Massachusetts Fast Facts: Children, Families and Education

Key Educational Benchmarks
Percent of third grade students scoring proficient or above in reading on MCAS\textsuperscript{1} 57%
  - Low-income students scoring proficient or above 39%
  - Non-low income students scoring proficient or above 71%
Percent of students graduating high school within four years\textsuperscript{2} 85.0%

Early Education and Care
Child population, birth to age 5\textsuperscript{3} 442,592
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force\textsuperscript{4} 69.1%
Percent of children under age 6 living below the poverty line\textsuperscript{5} 15.8%
Percent of eligible infants/toddlers receiving Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) subsidy for a formal early education program\textsuperscript{6,7} 21.8%
Percent of eligible preschool-age children receiving EEC subsidy for a formal early education program\textsuperscript{8} 32.0%
Percent of preschool-age children enrolled in a formal early education program\textsuperscript{8} 60.3%
  - Percent receiving public funding for a formal early education program 27.0%
    - Percent enrolled in public school preschool 13.0%
    - Percent enrolled in Head Start 6.0%
    - Percent receiving EEC subsidy\textsuperscript{9} 8.0%
Percent of preschool-age children in formal early education programs that are in Massachusetts Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) classrooms\textsuperscript{10} 3.7%
Percent of eligible preschool-age children receiving EEC subsidy for a formal early education program\textsuperscript{11} 31.0%

Percent of eligible infants/toddlers receiving Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) subsidy for an afterschool/out-of-school-time program\textsuperscript{12} 14.8%

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\textsuperscript{1} Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, MCAS 2014. For data over time for individual districts and schools, visit: \url{http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/}

\textsuperscript{2} Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2013 high school graduation data.

\textsuperscript{3} Child population counts from U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

\textsuperscript{4} U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates.

\textsuperscript{5} Ibid. Federal poverty line: $22,050 for a family of four in 2010.

\textsuperscript{6} Estimate drawn from EEC At a Glance, April 2009, Census 2000. EEC sets eligibility at 50% of State Median Income ($49,281 for a family of four in 2010). Families may remain eligible if their income is at or below 85% SMI. State median family income is $81,569 - American Communities Survey, 2008.


Percentage calculated by Strategies for Children, October 2011. Sources: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, National Association for the Education of Young Children.
