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Ready or Not?

Assessing Kindergarten Readiness in Central Texas

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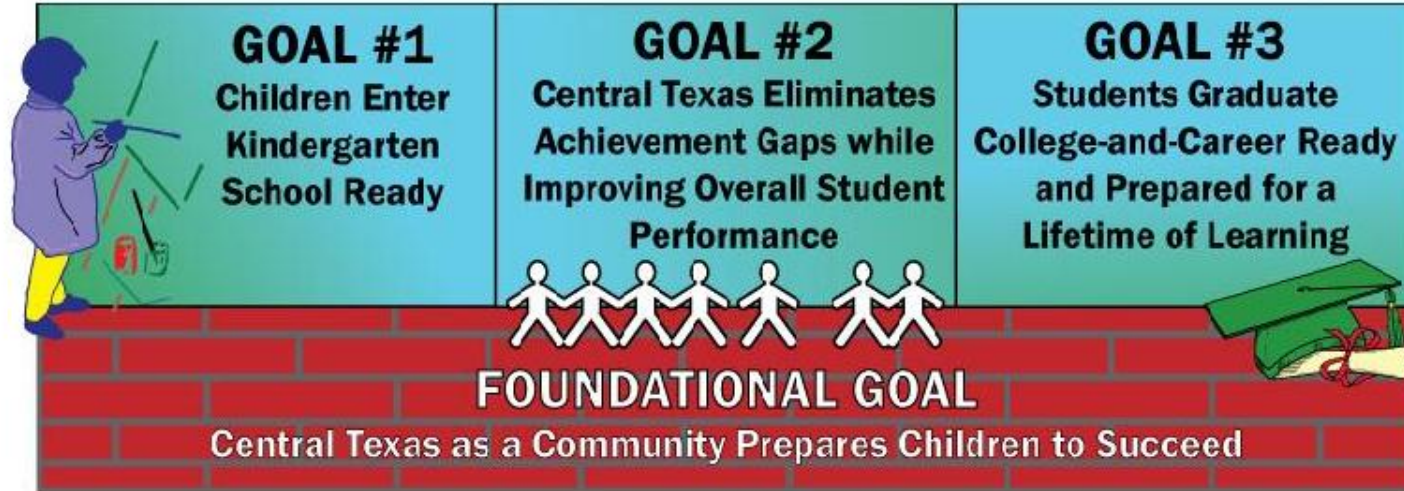


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Why is Readiness Important?

