2022 Assessments Data Fact Sheet

Children in early childhood education programs continue to thrive despite pandemic's impacts on children's learning and development.

• Over the past 10 years, children in KinderCare programs have continuously shown accelerated growth relative to typical development for children their age.
• We use two assessment tools:
  • TerraNova®, a standardized, end-of-year assessment of reading and mathematics skills, which was taken by 632 children in 84 KinderCare Learning Centers across the United States.
  • BRIGANCE Early Childhood Screens®, an observational tool that assesses whether children are hitting developmental milestones, was used to screen 17,705 children under age 6 in KinderCare programs in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.
• According to scores from the TerraNova assessment, children in KinderCare’s private kindergarten programs had overall scores about two months ahead of the national norm.
• According to results from the BRIGANCE assessment during the 2021-2022 school year results showed children enrolled in KinderCare programs performed ahead of age expectations, scoring about a month and a half (1.6) ahead of their actual age on average in the Spring, up from about a month (0.8) in the Fall.

• According to BRIGANCE, about 21 percent of children screened in the Fall were identified as having potential delays in achieving age-appropriate developmental milestones, but by Spring, that number decreased to 16 percent.
• Average scores from both assessments were lower than pre-pandemic results, indicating the pandemic's persistent impact on children's development.
The longer children are enrolled in KinderCare programs, the stronger their developmental outcomes.

- According to BRIGANCE, although on average children enrolled in KinderCare saw significant improvement between Fall and Spring, children with a year or more tenure performed significantly better than children with less than a year tenure, scoring an average of two months (2.0) ahead of their actual age in the Fall and about three months (2.7) ahead of their actual age in the Spring.