



# Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education on Martha's Vineyard

## Martha's Vineyard Statewide

	Martha's Vineyard	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	983	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yrs) children	494	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	9.8%	12.4%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	55.1%	64.6%
% of public school children attending full-day kindergarten	100.0%	65.9%
% of students identified as low-income	12.5%	29.5%
% of children whose first language is not English	8.1%	15.1%
% of students receiving special education services	21.5%	16.9%
% of students graduating high school within four years	90.7%	80.9%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	29.5%	44.0%

\* The 2008 federal poverty line for a family of four is \$21,200 per year.  
Martha's Vineyard = Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury

## Early Education and Care on Martha's Vineyard

- According to the 2000 Census, 56.2% of preschool-aged children (3-4yrs) on Martha's Vineyard attend school.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Martha's Vineyard has 3 public school preschool programs, 10 licensed center-based programs and 29 licensed family child care providers.
- In August 2008, 18 children were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from EEC and 4 were of preschool-age (2.9-5yrs).
- EEC estimates that 103 of Martha's Vineyard's jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the nearest town for which data exists (Barnstable) is \$30,580, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Early Education Grant Programs on Martha's Vineyard

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

- UPK Classroom Quality grant funding has been awarded to Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc., a qualified early education provider in Tisbury.
- In FY08, 2 Assessment Planning grants were awarded to family child care systems representing providers in the Southeast Massachusetts region.

### Full-Day Kindergarten grants:

- In FY08, Martha's Vineyard Public Schools received Quality grant funding to support 10 full-day kindergarten classrooms.

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