



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

	Malden	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	3,904	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5 yrs) children	1,885	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	13.4%	12.4%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	58.7%	60.7%
% of public school kindergarteners attending full-day kindergarten	100.0%	74.9%
% of students identified as low-income	54.0%	30.7%
% of children whose first language is not English	39.1%	15.4%
% of students receiving special education services	14.8%	17.1%
% of students graduating high school within four years	72.3%	81.2%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	30.0%	43.0%

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

## Early Education and Care in Malden

- According to the 2000 Census, 63.0% of preschool-aged children (3-4yrs) in Malden are enrolled in a formal early education program.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Malden has 11 licensed center-based programs and 73 licensed family child care providers; 299 children attend public school pre-k at Malden Early Learning Center.
- In February 2009, 407 eligible children were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from EEC and 146 were of preschool-age (2.9-5yrs).
- EEC estimates that 257 of Malden's jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Boston Metropolitan Area is \$32,100, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Early Education Grant Programs in Malden

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

- UPK Classroom Quality grants have been awarded to 5 qualified early education providers in Malden.
- In FY09, an Assessment Planning grant was awarded to Malden Early Learning Center.

### Full-Day Kindergarten grants:

- In FY09, Malden Public Schools received Quality grant funding to support 35 full-day kindergarten classrooms.

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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.*