

**Overall vulnerability and *Early Development Instrument (EDI)* domains for children from “Primeira Infância Melhor” (PIM) group by covariates of interest (n = 364).**

		Overall Vulnerability	Physical Health & Well-Being	Social Competence	Emotional Maturity	Language & Cognitive Development	Communication & General Knowledge
City	% (N)	% (N)	M(SD)				
Frederico Westphalen	19.8 (72)	26.40 (19)	8.999	<b>8.289</b>	<b>7.796</b>	<b>5.803</b>	7.596
Carazinho	17.9 (65)	33.80 (22)	8.710	<b>7.910</b>	<b>7.408</b>	<b>6.246</b>	7.500
São Borja	12.9 (47)	29.80 (14)	8.615	<b>8.273</b>	<b>7.524</b>	<b>6.011</b>	7.576
Santo Ângelo	12.1 (44)	15.90 (7)	9.097	<b>8.637</b>	<b>8.217</b>	<b>7.049</b>	7.608
Uruguaiana	7.4 (27)	33.30 (9)	8.948	<b>8.120</b>	<b>7.686</b>	<b>4.620</b>	7.500
Santiago	19.5 (71)	21.10 (15)	9.177	<b>8.890</b>	<b>8.158</b>	<b>6.665</b>	8.292
Alegrete	1.6 (6)	33.30 (2)	9.053	<b>8.308</b>	<b>6.716</b>	<b>6.667</b>	8.854
Palmeira das Missões	8.8 (32)	21.90 (7)	8.917	<b>9.126</b>	<b>8.424</b>	<b>5.594</b>	8.164
Gender							
Female	49.2 (179)	29.7 (55)	8.993	8.588	<b>8.032</b>	6.332	7.979
Male	50.8 (185)	22.3 (40)	8.878	8.297	<b>7.659</b>	5.946	7.581
Family income per capita (BRL)							
≤ 140	42.3 (154)	<b>29.9 (46)</b>	<b>8.749</b>	8.273	7.707	<b>5.843</b>	<b>7.519</b>
141-200	19.2 (70)	<b>32.9 (23)</b>	<b>8.907</b>	8.356	7.833	<b>5.881</b>	<b>7.429</b>
201+	38.5 (140)	<b>18.6 (26)</b>	<b>9.151</b>	8.665	7.996	<b>6.585</b>	<b>8.235</b>
Mother's years of schooling							
≤ 4	15.7 (57)	33.3 (19)	<b>8.482</b>	<b>8.135</b>	<b>7.642</b>	<b>5.817</b>	<b>7.215</b>
5-8	52.5 (191)	27.7 (53)	<b>8.887</b>	<b>8.262</b>	<b>7.706</b>	<b>5.916</b>	<b>7.465</b>
9+	31.9 (116)	19.8 (23)	<b>9.235</b>	<b>8.882</b>	<b>8.166</b>	<b>6.655</b>	<b>8.567</b>
Intervention							
Individual	27.7 (101)	28.7 (29)	8.954	8.350	7.770	6.077	7.610
Group	72.3 (263)	25.1 (66)	8.927	8.474	7.870	6.159	7.841
Age started in PIM (months)							
≤ 12	38.5 (140)	24.3 (34)	8.968	8.382	7.892	6.336	7.820
> 12	61.5 (224)	27.2 (61)	8.913	8.476	7.812	6.011	7.750
Time spent in PIM (months)							
≤ 24	40.4 (147)	27.9 (41)	8.939	8.359	7.795	5.920	7.618
> 24	59.6 (217)	24.9 (54)	8.931	8.495	7.874	6.282	7.885
Number of visitors							
2 or 3	5.2 (19)	15.8 (3)	9.523	<b>9.240</b>	8.257	<b>7.136</b>	<b>9.178</b>
1	94.8 (345)	26.7 (92)	8.902	<b>8.396</b>	7.820	<b>6.081</b>	<b>7.700</b>
Age group of child (years)							
≤ 5.7	54.1 (197)	24.9 (49)	8.945	8.488	7.818	<b>5.604</b>	7.740
> 5.7	45.9 (167)	27.5 (46)	8.922	8.383	7.872	<b>6.763</b>	7.821
Age of child at PIM exit (months)							
≤ 55	49.2 (179)	30.2 (54)	8.837	8.278	7.688	<b>5.757</b>	7.607
> 55	50.8 (185)	22.2 (41)	9.028	8.596	7.992	<b>6.503</b>	7.942

Note: bolded entries indicate differences between groups statistically significant with  $p < 0.05$ .