

2013-2014 Four-Year-Old Service Penetration by District

County	School District	Estimated 4-Year-Olds	2013-14 District Poverty Index	Estimated 4-Year-Olds in Poverty	4-Year- Olds Served in Head Start (Federal Grants to other entities)	4-Year- Olds in Private CDEPP (First Steps)	Public Schools CDEPP (Dept. of Ed.)	Total Served	% of At- Risk 4- Year- Olds Served (Total Served divided by Estimated 4-year-olds in poverty)
Abbeville		277	78.82	218	62	0	72	134	61.40%
Allendale		126	98.42	124	33	0	52	85	68.50%
Anderson	3	189	80.73	153	27	19	0	46	30.00%
Bamberg	1	101	77.64	78	30	18	46	94	120.50%
	2	65	98.13	64	24	18	42	84	131.20%
Barnwell	19	63	93.73	59	14	18	40	72	122.00%
	29	71	85.12	60	15	18	18	51	85.00%
	45	165	81.86	135	33	19	0	52	38.50%
Berkeley		2,712	72.28	1,960	289	32	933	1,254	63.90%
Calhoun		180	91.49	165	8	17	100	125	75.70%
Cherokee		725	79.8	579	57	27	160	244	42.10%
Chester		420	81.86	344	110	0	200	310	90.10%
Chesterfield		544	82.08	447	138	0	89	227	50.70%
Clarendon	1	86	97.07	83	24	8	48	80	96.30%
	2	232	91.48	212	61	0	111	172	81.10%
	3	71	71.47	51	14	0	26	40	78.40%
Colleton		534	88.33	472	182	0	260	442	93.60%
Darlington		867	82.66	717	227	42	140	409	57.00%
Dillon	3	109	79.55	87	22	12	58	92	105.70%
	4	375	93.44	350	91	12	185	288	82.20%
Dorchester	4	166	87.83	146	8	0	120	128	87.60%
Fairfield		303	94.53	286	22	0	180	202	70.60%
Florence	1	1,314	73.02	959	164	132	349	645	67.20%
	2	86	79.08	68	12	22	48	82	120.50%

	3	309	93.35	288	49	22	160	231	80.20%
	4	77	95.06	73	13	22	40	75	102.70%
	5	73	75.16	55	9	22	44	75	136.30%
Georgetown		613	75.09	460	119	90	200	409	88.90%
Greenwood	51	79	83.04	66	19	27	40	86	130.30%
Hampton	1	151	85.09	128	52	9	100	161	125.70%
	2	66	97.24	64	26	8	38	72	112.50%
Jasper		372	93.27	347	42	0	163	205	59.00%
Laurens	55	508	81.38	413	51	28	234	313	75.70%
	56	260	82.79	215	26	27	135	188	87.40%
Lee		207	97.46	202	42	20	65	127	62.80%
Lexington	2	833	78.03	650	43	26	0	69	10.60%
	3	177	78.88	140	9	17	100	126	90.00%
	4	226	86.87	196	13	0	193	203	103.50%
Marion		456	94.56	431	99	67	21	187	43.30%
Marlboro		318	93.24	297	115	0	247	362	121.80%
McCormick		82	90.01	74	38	0	59	97	131.00%
Newberry		485	76.05	369	106	42	80	228	61.70%
Orangeburg	3	253	96.42	244	25	12	137	174	71.30%
	4	277	84.04	233	24	12	138	174	74.60%
	5	712	92.5	659	68	13	445	526	79.80%
Richland	1	2,557	81.37	2,080	240	147	300	687	33.00%
Saluda		197	82.12	162	42	18	66	126	77.70%
Spartanburg	7	793	78.09	619	58	73	280	411	66.30%
Sumter		1,625	81.76	1,329	250	75	220	545	41.00%
Union		347	80.95	281	71	26	0	97	34.50%
Williamsburg		404	97.57	394	122	111	199	432	109.60%
TOTAL:		22,238		18,287	3,438	1,402	6,981	11,744	64.20%

Note: 1) The population figures in the chart above are premised upon census estimates (and all the limitations thereof), making it possible for districts to serve more than 100% of those estimated as eligible.

2) Districts serving a comparatively low percentage of eligible children often lack physical capacity and/or a robust private sector capable of supporting service provision. While each of these communities have had expansion funds made available, other barriers appear to prevent expanded 4K service provision at this time. At this time three eligible public school districts, Horry, Union and Kershaw, have declined participation in the state's 4K expansion.