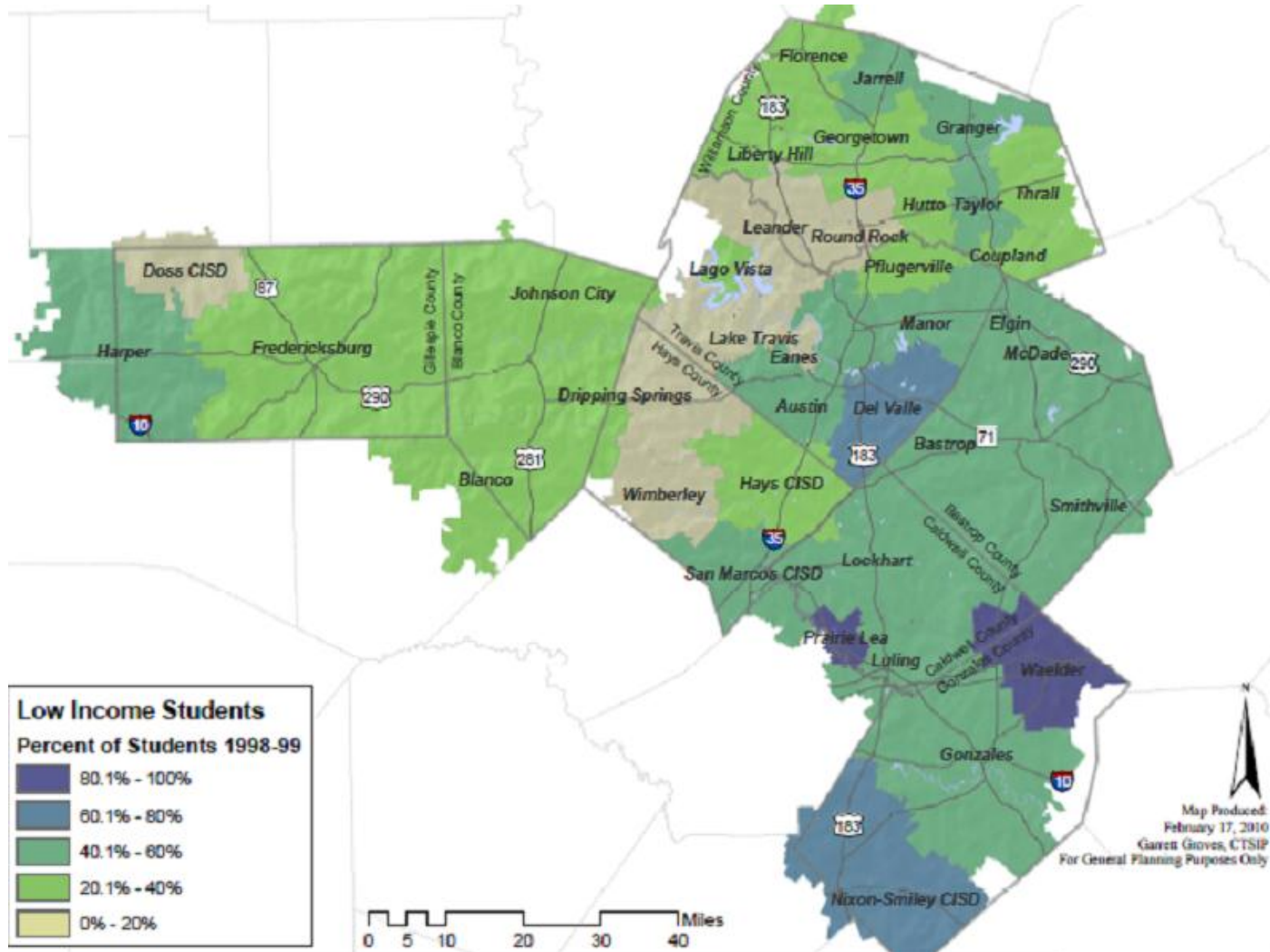


Central Texas is Changing!

- There are an estimated 144,046 children (age 0-5) in Central Texas - a 28% increase in just 10 years
- Texas has the fastest growing (0-5) child population in the country
- The Central Texas child population is growing at twice the state rate

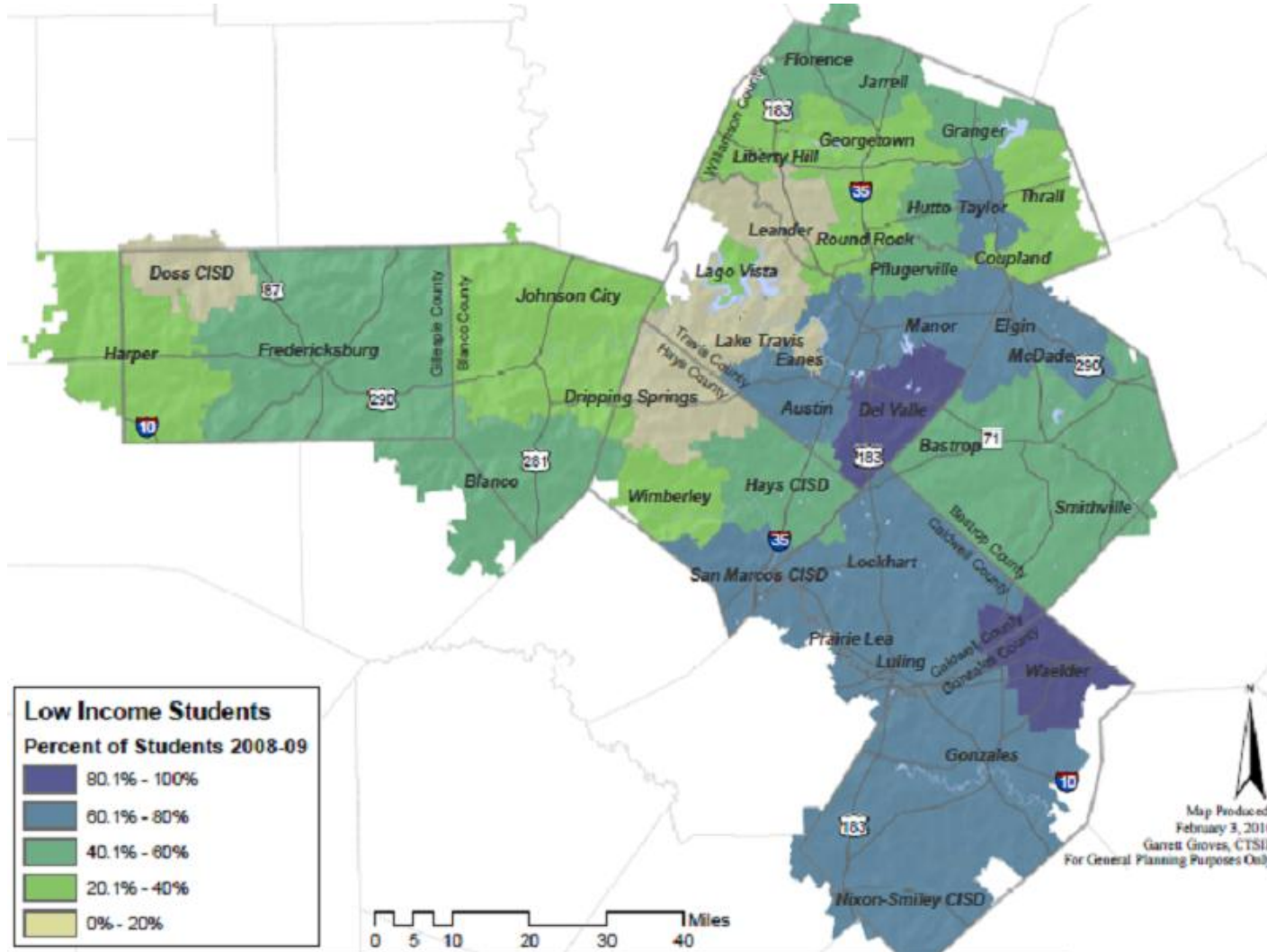
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Low Income Enrollment 1998-1999



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Low Income Enrollment 2008-2009



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Not Being Ready is Expensive!

