

# Siskiyou County Kindergarten Readiness Key Results 2022-23

## BACKGROUND

In fall 2022, First 5 Siskiyou County disseminated surveys to Transitional Kindergarten/kindergarten (TK/K) teachers and parents/guardians of TK/K students to collect information on perceived readiness of students. Teachers and parents/guardians provided additional information about each child including demographics, early care and education (ECE) experiences, and ways schools are working with families to increase readiness. Siskiyou County has conducted child assessments measuring kindergarten readiness every fall between 2017 and 2021; due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19, child assessments could not be completed in 2022, but the survey data presented here nevertheless provides a useful portrait of kindergarten readiness in Siskiyou County.

## PARTICIPATION

A total of **16 teachers** completed the Siskiyou County Kindergarten/Transition Kindergarten survey. A total of **81 parents or guardians** completed the Parent Information Form survey.

### WHY MEASURING READINESS IS IMPORTANT

Readiness is linked to numerous long-term education, health, and social outcomes. Having a common definition and measure of readiness builds bridges between the 0-5 and K-12 communities and the data can be used to shape local strategies to help each child come to school ready to learn.

District	School	Teacher Participants	Parent Participants
Butte Valley Unified School District	Butte Valley Elementary	1	3
Butteville Union Elementary School District	Butteville Elementary	1	2
Delphic Elementary School District	Delphic Elementary	1	7
Dunsmuir Elementary School District	Dunsmuir Elementary	1	-
Evergreen Union School District	Evergreen Elementary	5	47
Siskiyou County Office of Education	Golden Eagle Charter School	-	4
Grenada Elementary	Grenada Elementary	-	1
Happy Camp Union Elementary	Happy Camp Elementary	-	5
Montague Elementary	Montague Elementary	1	1
Mt. Shasta Union Elementary	Mt. Shasta Elementary	3	6
Seiad Elementary	Seiad Elementary	-	1
Weed Union Elementary	Weed Elementary	2	1

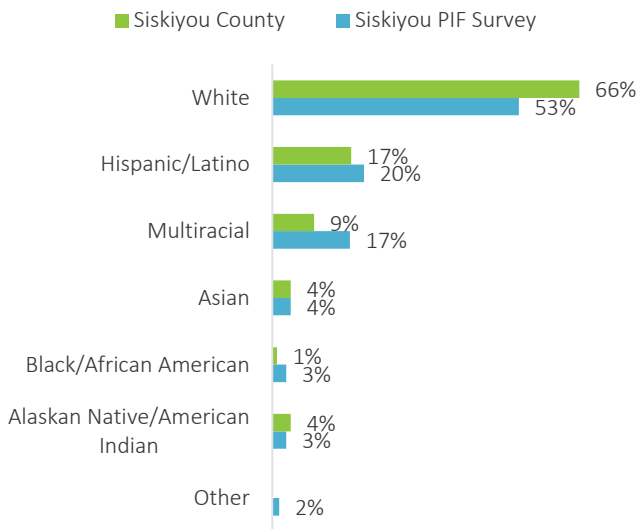
Source: F5 Siskiyou TK/K Teacher Survey 2022; N=15; Missing=1; F5 Siskiyou Parent Information Form 2022; N=78; Missing=3.

## CHILD AND PARENT/GUARDIAN DEMOGRAPHICS

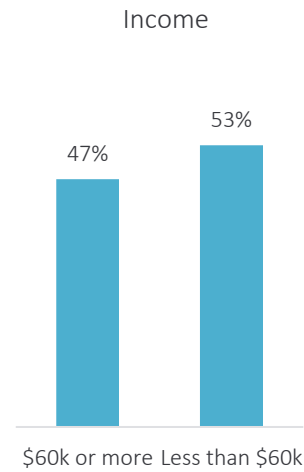
The racial makeup of the children in our study closely matches the racial makeup of Siskiyou County kindergarteners.

Most children in the study were White (53%) with about one in five being Hispanic.

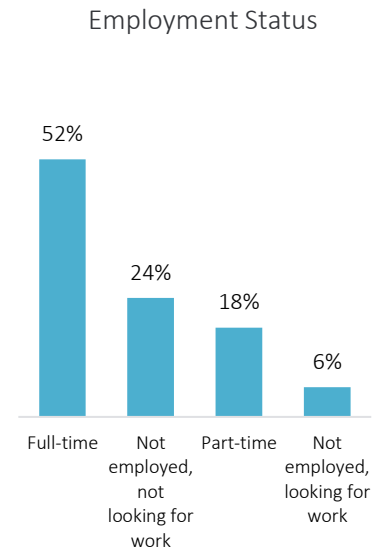
About half of parents/guardians make less than \$60,000 per year and half work full-time. Another one in five work part-time and about a quarter are out of the workforce (i.e., not employed and not looking for work).



