



Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education in Hingham

	Hingham	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	1,822	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5 yrs) children	922	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	8.7%	12.4%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	50.3%	60.7%
% of public school kindergarteners attending full-day kindergarten	12.2%	74.9%
% of students identified as low-income	3.5%	30.7%
% of children whose first language is not English	0.7%	15.4%
% of students receiving special education services	13.7%	17.1%
% of students graduating high school within four years	97.1%	81.2%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	25.0%	43.0%

* The 2009 federal poverty line for a family of four is \$22,050 per year.

Early Education and Care in Hingham

- According to the 2000 Census, 70.2% of preschool-aged children (3-4yrs) in Hingham are enrolled in a formal early education program.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Hingham has 11 licensed center-based programs and 18 licensed family child care providers; 83 children attend public preschool at South Elementary School.
- EEC estimates that 106 of Hingham's jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the nearby Boston Metropolitan Area is \$32,100, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Early Education Grant Programs in Hingham

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grants:

- UPK Classroom Quality grant funding has been awarded to Bright Horizons Child Development Center in Hingham.

Sources:

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Strategies for Children helps children get a strong start in life by working to ensure they all have access to high-quality early education and are all proficient readers by the time they enter fourth grade.