



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

	Greenfield	Statewide
Children birth through 5 (under 6)	1,149	477,882
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yr) children	587	239,190
% of children under age 5 living below the poverty line*	22.3%	12.6%
% of children under 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.9%	61%
% of public school children attending full-day kindergarten	100%	61%
% of students eligible to receive free or reduced lunch	55.3%	28.2%
% of children 5-17 who speak a language other than English at home	10.2%	18.8%
% of students unable to perform classwork in English	4.1%	5.3%
% of students receiving special education services	17.7%	16.5%
% of students who dropped-out of high school	7.1%	3.8%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	38%	42%

\* The 2006 federal poverty line for a family of four is \$20,000 per year.

## Early Education and Care in Greenfield

- According to the 2000 Census, 40.9% of 3-5 year olds in Greenfield are enrolled in preschool.
- Of those children enrolled in preschool Greenfield, 87 (36.3%) attend public school preschool, while 167 children (63.8%) are enrolled in community-based or family child care programs.
- In Greenfield, there are 3 public school preschool programs, 5 licensed center-based programs, and 32 licensed family child care programs, according to the Department of Early Education and Care.
- As of January 2007, 1 child age 0-14 was on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from the Department of Early Education and Care. No children are of preschool-age (2.9-5 years) are on a waiting list.
- The Department of Early Education and Care estimates that 103 of Greenfield's jobs are in the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in Massachusetts is \$24,600, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sources: US Census, 2000

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