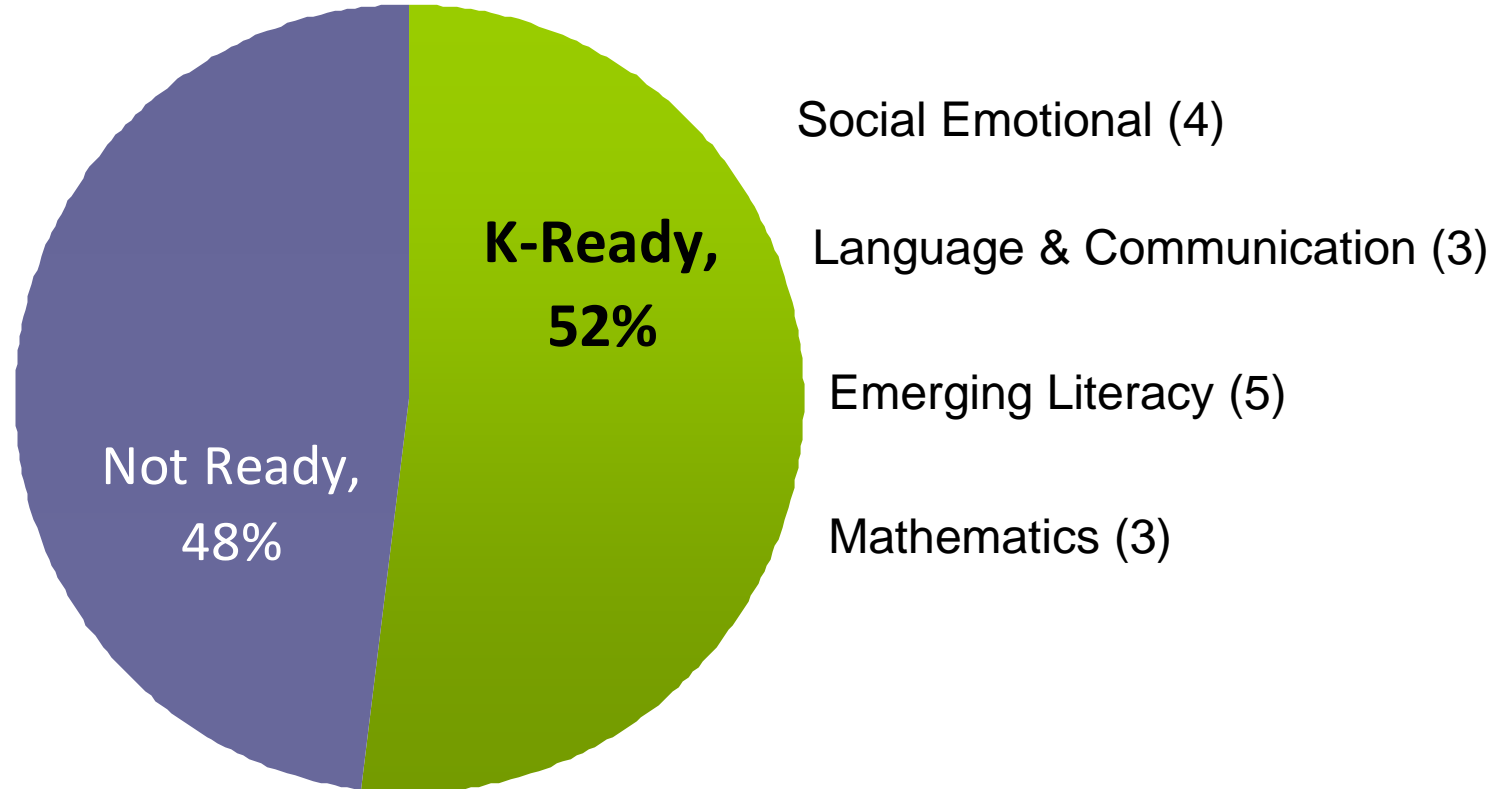


Central Texas Guide to School Readiness

- Kindergarten Readiness assessment
 - Based on the Texas Pre-K Guidelines
- 997 Kindergartners
- 59 classrooms
 - 7 school districts and 1 charter school

