











## The State of Young Children



## **80,940** children under 5 years old '



Babies born in 2023 °

**26.2%** 

of children under 5 years old are living in poverty<sup>2</sup>

\$17,012

Estimated 2024 yearly price for infant center-based care<sup>5</sup>

**18.4%** of family median income was spent on child care in 2022<sup>6</sup>

945

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



Children under age 5 covered by Medicaid<sup>11</sup> (as of July 2024)



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

707

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



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

2,303

Children are accessing public preschool through Early Childhood Education grants<sup>7</sup> (2024)

34.2%

of kindergartners are demonstrating readiness<sup>10</sup> (2022-2023)

20.6% of economically disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating readiness<sup>13</sup> (2022-2023)





