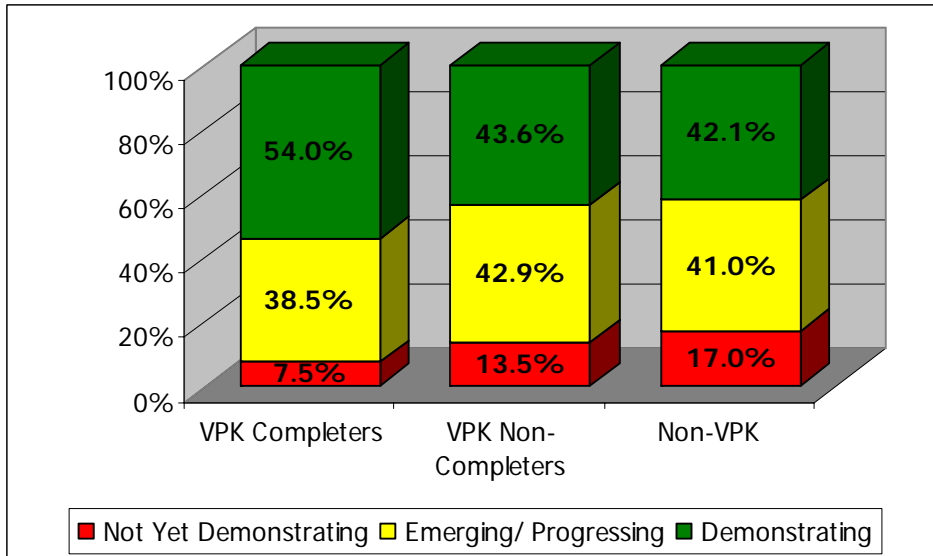


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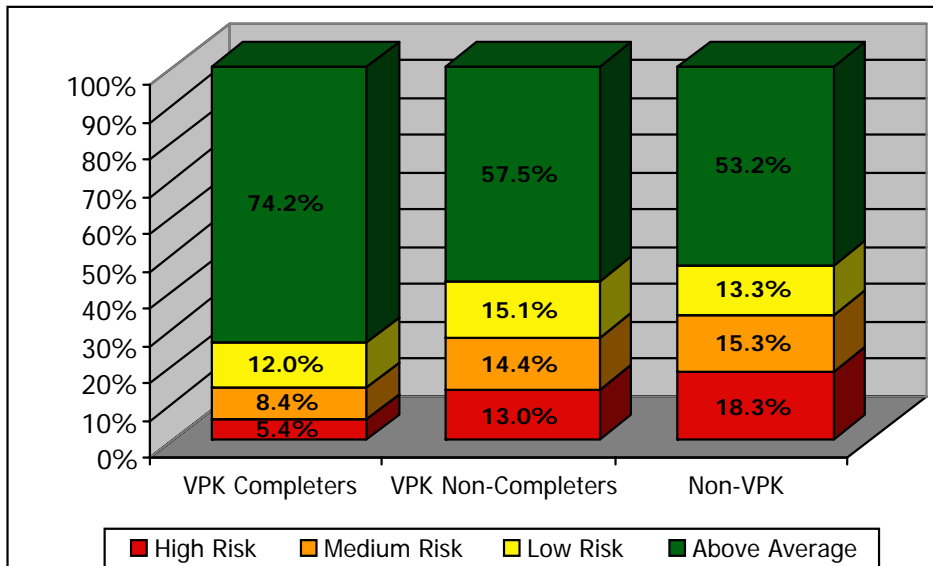
### *2007-08 Voluntary Prekindergarten Program Provider Readiness Rates*

- The 2007-08 Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) Readiness Rates measure how well a private or public VPK provider prepared four-year-olds for kindergarten.
- VPK providers receive a rate, which is based on children’s performance on the three measures of the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener – a screening instrument given to children within the first 30 days of attending kindergarten.
- The Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener includes selected measures from the Early Childhood Observation System™ (ECHOS™), which measures classroom readiness, and the first two measures of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills™ (DIBELS™), which measures both sound and alphabet recognition.