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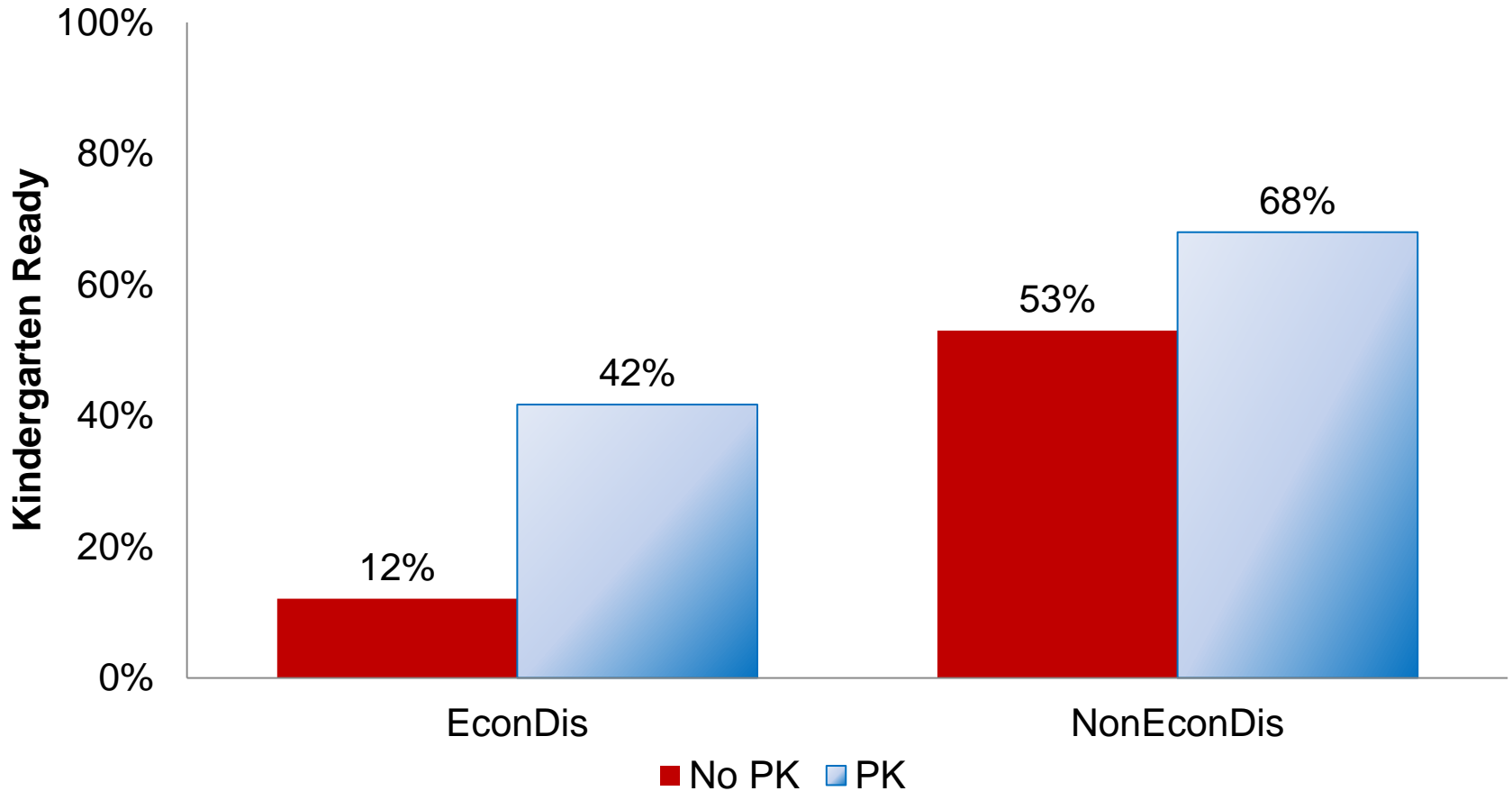
Half of CTX Students Are Not Ready!



