

2024 Groundswell Profiles Study and Source Guide

The Groundswell Profiles invite Kentuckians in every school district to join in a groundswell of education action.

They rest on two deep convictions:

- Education can be the pathway to a larger life for Kentucky's people.
- A groundswell of public engagement can build a pathway wide enough for all to flourish.

Groundswell Profiles offer data you can use to become part of that groundswell, and this supporting tool offers a guided approach to studying the Profile for your own community. At the end of this guide, you can also see details on all our data points and their sources.

Step 1: Looking at the Data

Find your district's 2024 Groundswell Profile at prichardcommittee.org/2024Profiles and use the questions below as a way to think about the data on your local schools.

1. Page 1 shows ten educational indicators for your community. Take a couple of minutes to look at the information, and then identify one or two data points as cause for celebration. Which do you choose, and why?

2. Give Page 1 another look, and choose one or two other indicators that cause you some concern. Make notes on which ones, and why they seem important.
3. Page 2 shows trends for a set of indicators. Think a little about what you see, and then make notes below on what you might celebrate and what causes you concern?
4. Page 3 shows results broken out by student group. Think a little about what you see, and then make notes below on what you might celebrate and what causes you concern?

Step 3: Sharing Your Thoughts

If you're studying your Groundswell Profile as part of a meeting or team project, you can do your sharing with those folks. If you're working alone, we hope you'll grab at least one friend to discuss what you've seen.

1. Based on everything you've read, share something to celebrate and something that concerns you. If you're working with others, you can do that in conversation. If you're working alone, grab at least one friend to discuss what you've seen. You want to add notes as you listen to others.

2. Based on your study, share a challenge you could help meet, and a starting idea or two of how to do it. Again, you may want to add notes as you listen to others.

Step 4: Building a Groundswell

What comes next is up to you and anyone you decide to work with. We hope you'll take action to build local understanding and engagement in support of Kentucky education.

We also hope you will share as you go, letting us know what you're learning, what you're building, and how we can help. You can find resources at prichardcommittee.org/groundswellinitiative, and we welcome emails to groundswell@prichardcommittee.org.

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Sources for 2024 Groundswell Profiles

INDICATOR	EXPLANATION AND SOURCE
Preschool Enrollment	Percent of county residents age 3 to 4 enrolled in school: 2018-22 five-year American Community Survey estimates, Table B14003, census.gov
Kindergarten Readiness	Percent of kindergarten students identified as ready or ready with enrichments: Fall 2022 and earlier KSCREEN results, kyschoolreportcard.com
Reading and Math Proficiency	Percent scoring proficient or distinguished in reading and math in grades 3 and 8: Spring 2023 and earlier Kentucky State Assessment results, kyschoolreportcard.com
Graduation Rate	Four-year high school graduation rate: 2022-23 and earlier results, kyschoolreportcard.com
Postsecondary Readiness	Percent of 2022-23 grade 12 students showing academic or career readiness on assessments and/or advanced coursework credits: kyschoolreportcard.com
College-Going Rate	Percent of 2020-21 public high school graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution in 2021-22, plus earlier years: High School Feedback Reports, kystats.ky.gov
Postsecondary Degree Attainment (County)	Percent of county residents age 25 to 64 with associate degrees or higher: 2018-22 and earlier five-year American Community Survey estimates, Table B15001, census.gov
Residents 18 and Older Voting in 2022 Election	County votes cast divided by population 18 and older: Fall 2022 voting counts from elect.ky.gov , and 2020 Census Table P3 from census.gov
Median Household Income	County median household income: 2018-2022 American Community Survey five-year estimates, Table B19013, census.gov
Unemployment Rate	Percent of county labor force that is unemployed: Labor force data by county, 2022 annual averages, www.bls.gov/lau
Children Below 200% Poverty	Percent of county residents age 0 to 17 living in households with income below 200% of poverty: 2018-2022 American Community Survey five-year estimates, Table B17024, census.gov
Children in Poverty	Percent of age 0 to 17 living in households with income below poverty: 2018-2022 American Community Survey five-year results, Table B17024, census.gov
Population in Poverty	Percent of county residents of all ages living in households with income below poverty: 2018-2022 American Community Survey five-year estimates, Table B17024, census.gov
Population 2010	Total county population: 2010 Census Table P1, census.gov
Population 2020	Total county population: 2020 Census Table P1, census.gov
Population Change	County population 2020, minus population 2010, divided by population 2010

Children Under 5	County population under 6, multiplied by five-sixths: 2018-2022 American Community Survey five-year estimates, Table B17024, census.gov
Child Care Capacity	County childcare capacity in 2021-22: Early Childhood Profiles, kystats.ky.gov
Preschool Enrollment	County enrollment in state preschool in 2021-22: Early Childhood Profiles, kystats.ky.gov
Teen Births Per 1,000 Female Residents 15-19	Number of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19: 2014-20 data reported in 2023 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, www.countyhealthrankings.org
Low Birthweight	Percent of live births with birthweight less than 5.5 pounds: 2014-20 data reported in 2023 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, www.countyhealthrankings.org
Adult Obesity	Percent of adults with body mass index of 30 or higher: 2019 data reported in 2023 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, www.countyhealthrankings.org
Adult Smoking	Percent of adults who are current smokers: 2019 data reported in 2023 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, www.countyhealthrankings.org
Flu Vaccine	Percent of fee-for-service Medicare enrollees that had an annual flu vaccination: 2019 data reported in 2023 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, www.countyhealthrankings.org
K-12 Enrollment	Student enrollment in 2022-23: kyschoolreportcard.com
Chronic Absenteeism	Percent of students who were absent more than 10% of school year in 2022-23: kyschoolreportcard.com
School Expulsions, Suspensions & Removals Per 100 Students	Incidents where a student was expelled, suspended, or subjected to in-school removal, per 100 students enrolled in 2022-23: calculated with data from kyschoolreportcard.com
Spending per Pupil	Expenditures per pupil, excluding debt service and fund transfers in 2021-22: calculated with audited data from Revenues and Expenditures, education.ky.gov
Teachers	Faculty in 2022-23: kyschoolreportcard.com
Average Years of Teaching	Faculty average years school experience in 2022-23: kyschoolreportcard.com

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