



Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education in Norwell

	Norwell	Statewide
Total # of children under age 6	849	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5 yrs) children	446	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	2.3%	12.4%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	45.3%	60.7%
% of public school kindergarteners attending full-day kindergarten	0.7%	74.9%
% of students identified as low-income	2.7%	30.7%
% of children whose first language is not English	0.3%	15.4%
% of students receiving special education services	15.8%	17.1%
% of students graduating high school within four years	96.6%	81.2%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	21.0%	43.0%

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

Early Education and Care in Norwell

- According to the 2000 Census, 67.1% of preschool-aged children (3-4yrs) in Norwell are enrolled in a formal early education program.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Norwell has two public school preschool programs, eight licensed center-based programs and eight licensed family child care providers.
- EEC estimates that 179 of Norwell's jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Norwell Metropolitan Area is \$32,100, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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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.