Child displayed competency in 14 out of 16 measures, and had no areas of focus

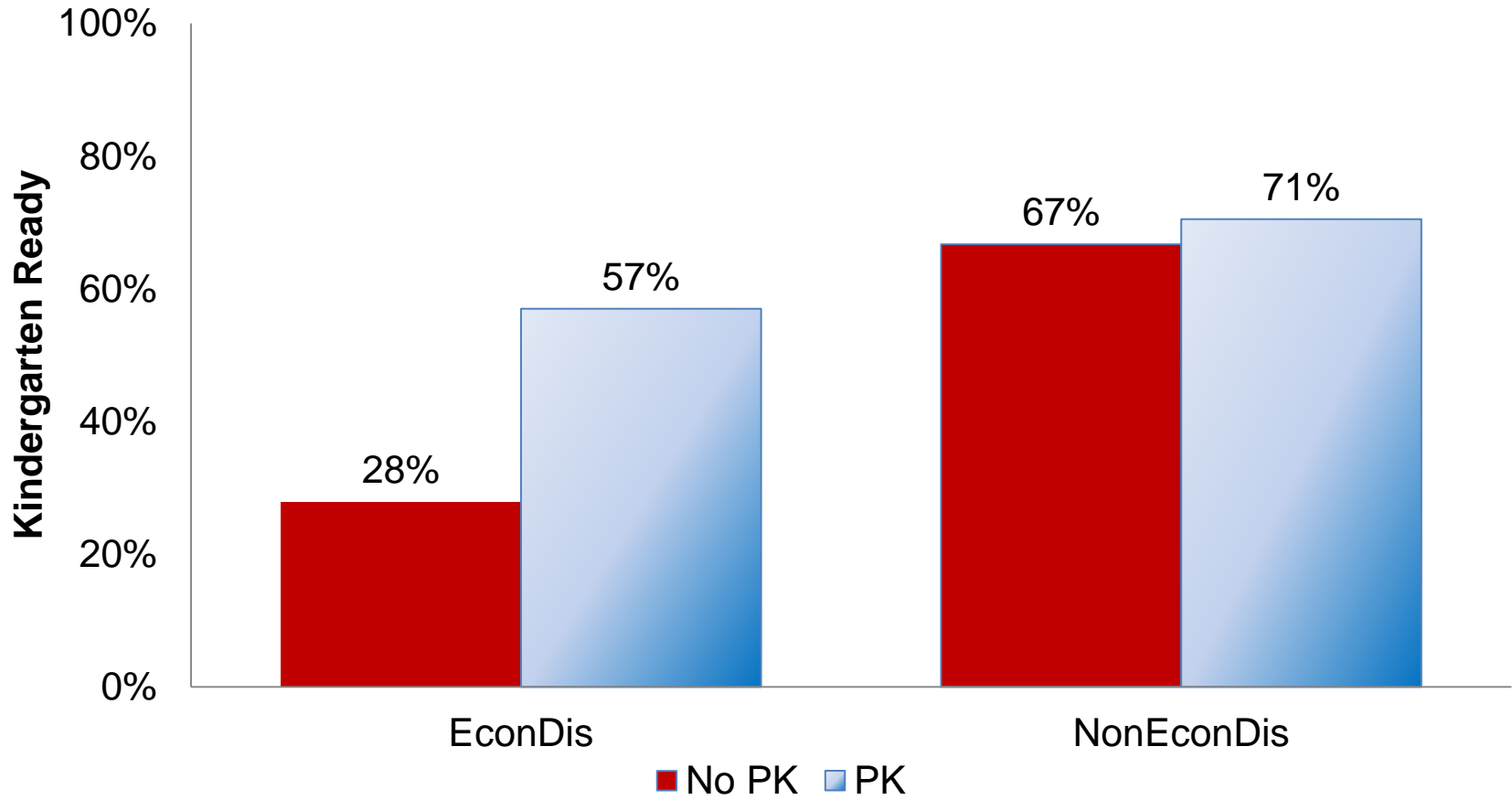
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PK Appears to Work



