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GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

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School readiness is *multifaceted* and influenced by a host of factors
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What percentage of children under 5 live in poverty in my neighborhood?

Where in Georgia is income inequality highest?

How are premature birth rates and third grade reading scores related in counties across GA?

Which areas of Georgia are child care “deserts”?

Where are Quality Rated early learning programs located in Clayton County?

Which Atlanta neighborhoods would benefit from greater investments in early learning?

The tools bring together data from a range of sources, including:

- U.S. Census
- American Community Survey
- Georgia Departments of Public Health, Education, Early Care and Learning, Human Services
- Georgia Statistics Systems
- National Center for Education Statistics
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- Georgia Education Systems

Users include:

- School systems
- State and local government agencies
- Funders
- Community organizations
- Service providers
- Community members
The tools bring together data from a range of sources, including:

The GEEARS Blueprint
Community Compass

Early Childhood Index:

• Access to Quality Rated Child Care
• % of Children Age 0-4 Below Poverty
• % of Population Ages 25 & Over with No High School Diploma
• % of Adults with Limited English Proficiency
• % of Children with No Parent in the Labor Force
• % of Births to Mothers with Less than a High School Diploma
• % Low Birthweight Births, 2010-14
• % of Children Ages 0-4 Receiving Food Stamps
• % of 3rd graders scoring “proficient” or higher on the 3rd grade ELA Georgia Milestone test
• Substantiated child abuse/neglect rate

Why a new tool?

Mobile compatibility

School system and legislative district overlays

(more data) (more granular data)
The tools bring together data from a range of sources, including:

- Early Childhood Profiles
- All 159 counties and the City of Atlanta
The tools bring together data from a range of sources, including:

- Estimates of child care supply
- Demand
- Shortage in the five-county metro area
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### High-Level Findings

- **About 1/3 of maximum demand is unmet**—but that is not uniform across the 5-county region.
- **Almost 90% of the region's childcare is regulated** (or specifically exempt).
- The supply of **Quality Rated childcare** is limited (about ¼ of total eligible supply) but growing as the system continues to evolve.

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