



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

	Lynn	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	7,851	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yrs) children	3,945	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	22.9%	12.4%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	60.8%	64.6%
% of public school children attending full-day kindergarten	99.2%	65.9%
% of students identified as low-income	75.4%	29.5%
% of children whose first language is not English	49.1%	15.1%
% of students receiving special education services	16.9%	16.9%
% of students graduating high school within four years	68.5%	80.9%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	61.0%	44.0%

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

## Early Education and Care in Lynn

- According to the 2000 Census, 49.9% of preschool-aged children (3-4yrs) in Lynn attend school.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Lynn has 9 public school preschool programs, 14 licensed center-based programs and 218 licensed family child care providers.
- In August 2008, 798 children were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from EEC and 210 were of preschool-age (2.9-5yrs).
- EEC estimates that 598 of Lynn's jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Lynn-Peabody-Salem region is \$29,830, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Early Education Grant Programs in Lynn

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

- UPK Classroom Quality grant funding has been awarded to Lynn Public Schools since FY07.
- In FY08, 4 Assessment Planning grants were awarded to family child care systems representing providers in the Northeast region.

### Full-Day Kindergarten grants:

- In FY08, Lynn Public Schools received Quality grant funding to support 55 full-day kindergarten classrooms.

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