



2021-2022 Performance Ratings for Publicly Funded Early Childhood Programs in Louisiana

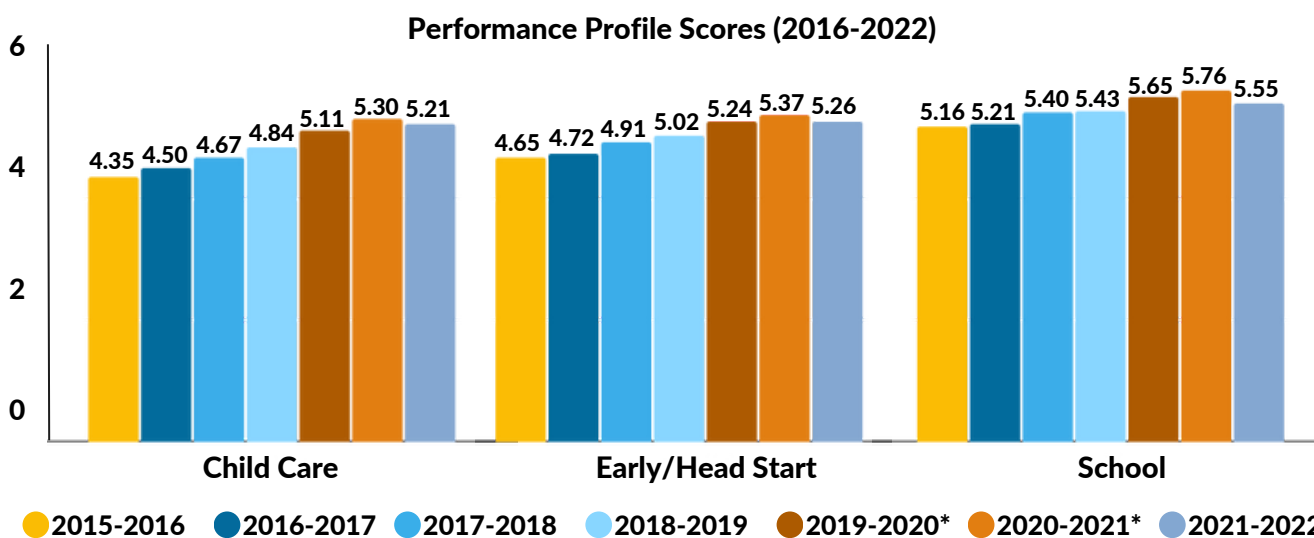
The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) released the seventh year of performance ratings for every publicly funded early care and education program in Louisiana, including Type III child care centers, Head Start programs, and pre-kindergartens. The five rating categories are: Excellent, High Proficient, Proficient, Approaching Proficient, and Unsatisfactory.

An analysis of the performance data shows the following:

- **1,539 providers who reported 2021-2022 results scored Proficient or higher. Of those, 193 providers earned an Excellent rating.** This includes 145 schools, 10 Early/Head Start programs, and 38 child care centers.

Rating	Provider Performance Ratings	
	2020-2021	2021-2022
Excellent	285	193
High Proficient	810	779
Proficient	399	567
Approaching Proficient	45	99
Unsatisfactory	1	0

- Over the past six years, all program types improved their overall performance scores: child care programs by 0.86 points, Early/Head Start by 0.61 points, and school programs by 0.39 points.
 - Overall, child care programs continue to score slightly lower than Early/Head Start and school programs however, they continue to show progress at a faster rate.



*Note: As a result of COVID-19, observational coverage was significantly reduced during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education introduced flexibilities to allow sites to extend previously-published scores and ratings if they did not make improvement.

The data shows continued improvement, but too many children are still not receiving the instruction needed to fully prepare them for kindergarten.