



# Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education in Brewster

	Brewster	Statewide
Children birth through 5 (under 6)	462	477,882
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yr) children	260	239,190
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	0.7%	14%
% of children under 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.4%	61%
% of public school children attending full-day kindergarten	100%	65.9%
% of students eligible to receive free or reduced lunch	23.8%	28.9%
% of children 5-17 whose first language is not English	2.5%	14.9%
% of students unable to perform classwork in English	1.1%	5.6%
% of students receiving special education services	15.7%	16.9%
% of students who dropped-out of high school	0.1%**	3.3%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	29%	41%

\* The 2007 federal poverty line for a family of four is \$20,650 per year.

\*\* Nauset Regional High School

## Early Education and Care in Brewster

- According to the 2000 Census, 49.6% of 3-5 year-olds in Brewster are enrolled in preschool.
- Of those children enrolled in preschool in Brewster, 0 attend public school pre-kindergarten, according to the Department of Education. 100% are enrolled in community-based or family child care programs.
- In Brewster, there are 0 public school preschool programs, 4 licensed center-based programs, and 6 licensed family child care programs, according to the Department of Early Education and Care.
- As of January 2007, 19 children ages 0-14 in Brewster were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from the Department of Early Education and Care, of which 4 are of preschool-age (2.9-5 years).
- The Department of Early Education and Care estimates that 49 of Brewster's jobs are in the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Barnstable- Yarmouth area is \$26,440, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sources: US Census, 2000

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Massachusetts Department of Education Dropout Rate Data, 2006-07

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