



# The State of Young Children

MERCER  
COUNTY

**3,443**  
children under 5 years old <sup>1</sup>

**11%**  
of children under 5 years  
old are living in poverty <sup>2</sup>

**613**

Babies born in 2023 <sup>9</sup>

**\$10,009**

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

**9.5%**

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

**35**

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

**50**

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

**833**

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

**31**

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

**71**

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

**47.2%**

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

**<10**

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

**15.4%**

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

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