



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

	Brockton	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	8,260	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yrs) children	4,189	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	21.8%	12.4%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.0%	64.6%
% of public school children attending full-day kindergarten	76.8%	65.9%
% of students identified as low-income	71.5%	29.5%
% of children whose first language is not English	30.2%	15.1%
% of students receiving special education services	14.5%	16.9%
% of students graduating high school within four years	67.9%	80.9%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	66.0%	44.0%

\* The 2008 federal poverty line for a family of four is \$21,200 per year.

## Early Education and Care in Brockton

- According to the 2000 Census, 48.3% of preschool-aged children (3-4yrs) in Brockton attend school.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Brockton has 2 public school preschool programs, 23 licensed center-based programs and 138 licensed family child care providers.
- In August 2008, 839 children were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from EEC and 164 were of preschool-age (2.9-5yrs).
- EEC estimates that 569 of Brockton's jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton region is \$28,660, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Early Education Grant Programs in Brockton

### Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grants:

- UPK Classroom Quality grants have been awarded to 4 qualified early education providers in Brockton.
- In FY08, 2 Assessment Planning grants were awarded to qualified early education providers in Brockton and 2 additional Assessment Planning grants were awarded to family child care systems representing providers in the Southeast region.

### Full-Day Kindergarten grants:

- In FY08, Brockton Public Schools received Quality grant funding to support 63 full-day kindergarten classrooms.

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