



The State of Young Children

PORTAGE
COUNTY

8,576
children under 5 years old ¹

14.1%
of children under 5 years
old are living in poverty ²

1,313

Babies born in 2023 ⁹

\$17,012

Estimated 2024 yearly price for
infant center-based care ⁵

16.5%

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

58

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

645

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

3,567

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

121

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

167

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

43.2%

of kindergartners are
demonstrating readiness ¹⁰
(2022-2023)

46

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

25.1%

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

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