











The State of Young Children

14,454 children under 5 years old

2,262

Babies born in 2023 9

8,815

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

17,503

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

322

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

109

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

31.6%

of children under 5 years old are living in poverty²

Estimated 2024 yearly price for infant center-based cares

15.7% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022⁶

2,424

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

514

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

33.3%

of kindergartners are demonstrating readiness¹⁰ (2022-2023)

18%

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

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