Source: E³ Alliance analysis of CTGSR assessment data, unweighted sample

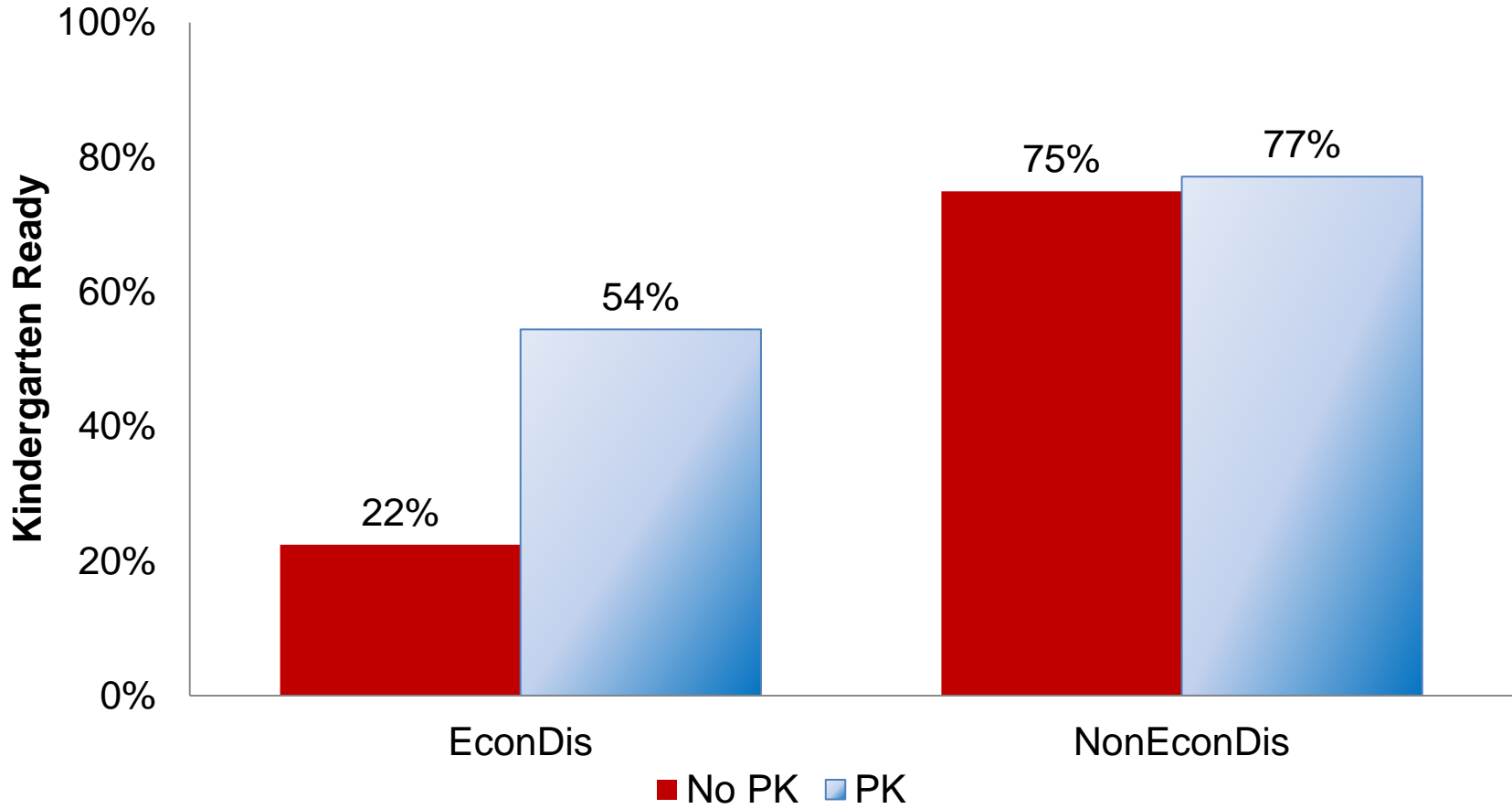
Social-Emotional Development



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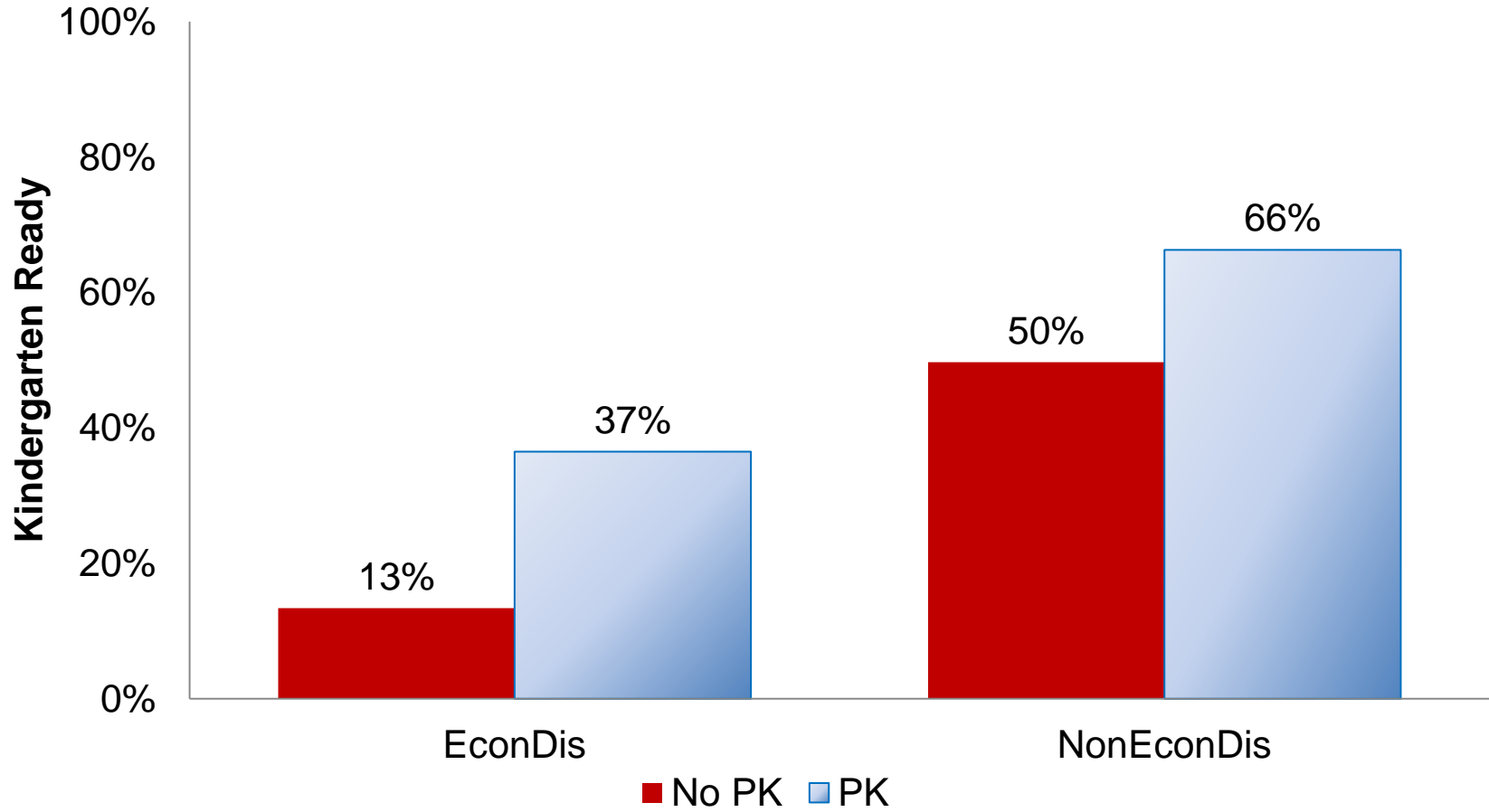
Language and Communication



