



2022-2023 Performance Ratings for Publicly Funded Early Childhood Programs in Louisiana

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

An analysis of the performance data shows the following:

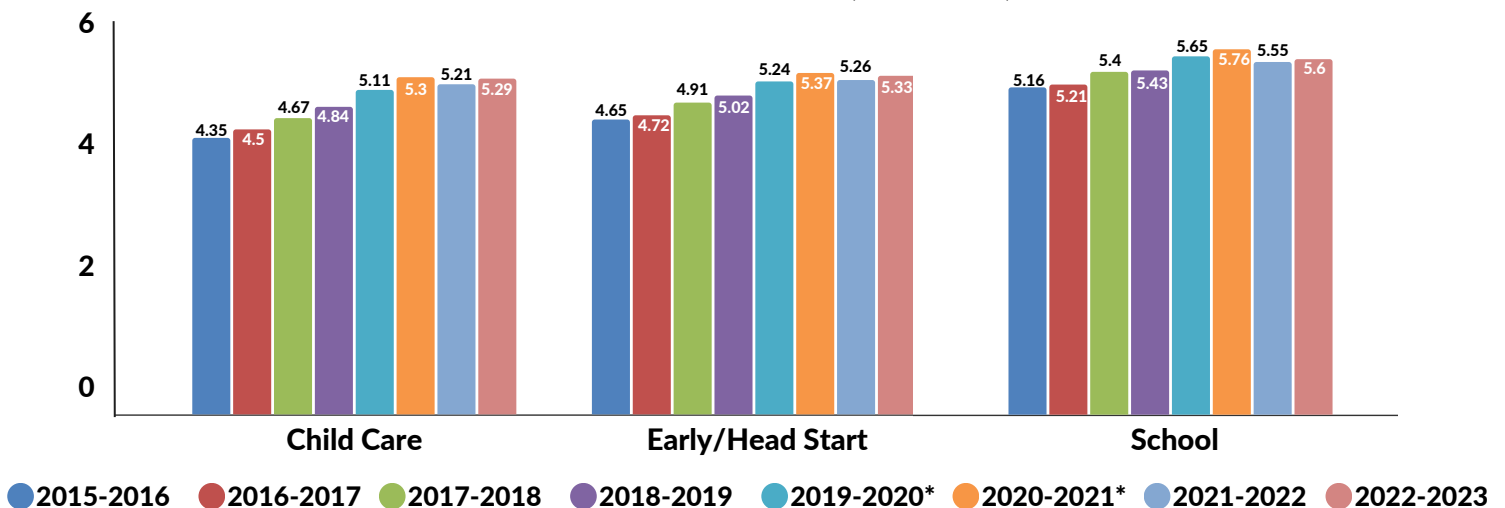
- **1,680 providers, 93% of all licensed providers in the state, scored Proficient or higher. Of those, 264 providers earned an Excellent rating, 71 more than last year.** This includes 158 schools, 10 Early/Head Start programs, and 96 child care centers.

Rating	Provider Performance Ratings		
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Excellent	285	193	264
High Proficient	810	779	892
Proficient	399	567	524
Approaching Proficient	45	99	117
Unsatisfactory	1	0	0
TOTAL	1,540	1,638	1,797

Since performance profiles launched in 2015, **all program types have improved their overall performance scores:** child care programs by 0.94 points, Early/Head Start by 0.68 points, and school programs by 0.44 points.

Overall, child care programs continue to score slightly lower than Early/Head Start and school programs, however, the gap is rapidly closing, with only a 0.04-point difference between child care programs and Early/Head Start this year.

Performance Profile Scores (2016-2023)



*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 in-need of quality instruction to fully prepare them for kindergarten. Approximately 100,000 in-need children ages birth through four in Louisiana remain unserved.