



KEY FACTS ABOUT

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

Mississippi

2005 estimated population: 2,921,088

U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

2000 population: 2,844,658

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 9,700 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 = \$1,581,740

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



939 children served by 13 grantees are in Early Head Start

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

The percentage of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs for infant and toddler care is not available

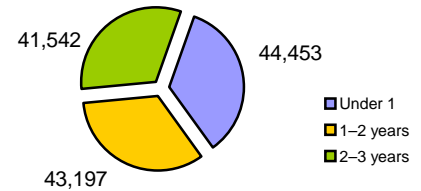
(Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA)



1,732 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

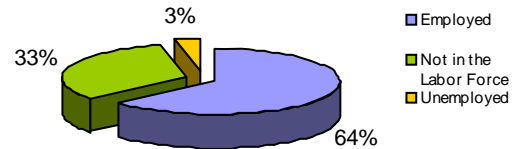
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)

129,192 Children Under 3 Live in Mississippi



U.S. Census 2005

64% of Mississippi 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)*:	77 issued in 2005 54 issued in 2002 18 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 1:5 for infants under 1 year; 1:9 for 1-year-olds; 1:12 for 2-year-olds; 1:14 for 3-year-olds

(State Licensing Regulations)

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

Family Child Care is not regulated.

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

1:4 for infants under 1 year; 1:8 for 1-year-olds; 1:12 for 2-year-olds; 1:14 for 3-year-olds

(State Licensing Regulations)

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$4,368

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families 8%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 30%
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For more demographic information about Mississippi go to: <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/statepro/display.cfm?state=Mississippi>



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