



Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education in Franklin

	Franklin	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	3,360	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged children (3-5yr)	1,742	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	3.2%	14.2%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	55.8%	60.7%
% of kindergarteners attending full-day kindergarten	100%	65.9%
% of students identified as low-income	5.6%	29.5%
% of students whose first language is not English	2.8%	15.1%
% of students receiving special education services	15.5%	16.9%
% of students who dropped-out of high school	0.7%	3.8%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)	27%	41%

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

Early Education and Care in Franklin

- According to the 2000 Census, 73% of preschool-aged children (3-4yr) in Franklin attend school.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Franklin has 1 public school preschool program, 12 licensed center-based programs and 30 licensed family child care programs.
- In January 2007, 41 eligible children were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from EEC and 19 were of preschool age.
- EEC estimates that 286 of Franklin's jobs are in the early education and care field.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Worcester Metropolitan Area is \$33,200, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Early Education Grant Programs in Franklin

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grants:

- In FY07, Bright Horizons Family Solutions and Hockomock Area YMCA Garelick Early Learning Center received UPK quality grants to fund two classrooms each. Bright Horizons received funding for an additional classroom in FY08.

Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) grants:

- In FY08, Franklin received FDK quality grant funding to support 24 classrooms.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, 2004
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