



KEY FACTS ABOUT

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

New Mexico

2005 estimated population: 1,928,384

U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

2000 population: 1,819,046

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 7,209 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 = \$907,524

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



807 children served by 8 grantees are in Early Head Start

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

49% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

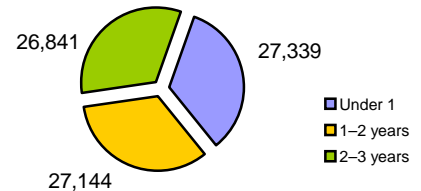
(Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA)



3,035 children under 3 receive early IDEA intervention services under IDEA, Part C

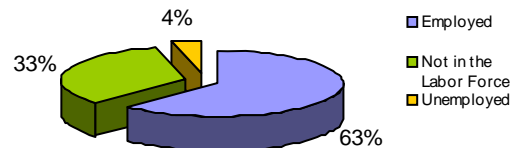
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)

81,324 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in New Mexico



U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

63% of New Mexico 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)*:	41 issued in 2005 31 issued in 2002 21 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	No
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	No

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

1:6 for 6 weeks to 24 months; 1:10 for 2 years; 1:12 for 3 years

If toddlers 18-24 months and children 24 to 35 months are grouped together, a 1:6 ratio must be maintained.

(State Licensing Regulations)

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

1:6 (with no more than 2 children under the age of 2*)

*Homes may also be licensed for 7-12 children. Two caregivers must be present if there are more than 2 children under the age of 2 or when more than 6 children of any age are present.

(State Licensing Regulations)

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$5,714

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families 11%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 40%

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