



**KEY
FACTS
ABOUT**

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

Alabama

2005 estimated population: 4,557,808

U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

2000 population: 4,447,100

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 7,257 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 = \$1,987,547

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



524 children served by 9 grantees are in Early Head Start

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

45% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

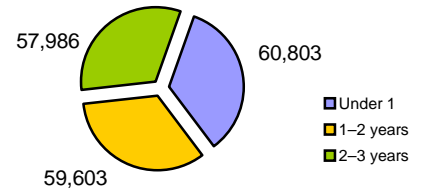
(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)



2,476 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

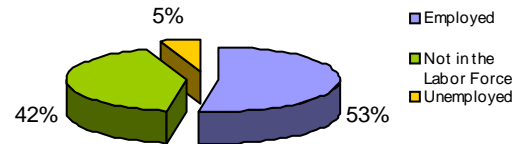
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)

178,392 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Alabama



U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

53% of Alabama 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)*:	27 issued in 2005 44 issued in 2002 27 issued in 1998
<i>*Council on Professional Recognition</i>	
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	In Development
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	Yes

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$4,397

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%

Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA

In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are
1:5 for 0-18 months; 1:7 for 18 months to 30 months
(State Licensing Regulations)

In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are
1:6 (with no more than 3 children under 12 months)
(State Licensing Regulations)

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