Source: F5 Siskiyou Parent Information Form 2022; N=66; Missing=15. Parents selected all that applied.



Source: F5 Siskiyou Parent Information Form 2022; N=47; Missing=34.

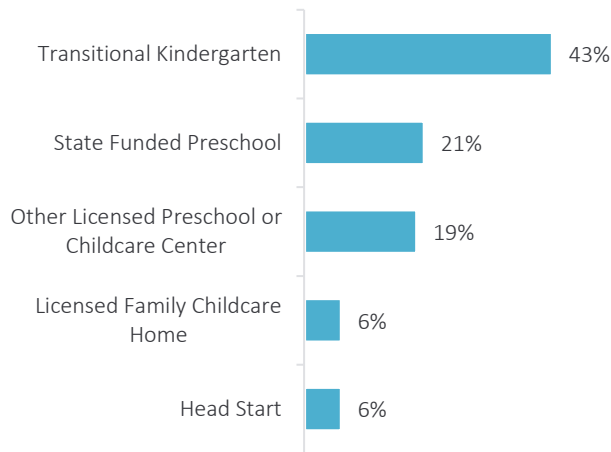


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## EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCES AND BARRIERS

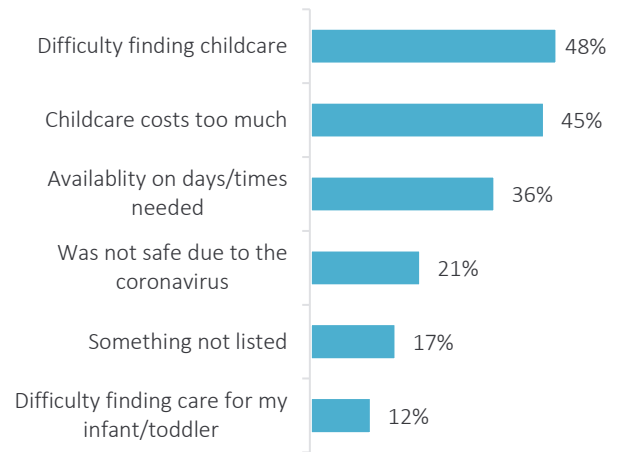
Transitional Kindergarten was the most common type of early care and education experience reported by parents/guardians. The next most common ECE experience was state-funded preschool.



Source: F5 Siskiyou Parent Information Form 2022; N=77; Missing=4.

Families report challenges to accessing childcare.

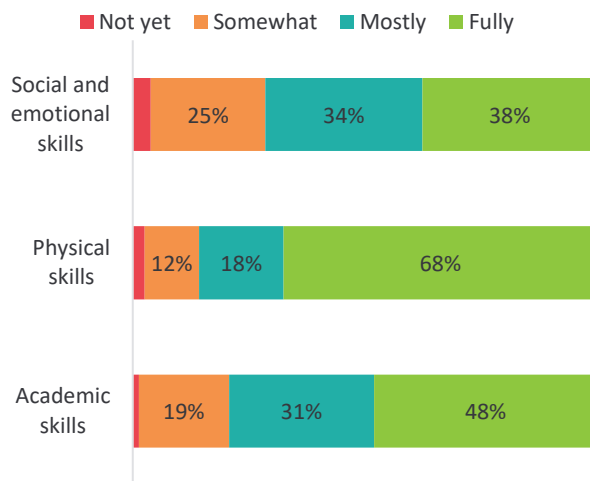
The most common challenges/barriers families faced when accessing childcare were difficulty finding childcare and the cost of childcare.



Source: F5 Siskiyou Parent Information Form 2022; N=42; Not included=39 who reported "I did not need childcare."

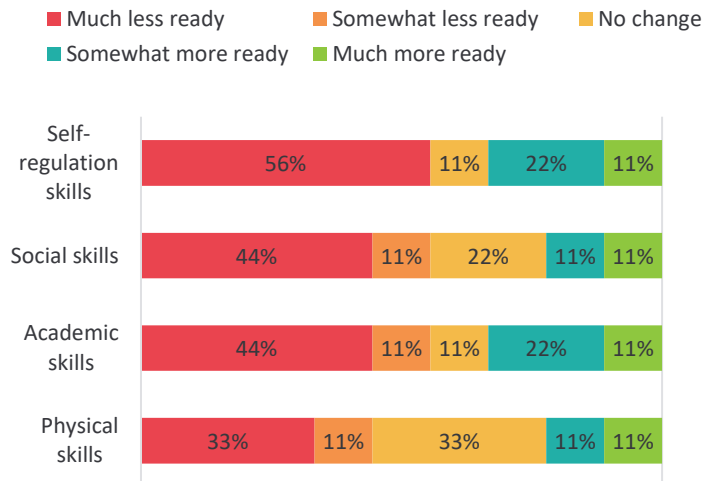
## KINDERGARTEN READINESS RESULTS

PARENTS/GUARDIANS perceive their children to be most ready in physical skills and least ready in social and emotional skills.



