



Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education in Nantucket

	Nantucket	Statewide
Children birth through 5 (under 6)	625	477,882
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yrs) children	280	239,190
% of children under age 5 living below the poverty line*	2.8%	12.6%
% of children under 6 with all parents in the labor force	62%	61%
% of kindergarteners attending full-day kindergarten	100%	65.9%
% of students eligible to receive free or reduced lunch	9.8%	28.2%
% of children 5-17 who speak a language other than English at home	7.3%	18.8%
% of students unable to perform classwork in English	3.3%	5.3%
% of students receiving special education services	15.6%	16.5%
% of students who dropped-out of high school	2%	3.8%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	23%	42%

* The 2007 federal poverty line for a family of four is \$20,650 per year.

Early Education and Care in Nantucket

- According to the 2000 Census, 75% of preschool-aged children (3-4 years) in Nantucket are enrolled in school.
- Census data show that of those children enrolled in school, 34 children (16%) attend public school preschool, while 176 children (84%) are enrolled in community-based or family child care programs.
- In Nantucket, there are six licensed center-based programs, nine licensed family child care programs, and one public school preschool program, according to the Department of Early Education and Care's most recent available data.
- As of January 2007, four eligible children in Nantucket are on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from the Department of Early Education and Care. One of those children is of preschool-age (2.9-5 years).
- The Department of Education estimates that 51 of Nantucket's jobs are in the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Barnstable-Yarmouth Metropolitan Area is \$26,440, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sources: US Census, 2000

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