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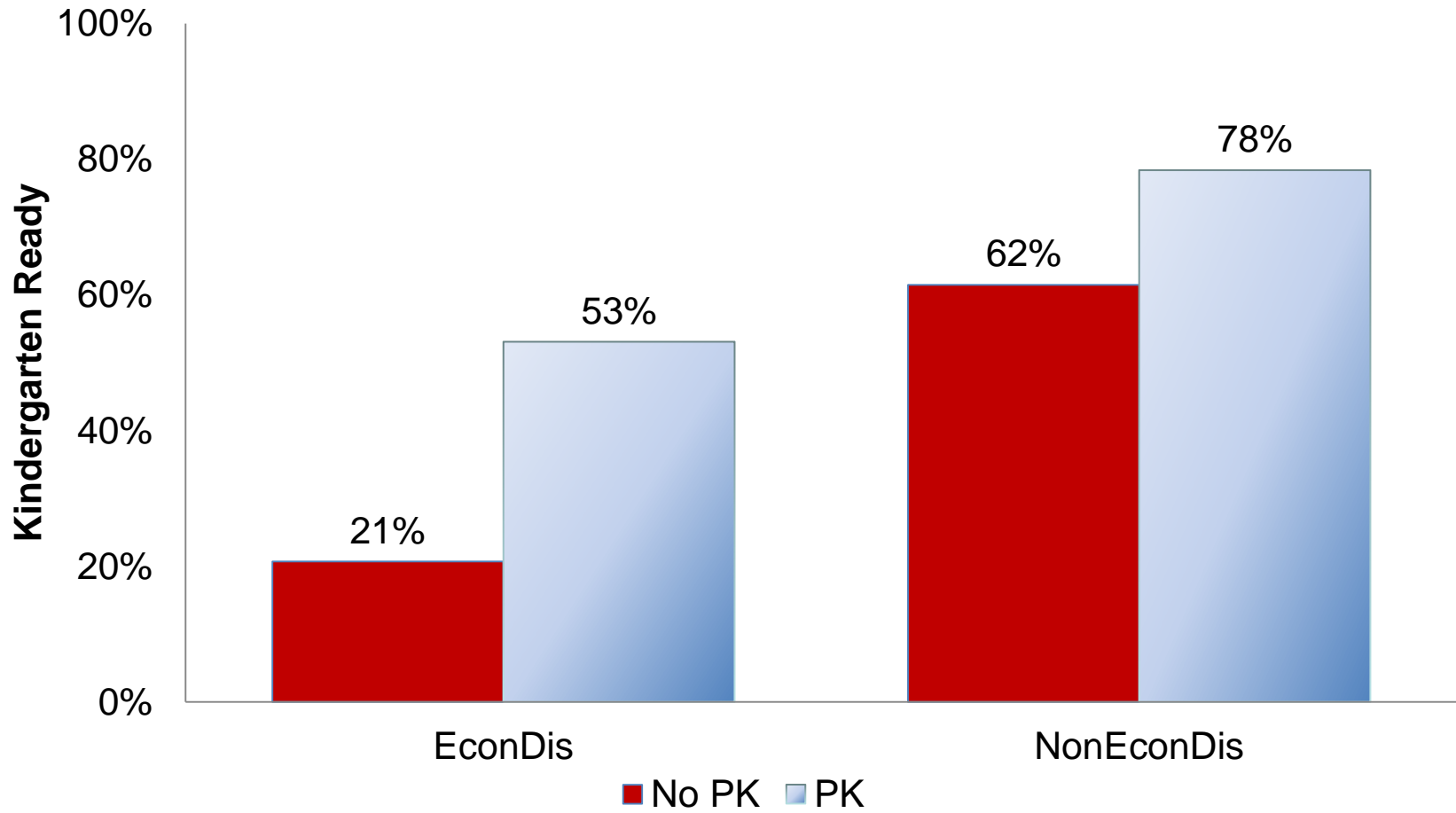
Emerging Literacy