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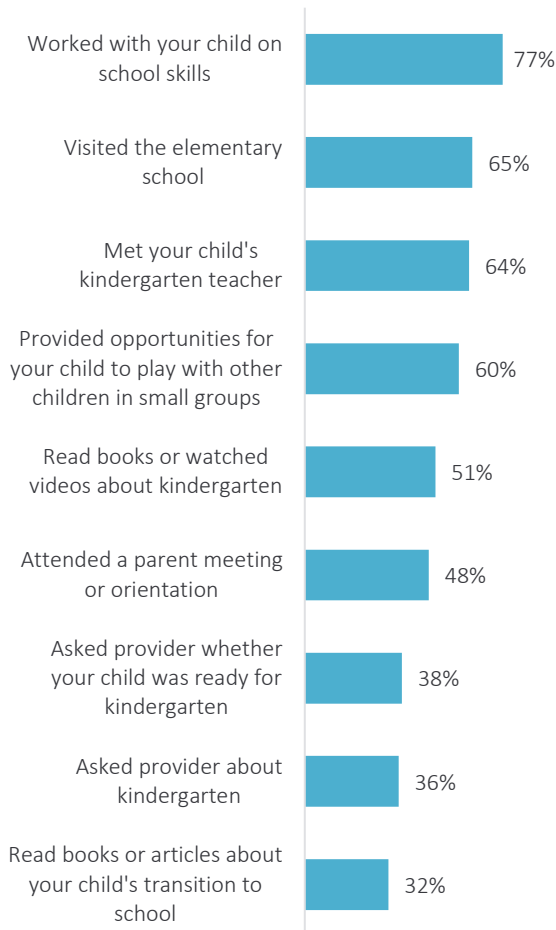
Compared to last fall (2021), TEACHERS perceive children to be less ready across all domains but report children are especially less ready in self-regulation skills.



Source: F5 Siskiyou TK/K Teacher Survey 2022; N=9; Missing=7.

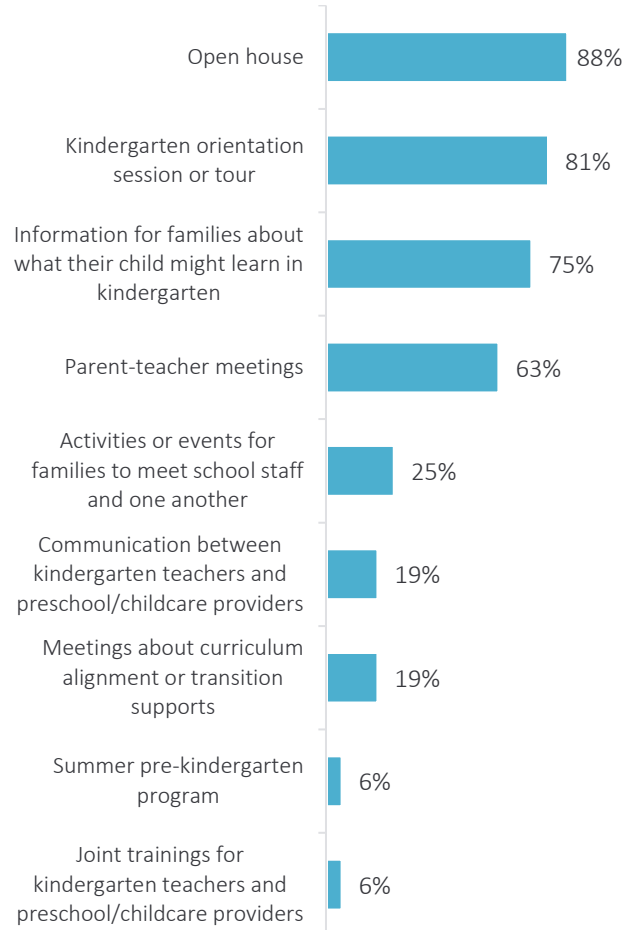
## PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL

The most common activities PARENTS/GUARDIANS reported doing to prepare their child for kindergarten were **working with their child on school skills, visiting the elementary school, and meeting the child's teacher.**



Source: F5 Siskiyou Parent Information Form 2022; N=77; Missing=4.

The most common activities TEACHERS reported schools provide to prepare children and families for kindergarten were **hosting an open house and conducting a kindergarten orientation.**



Source: F5 Siskiyou TK/K Teacher Survey 2022; N=16.