



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

	Peabody	Statewide
Total # children under age 6	3,388	480,422
Total # of preschool-aged children (3-5yrs)	1771	244,464
% of children under age 6 living below the poverty line*	7.4%	14.2%
% of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.9%	60.7%
% of kindergarteners attending full-day kindergarten	100%	65.9%
% of students identified as low income	23.4%	29.5%
% of students whose first language is not English	19.4%	15.1%
% of students receiving special education services	17.5%	16.9%
% of students who drop-out of high school	4.2%	3.8%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	44.0%	41.0%

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

## Early Education and Care in Peabody

- According to the 2000 Census, 67.5% of 3 and 4 year-olds in Peabody attend school.
- According to the Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education, Peabody has 3 public school preschool programs, 17 licensed center-based programs, and 50 licensed family child care programs.
- In January 2007, 119 eligible children were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from EEC and 33 were of preschool-age (2.9-5 yrs).
- EEC estimates that 324 of Danvers' jobs are supported by the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Lynn-Peabody-Salem Area is \$29,830, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Early Education Grant Programs in Peabody

### UPK grants:

- In FY08, Magical Beginnings, Inc. received a UPK assessment planning grant and the Peabody public school system received a UPK classroom quality grant.

### Full-Day Kindergarten grants:

- Peabody received FDK quality grant funding to support 24 classrooms in FY08 and 23 classrooms in FY07.

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