



The State of Young Children

JACKSON
COUNTY

2,398
children under 5 years old ¹

26.2%
of children under 5 years
old are living in poverty ²

409

Babies born in 2023 ⁹

\$10,009

Estimated 2024 yearly price for
infant center-based care ⁵

13%

of family median income was spent
on child care in 2022 ⁶

55

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

72

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

1,377

Children under age 5 covered
by Medicaid ¹¹
(as of July 2024)

84

Children are accessing public
preschool through Early
Childhood Education grants ⁷
(2024)

22

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

30.8%

of kindergartners are
demonstrating readiness ¹⁰
(2022-2023)

16

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

28.3%

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

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