



Fast Facts: Children, Families and Early Education in Plymouth

	Plymouth	Statewide
Children birth through 5 (under 6)	4,197	477,882
Total # of preschool-aged (3-5yr) children	2,094	239,190
% of children under age 5 living below the poverty line*	7.3%	14%
% of children under 6 with all parents in the labor force	59.4%	61%
% of public school children attending full-day kindergarten	0%	65.9%
% of students eligible to receive free or reduced lunch	19.1%	28.9%
% of children 5-17 whose first language is not English	1.2%	14.9%
% of students unable to perform classwork in English	0.5%	5.6%
% of students receiving special education services	16.3%	16.9%
% of students who dropped out of high school	3.1%	3.3%
% of third graders who do not meet the state standards for reading proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	31%	41%

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

Early Education and Care in Plymouth

- According to the 2000 Census, 47% of 3-5 year-olds in Plymouth are enrolled in preschool.
- Of those children enrolled in preschool in Plymouth, 182 (18.5%) attend public school pre-kindergarten, according to the Department of Education. The remaining 81.5% are enrolled in community-based or family child care programs.
- In Plymouth, there is 1 public school preschool program, 14 licensed center-based programs, and 61 licensed family child care programs, according to the Department of Early Education Care.
- As of January 2007, 115 children ages 0-14 in Plymouth were on a waiting list to receive a child care subsidy from the Department of Early Education and Care, of whom 39 are of preschool-age (2.9-5 years).
- The Department of Early Education and Care estimates that 300 of Plymouth's jobs are in the early education and care industry.
- The average salary of a preschool teacher in the Barnstable-Yarmouth Area is \$26,440, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sources: US Census, 2000

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Massachusetts Department of Education Dropout Rate Data, 2004-05

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