



# The State of Young Children

## Mercer County

### 3,100

children under 5 years old<sup>1</sup>

### 8.7%

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

### 48

Children are accessing Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC)<sup>3</sup>  
*(as of July, 2022)*

### \$8,333

Estimated 2022 yearly price for infant center-based care<sup>5</sup>

### 11%

of PFCC programs earned a high-quality rating<sup>4</sup>  
*(as of July, 2022)*

### 10.7%

of family median income was spent on childcare in 2018<sup>6</sup>

### 40

Children are accessing public preschool through Early Childhood Education grants (2022)<sup>7</sup>

### <10

Children five years & younger are in state custody<sup>8</sup>  
*(as of Jan. 1, 2022)*

### 171

Babies born who are covered by Medicaid (2019)<sup>9</sup>

### 49%

of kindergartners are demonstrating readiness (2021-22)<sup>11</sup>

### 29

Pregnant women & families served by Help Me Grow home visiting (2022)<sup>10</sup>

### 20%

of economically-disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating readiness (2021-22)<sup>12</sup>

1. U.S. Census Bureau (2019)

2. U.S. Census Bureau (2019)

3. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Data Production, July 2022

4. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Data Production, July 2022

5. National Database of Childcare Prices 2016-2018, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

6. National Database of Childcare Prices 2016-2018, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

7. Ohio Department of Education (2022)

8. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Data Portal (January 1, 2022)

9. Report on Pregnant Woman, Infants and Children SFY 2020, Ohio Department of Medicaid (July 19, 2021)

10. Ohio Department of Health Data Production, February 2023

11. Ohio Department of Education (2022)

12. Ohio Department of Education (2022)



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