | 2.9\% | 0.0\% |
| Sac | 91.7\% | 35.7\% | 0.0\% | 6.0\% | 8.3\% | 4.8\% |
| Scott | 68.6\% | 40.9\% | 1.9\% | 6.8\% | 11.9\% | 2.3\% |
| Shelby | 76.7\% | 39.5\% | 2.3\% | 7.0\% | 1.2\% | 2.3\% |
| Sioux | 80.3\% | 29.1\% | 17.5\% | 5.4\% | 3.6\% | 0.0\% |
| Story | 80.6\% | 25.3\% | 4.5\% | 6.9\% | 4.3\% | 0.8\% |
| Tama | 80.2\% | 44.4\% | 9.3\% | 9.3\% | 7.4\% | 0.6\% |
| Taylor | 75.8\% | 48.5\% | 12.1\% | 9.1\% | 9.1\% | 0.0\% |
| Union | 88.9\% | 59.0\% | 3.4\% | 6.8\% | 10.3\% | 0.9\% |
| Van Buren | 94.3\% | 56.6\% | 0.0\% | 5.7\% | 13.2\% | 1.9\% |
| Wapello | 81.5\% | 41.5\% | 13.8\% | 5.2\% | 9.8\% | 1.2\% |
| Warren | 67.2\% | 23.0\% | 0.9\% | 8.4\% | 4.0\% | 0.2\% |
| Washington | 84.8\% | 37.1\% | 6.7\% | 11.2\% | 7.3\% | 0.6\% |
| Wayne | 93.2\% | 52.5\% | 0.0\% | 3.4\% | 8.5\% | 0.0\% |


|  | $92.5 \%$ | $52.7 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ |
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| Webster | $96.7 \%$ | $41.7 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |
| Winnebago | $89.1 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Winneshiek | $71.9 \%$ | $45.9 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| Woodbury | $87.2 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Worth | $86.5 \%$ | $56.4 \%$ | $17.3 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| Wright |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Data Note: All numbers in data graphics were rounded to the nearest percentage, so the figures may not appear to be exact.

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