











The State of Young Children

27,899 children under 5 years old

4,205

Babies born in 2023 9

378

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

13,645

Children under age 5 covered by Medicaid¹¹ (as of July 2024)

515

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

87

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

13.6% of children under 5 years

old are living in poverty²

\$17,012

Estimated 2024 yearly price for infant center-based cares

15.3% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022⁶

2,095

Children are accessing Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC) and the Child Care Voucher³ (as of December 2024)

479

Children are accessing public preschool through Early Childhood Education grants⁷ (2024)

28.5%

of kindergartners are demonstrating readiness¹⁰ (2022-2023)

15.8% of economically disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating readiness¹³ (2022-2023)

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