



Data matters. When considering focus, priorities and strategies, communities need good data to inform their decision-making. As a starting point, NCECF has pulled together information about where to find important data points. The links below can help your collaborative have a data-driven discussion and make decisions about your work.

Child Well Being

- [County Health Rankings and Roadmaps](#) - Information by county on health outcomes, including length and quality, health behaviors (e.g., obesity and smoking), access to care, social and economic factors and physical environment.
- [NC Kids Count](#) - NC Child is the state's Kids Count organization and manages the North Carolina Kids Count Data Center. Information is available by county, school district, city and congressional district. This is an excellent resource for defining areas and need.
- [Zero to Three State Baby Facts](#) – State data on well-being of infants and toddlers.
- [State Child Welfare Policy Database](#) – Stats on foster care and adoption, domestic violence, financing, and more.

Early Care and Learning

- [Cost of Child Care](#) - State data on the cost of child care.
- [Home Visiting](#) – State data on number of children served and counties served with federal home visiting funds.
- [NC ECE Repository](#) - County data on child care, number of children under three receiving child care subsidy, use of child care, number of child care programs for each star rating and more.
- Smart Start PBIS – Population-level data by county on early care and education and health. Contact the [Smart Start Local Partnership](#) for a copy of the report.
- [State of Preschool](#) – State data on NC Pre-K.

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- [Attendance Information](#) – NC Department of Public Instruction data on attendance by school.
- [BEST NC's Education Facts and Figures](#) – Statewide data on students, teachers, schools, financing and achievement.
- [EdNC](#) - Interactive NC data on education.
- [Free and Reduced Lunch](#) – information by year and school of free and reduced lunch applications.
- [National Center for Education Statistics/National Assessment of Educational Progress](#) – State performance data for math, reading, writing and science for grades 4-8.
- [Student/School Performance](#) – Student performance data by subgroup for two years, including the number of students at or above grade level (Level III), the number of valid scores, and the percent at or above Level III on end-of-grade (EOG).

Other

- [Diversity Data Kids](#) - Indicators by race and ethnicity are available by county, metropolitan area and for large cities and school districts. Includes population, population change, household types, public school enrollment, school segregation and poverty among the 105 possible indicators.
- [Federal Poverty](#) - Federal poverty guidelines.
- [Unite for Literacy](#) – Data on books in US Homes (by census tract).