

# READINESS MATTERS. EQUITY MATTERS.

MARYLAND'S KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT

January 2018

## 45%

DEMONSTRATE READINESS

## 63,151

KINDERGARTENERS

## 35%

KINDERGARTENERS ASSESSED

### Maryland Kindergarten Readiness

Demonstrating

45%

Approaching

37%

Emerging

18%

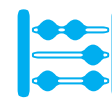
### Domains recognized as essential for school success



54%  
SOCIAL FOUNDATIONS



40%  
LANGUAGE & LITERACY



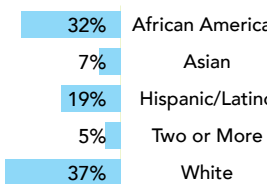
37%  
MATHEMATICS



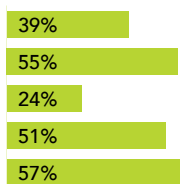
56%  
PHYSICAL WELL-BEING & MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

### Readiness gaps exist for Maryland's minority children\*

Kindergarten Enrollment

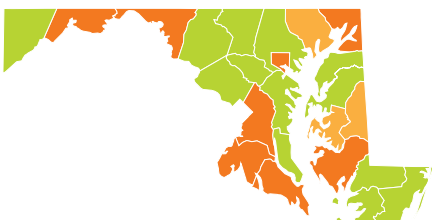


Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness



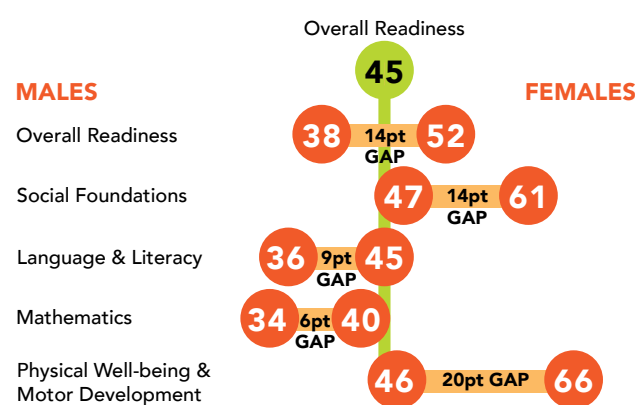
### High poverty jurisdictions show lower readiness

5 of the 8 jurisdictions with lower than average readiness levels have a higher percentage of kindergarteners living in poverty.

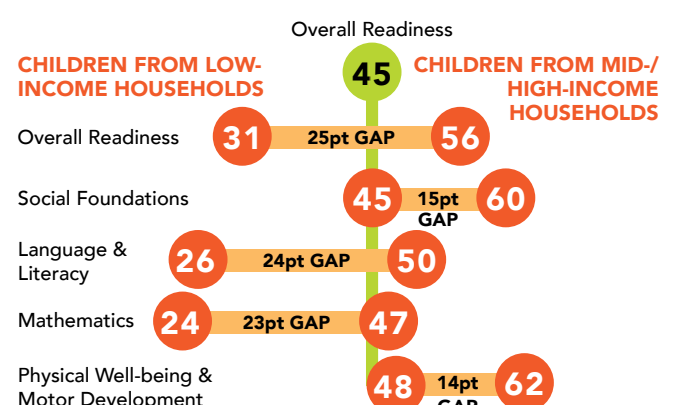


Exceed Statewide Average (>45%)  
On Par with Statewide Average (45%)  
Below Statewide Average (<45%)

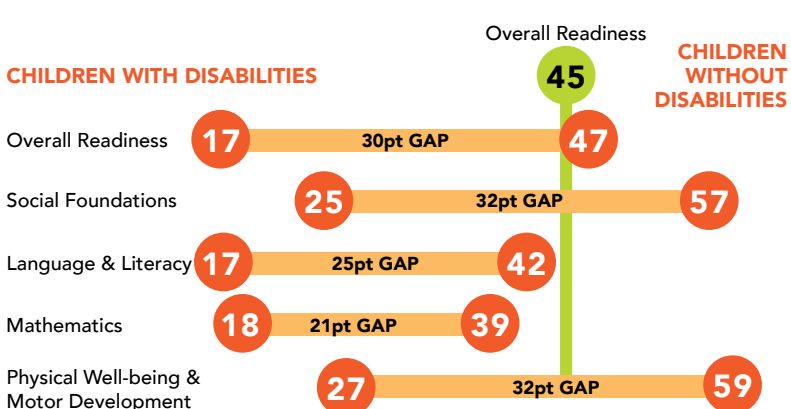
### Gender gap favors females



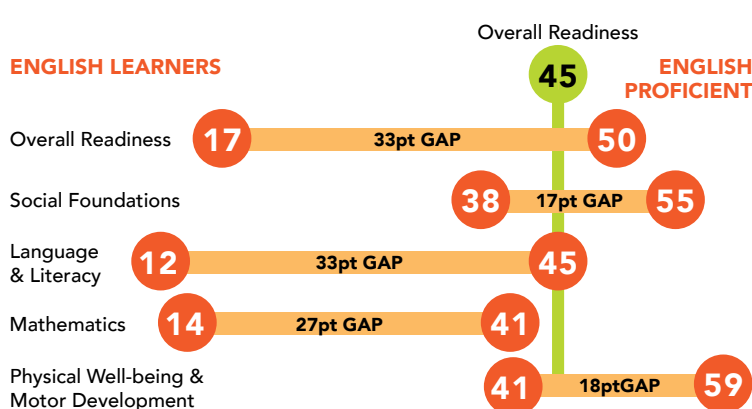
### Children from low-income households start school at a disadvantage



### Fewer kindergarteners with identified disabilities demonstrate readiness



### English proficiency impacts school readiness



43% OF KINDERGARTENERS LIVE IN LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

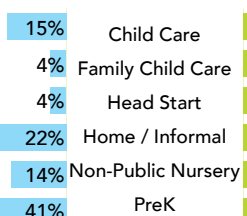
16% OF KINDERGARTENERS ARE ENGLISH LEARNERS

8% OF KINDERGARTENERS HAVE IDENTIFIED DISABILITIES

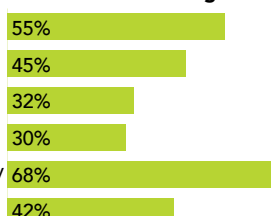
### Benefits of early education are clear

#### PRIOR CARE EXPERIENCE & READINESS

Parent-Reported Prior Care Experience

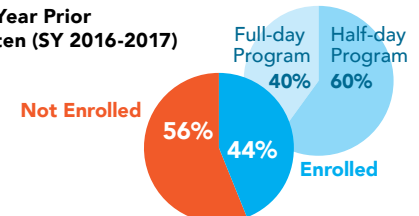


Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness



#### PUBLICLY FUNDED PREK ENROLLMENT

Percent of Children Enrolled the Year Prior to Kindergarten (SY 2016-2017)



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\* Readiness and demographic information for students of American Indian (0.3% of Maryland's kindergarten enrollment) and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.2%) ethnic backgrounds are not reported due to limited sample size.