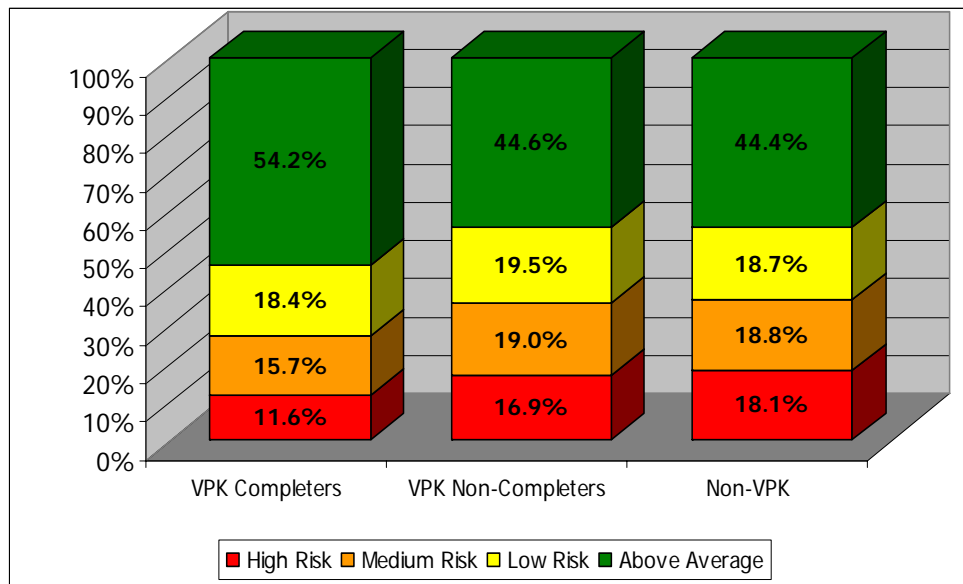
### ECHOS™ 2007-08 VPK Completers, Non-Completers, and Non-VPK



### DIBELS™ Letter Naming Fluency 2007-08 VPK Completers, Non-Completers, and Non-VPK



**DIBELS™ Initial Sound**  
**2007-08 VPK Completers, Non-Completers, and Non-VPK**



- The Readiness Rates include only the results of children who participated in VPK during the 2007-08 school year and who were screened within the first 30 days of kindergarten.
- The 2007-08 Readiness Rates revealed that children who participated in VPK performed better on Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener than children who did not participate in the program.
- The screening is administered by district public schools to all public school kindergarten children.
- Children who participated in VPK and attended a non-public school for kindergarten were also provided the opportunity to participate in the screening.
- To calculate the readiness rate, each part of the screening tool is assigned a percentage based on the number of children ready. For example, if eight out of 10 children are ready for kindergarten on the ECHOS™, the VPK provider would receive 80 percent. The sum of all three screening results is totaled to establish the readiness rate of the VPK provider.
- The highest readiness rate a provider could receive is 300 (100 percent for each of the three screening tools).
- The 2007-08 Minimum Readiness Rate has been set at 214 out of 300. Eighty-five percent of Florida's VPK providers earned a readiness rate of 214 or higher.
- The minimum readiness rate has continued to increase since it was first established. In 2005-06 the rate was set at 201. In 2006-07 the minimum rate was 211.

- Not all providers received rates. Readiness rates were only calculated for providers with a minimum of four children who were enrolled in the VPK program for 70 percent or more of the total instructional hours and participated in each of the three kindergarten screening measures.
- Florida's 2007-08 readiness rates reflect the performance of 91 percent of all VPK providers.
- Parents can find out more about the performance of a specific VPK provider by visiting <https://vpk.fldoe.org/InfoPages/ReportCriteria.aspx>.

### ***Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Program***

- The VPK program began as a constitutional amendment passed by Florida's voters in November 2002 and signed into law January 2, 2005.
- The VPK program is designed to prepare Florida's children for kindergarten and develop the skills they need to become good readers and successful students. It includes standards for literacy skills, strict accountability, appropriate curricula, manageable class sizes and qualified instructors.
- The VPK program is free for all eligible children.
- Public, private, and faith-based providers may be eligible to deliver the program if they meet the minimum standards required in law.
- Florida's VPK program is jointly administered by the Department of Education, the Agency for Workforce Innovation, and the Department of Children and Families.
  - The Department of Education oversees standards, accountability, curricula and professional development.
  - The Agency for Workforce Innovation administers the day-to-day operations of the program including policy development, financial management and oversight of the 31 Early Learning Coalitions.
  - The Department of Children and Families provides oversight of child care licensing, regulation, Florida's Gold Seal Quality Care program and issues credentials for child care personnel.

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