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1,812 **20**% children under 5 years old of children under 5 years old are living in poverty² Estimated 2024 yearly price for \$10,009 297 Babies born in 2023 ° infant center-based cares > 10.6% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022⁶ Pregnant women and families 26 served by Help Me Grow home visiting 12 (2024)Children are accessing Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC) and the Child Care Voucher ³ 50 (as of December 2024) Children under age 5 covered 591 by Medicaid¹¹ (as of July 2024) Children are accessing public <10 preschool through Early Childhood Education grants⁷ Children ages 0-3 receiving (2024)56 Part-C Early Intervention Services (as of Jan 2025) of kindergartners are 39.5% demonstrating readiness¹⁰ (2022-2023) Children five years and younger <10 are in state custody **18.1%** of economically disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating (as of Jan. 1, 2024)⁸ readiness13 (2022 - 2023)SOURCES AVAILABLE





