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3,116 **16.4**% children under 5 years old of children under 5 years old are living in poverty² <u>\$12,795</u> Estimated 2024 yearly price for 505 Babies born in 2023 ° infant center-based cares > 13.9% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022⁶ Pregnant women and families <10 served by Help Me Grow home visiting 12 (2024)Children are accessing Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC) and the Child Care Voucher ³ 39 (as of December 2024) Children under age 5 covered 1,427 by Medicaid¹¹ (as of July 2024) Children are accessing public 182 preschool through Early Childhood Education grants⁷ Children ages 0-3 receiving (2024)77 Part-C Early Intervention Services (as of Jan 2025) of kindergartners are 29.5% demonstrating readiness¹⁰ (2022-2023) Children five years and younger 14 are in state custody 13.5% of economically disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating (as of Jan. 1, 2024)⁸ readiness13 (2022 - 2023)SOURCES AVAILABLE HERE





