



KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years, their families, and the child care system that serves them

Louisiana

2005 estimated population: 4,523,628

U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

2000 population: 4,468,976

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 18,784 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

(FY 2005 ACF-801 data)

In Federal Fiscal Year 2006 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$2,302,812

(FY 2006 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



532 children served by 10 grantees are in Early Head Start

(2006 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment) (EHSNRC Database—September 2006)

51% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

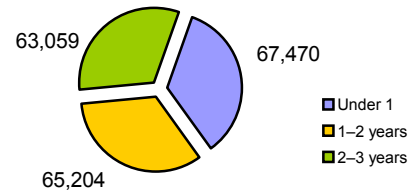
(Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA)



3,450 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

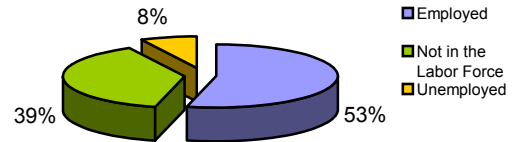
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)

195,733 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Louisiana



U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

53% of Louisiana Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	No
Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA)*:	30 issued in 2005 11 issued in 2002 10 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	<i>Louisiana's Early Learning Guidelines and Program Standards: Birth through Three</i>
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	No

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$4,300

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families 7%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 27%

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In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:5 for infants under 12 months; 1:7 for 1-year-olds; 1:11 for 2-year-olds; 1:13 for 3-year-olds (Class A Centers)

1:6 for infants under 12 months; 1:8 for 1-year-olds; 1:12 for 2-year-olds; 1:14 for 3-year-olds (Class B Centers serving ≥ 11 children)

1:10 if no more than 2 children are under age 2; 2:10 if 3 or more children are under age 2 (Class B Centers serving ≤ 10 children)
(State Licensing Regulations)

In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

Family Child Care is not regulated

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For more information about Louisiana go to:

<http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/statepro/display.cfm?state=Louisiana>

