



The State of Young Children

RICHLAND
COUNTY

8,235
children under 5 years old ¹

24.4%
of children under 5 years
old are living in poverty ²

1,310

Babies born in 2023 ⁹

\$10,009

Estimated 2024 yearly price for
infant center-based care ⁵

12.5% of family median income was spent
on child care in 2022 ⁶

70

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

989

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

4,524

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

171

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

146

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

33.9%

of kindergartners are
demonstrating readiness ¹⁰
(2022-2023)

45

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

20.3% of economically disadvantaged
kindergartners are demonstrating
readiness ¹³
(2022-2023)

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