



The State of Young Children

DEFIANCE
COUNTY

2,709
children under 5 years old ¹

14.3%
of children under 5 years
old are living in poverty ²

404

Babies born in 2023 ⁹

\$17,012

Estimated 2024 yearly price for
infant center-based care ⁵

18.7% of family median income was spent
on child care in 2022 ⁶

22

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

184

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

1,203

Children under age 5 covered
by Medicaid ¹¹
(as of July 2024)

173

Children are accessing public
preschool through Early
Childhood Education grants ⁷
(2024)

38

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

24.7%

of kindergartners are
demonstrating readiness ¹⁰
(2022-2023)

10

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

17.7% of economically disadvantaged
kindergartners are demonstrating
readiness ¹³
(2022-2023)

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