











## The State of Young Children

10,728 children under 5 years old

1,699

Babies born in 2023 9

93

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

4,051

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

237

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

**17** 

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

**14**.1%

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

\$17,012

Estimated 2024 yearly price for infant center-based cares

14.4% of family median income was spent on child care in 2022<sup>6</sup>

900

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

99

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

43%

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

29.2% of economically disadvantaged kindergartners are demonstrating readiness<sup>13</sup> (2022-2023)

**SOURCES** AVAILABLE HERE





