











## The State of Young Children

HANCOCK COUNTY

**5,471** children under 5 years old '

792 Babies born in 2023 °

Pregnant women and families served by Help Me Grow home visiting 12 (2024)

Children under age 5 covered by Medicaid<sup>11</sup>
(as of July 2024)

Children ages 0-3 receiving Part-C Early Intervention Services (as of Jan 2025)

Children five years and younger are in state custody (as of Jan. 1, 2024) 8

11.5% of children under 5 years old are living in poverty<sup>2</sup>

\$17,012 Estimated 2024 yearly price for infant center-based care<sup>5</sup>

17.4% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022<sup>6</sup>

Children are accessing Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC) and the Child Care Voucher<sup>3</sup> (as of December 2024)

Children are accessing public preschool through Early Childhood Education grants (2024)

of kindergartners are demonstrating readiness 10 (2022-2023)

of economically disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating readiness 13 (2022-2023)

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