2013-2014 Four-Year-Old Service Penetration by District						2015-16 # of Eligible and Participating Private 4K Providers			
County	School District	Estimated 4-Year-Olds in Poverty	4-Year- Olds in Private CDEPP (First Steps)	Total Served by Head Start, Public CDEPP or Private CDEPP	Total Not Served by Head Start, Public CDEPP or Private CDEPP	County	Center-Based Preschool Providers	Providers Currently Participating in First Steps 4K	Center-Based Preschool Providers NOT Currently Participating in First Steps 4K
Abbeville		218	0	134	84	Abbeville	2	0	2
Allendale		124	0	85	39	Allendale	0	0	0
Anderson	3	153	19	46	107	Anderson*	43	3	40
Bamberg 1	1	78	18	94	-16	Bamberg	5	4	1
Bamberg 2	2	64	18	84	-20				
Barnwell	19	59	18	72	-13	Barnwell	6	3	3
Barnwell	29	60	18	51	9				
Barnwell	45	135	19	52	83				
Berkeley		1,960	32	1,254	706	Berkeley	43	7	36
Calhoun		165	17	125	40	Calhoun	1	1	0
Cherokee		579	27	244	335	Cherokee	11	3	8
Chester		344	0	310	34	Chester	6	1	5
Chesterfield		447	0	227	220	Chesterfield	8	1	7
Clarendon	1	83	8	80	3	Clarendon	5	1	4
Clarendon	2	212	0	172	40				
Clarendon	3	51	0	40	11				
Colleton		472	0	442	30	Colleton	5	0	5
Darlington		717	42	409	308	Darlington	17	3	14
Dillon	3	87	12	92	-5	Dillon	6	3	3
Dillon	4	350	12	288	62				
Dorchester	4	146	0	128	18	Dorchester*	29	1	28
Fairfield		286	0	202	84	Fairfield	3	0	3
Florence	1	959	132	645	314	Florence	45	13	32
Florence	2	68	22	82	-14				
Florence	3	288	22	231	57				
Florence	4	73	22	75	-2				
Florence	5	55	22	75	-20				
Georgetown		460	90	409	51	Georgetown	18	7	11

Greenwood	51	66	27	86	-20	Greenwood	19	3	16
Hampton	1	128	9	161	-33	Hampton	4	2	2
Hampton	2	64	8	72	-8				
Jasper		347	0	205	142	Jasper	8	1	7
Laurens	55	413	28	313	100	Laurens	9	5	4
Laurens	56	215	27	188	27				
Lee		202	20	127	75	Lee	2	1	1
Lexington	2	650	26	69	581	Lexington*	63	12	51
Lexington	3	140	17	126	14				
Lexington	4	196	0	203	-7				
Marion		431	67	187	244	Marion	15	6	9
Marlboro		297	0	362	-65	Marlboro	6	1	5
McCormick		74	0	97	-23	McCormick	0	0	0
Newberry		369	42	228	141	Newberry	9	3	6
Orangeburg	3	244	12	174	70	Orangeburg	26	5	21
Orangeburg	4	233	12	174	59				
Orangeburg	5	659	13	526	133				
Richland	1	2,080	147	687	1393	Richland*	115	23	92
Saluda		162	18	126	36	Saluda	3	1	2
Spartanburg	7	619	73	411	208	Spartanburg*	78	12	66
Sumter		1,329	75	545	784	Sumter	31	12	19
Union		281	26	97	184	Union	6	1	5
Williamsburg		394	111	432	-38	Williamsburg	10	5	5
TOTAL:		18,287	1,402	11,744	6543				

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of Eligible and Participating Private 4K Providers Chart

Note: 1) The first column is a best effort to depict the number of eligible center-based preschool providers by county as derived from DSS child care licensing data available at scchildcare.org. These figures have been manually counted and exclude: a) ineligible home-based child care providers, b) licensed school district facilities which would be eligible to participate via the SC Department of Education, and c) Head Start facilities. Note that a limited number of Head Start providers (possessing both the means and physical capacity) do participate as part of the First Steps 4K program, however their inclusion here (particularly in small, rural counties) would misleadingly inflate the number of available service providers, as most lack the space and resources to commit to participation above and beyond their existing federal mandates.

2) Limitations in the column one data, which – despite First Steps' efforts to manually remove ineligible providers as described above) almost certainly overestimates the universe of possible First Steps 4K providers. This is true for a number of reasons:

a. First, from licensing data alone it is impossible to determine whether non-participants in column one possess the physical capacity to house First Steps 4K students – or, indeed, if these centers serve four-year-olds at all. Particularly in rural communities, many private preschool providers operate with fewer than 20 total children. State law requires that First Steps 4K students participate in classrooms enrolling 10 or more four-year-olds.

b. Second, this count does not reflect upon the center's capacity to meet stringent state program requirements, including the ability to attract and compensate a qualified 4K teacher and classroom assistant, implement a research-based curriculum and state assessments, and a variety of additional requirements on which their participation and likely success hinge. (A copy of the First Steps 4K Guidelines is attached for the committee's information.) It is also impossible to depict the desires of individual churches and business owners, some of whom elect to opt out on philosophical grounds.

c. Finally, note that the counties marked with asterisks are communities in which only specific school districts are eligible. In Richland County, for example, students residing in Richland School District One are eligible to participate, while students in both Richland 2 and Lexington-Richland 5 are not. Child care licensing data is collected by county (as opposed to school district), meaning that many of the providers depicted in these larger counties may be geographically inaccessible to eligible children.

3) Column three is a 2015-2016 (partial, running) count of students who applied for enrollment in the First Steps 4K program and received a SUNS number assignment via the SC Department of Education. Final 2015-2016 enrollment data will not be available until the end of the school year.