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Mathematics



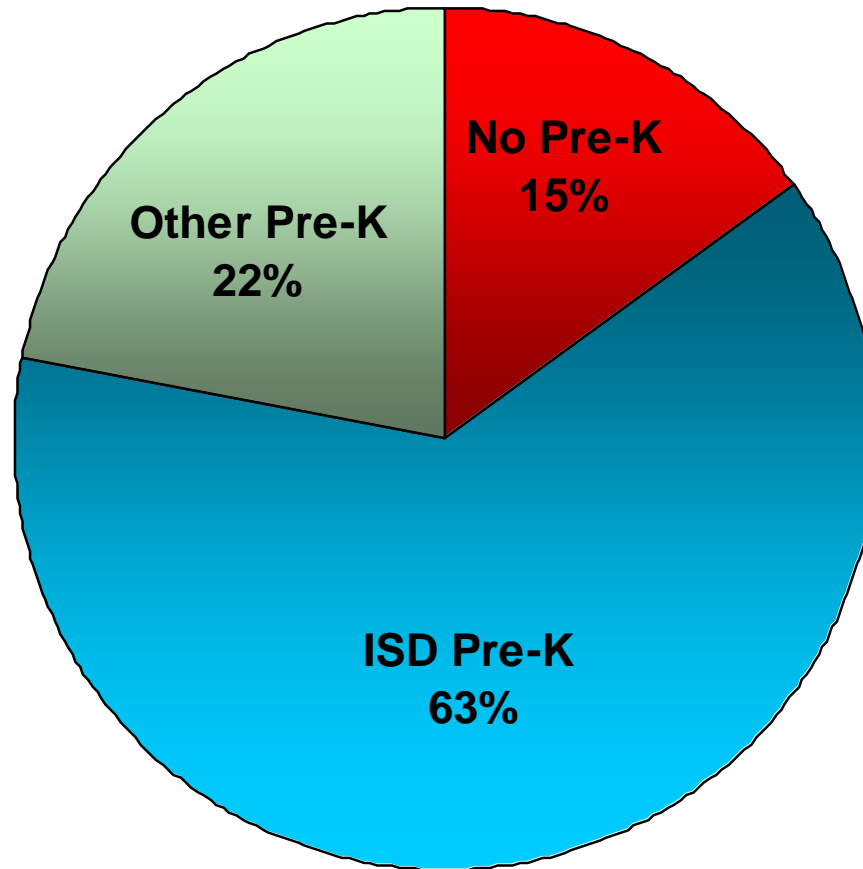
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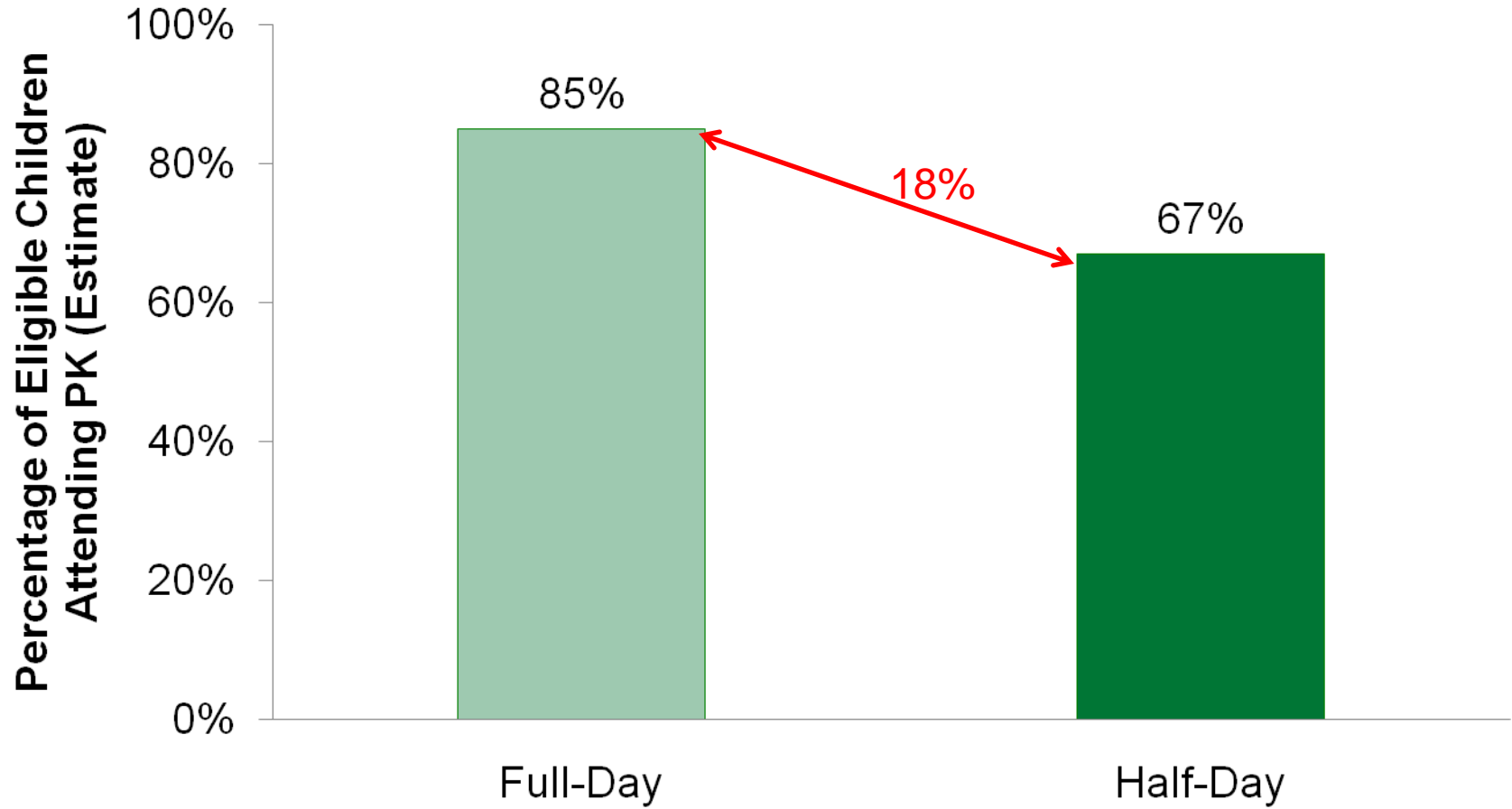
Where are the children?



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Full-Day PK Has Higher Utilization



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