











The State of Young Children

35,607 children under 5 years old

5,313

Babies born in 2023 9

343

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

17,103

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

554

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

334

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

19.6%

of children under 5 years old are living in poverty²

\$17,012

Estimated 2024 yearly price for infant center-based cares

17.1% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022⁶

4,584

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

961

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

37%

of kindergartners are demonstrating readiness¹⁰ (2022-2023)

18%

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

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