

Data Dictionary

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS AND RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 2003

DATA DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

This section provides the source and precise definition of all data elements.

Data Table Rows:

The rows describe the variables included in this assessment. A data **Source** and **Year** (date) are listed below for each variable in the data tables.

Data Table Columns:

1999

Data from 1999 are from *Assessing the Needs and Resources for North Carolina's Smart Start Population*, produced by the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute on behalf of, and under contract to, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Child Development).

Values for some variables that appear in these tables and the 1999 *Assessing the Needs and Resources for North Carolina's Smart Start Population* are not included in this assessment due to the difference in the way the values were calculated at the two time periods. If the data were collected or summarized differently at these two time periods, a change or comparison between the two values cannot be calculated.

2003

Data in this column represent the most recent information available for each variable. Not all data were gathered in 2003. Much of the data come from the U.S. Census 2000, data from state sources often covers the most recent full fiscal year (2001-2002), and data from the Division of Child Development are from January 2003. Specifications for each variable are included in this data dictionary.

1999 to 2003 Change

This column indicates a difference in the value of the data as printed in the 1999 *Assessing the Needs and Resources for North Carolina's Smart Start Population* and data from the current source. The difference between the current data value and the 1999 data value is divided by the 1999 value to indicate a change from 1999.

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Table 1 Children and Families

Population

Children age birth through five (i.e., 0-5)

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 1

Year: 2000

Web site reference: <http://demog.state.nc.us/>

Click census/age groups/children

Total County/State Population

Source: U.S. - Summary File 1 - includes Corrected Census 2000 Total Population Counts accepted as official Census data as of 6/20/03.

Year: 2000

Web site reference: <http://demog.state.nc.us/>

Click census/age groups/total

Economics and Family Structure

The U.S. Census 2000 data come from several different data summary files. We obtained data about Economics and Family Structure from the Summary File 3, U.S. Census 2000. Note that the total county/state population data reported in this Needs and Resources Report were obtained from a different file, Summary File 1. Data in Summary File 3 are based on a one in six sample - those households receiving Census long forms. Data in Summary File 1 are based on all Census data - long forms and short forms. Because of the sampling procedures, the total population figure in Summary File 3 does not match the Summary File 1 total. To account for these differences, we have used data for both the numerator and denominator from Summary File 3 to compute percentages for economic and family structure variables.

These calculations apply to the following variables: Children age 0-5 with one or both parents employed, Children age 0-5 with all parents employed, Children age 0-5 below the poverty level, Children age 4 below the poverty level, Children age 0-5 below the 1.24, 1.85 and 2.00 poverty levels and Children age 0-5 living in single-parent families.

Income

Median Family Income

Half the families in the county earn gross annual incomes higher than this amount, and the other half earn incomes lower than this amount.

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000 Variable: 1504 P77i1 Num 6 8979

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Percentage of income spent on child care for families just above the subsidy cut-off

Source: North Carolina County Fact Sheet Data, Child Care Services Association: includes data from the NC Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Census 2000 and other sources. The percentage was calculated by comparing the cost of child care in each county to an annual family income that is \$1 over the maximum income eligibility (\$27,209) for a family of two (one parent, one child). Cost of care used in this calculation is the county market rate for two-year-old child served in a four-star center. For a complete list of sources, contact Child Care Services Association.

Year: 2002

Web site reference: <http://www.childcareservices.org>

Children age 0-5 with one or both parents employed

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 985 P46i4	Num 6 5865	(both parents employed)	}	Living with both parents
986 P46i5	Num 6 5871	(only father employed)		
987 P46i6	Num 6 5877	(only mother employed)		
991 P46i10	Num 6 5901	(only father employed)	→	Living with the father
994 P46i13	Num 6 5919	(only mother employed)	→	Living with the mother

These variables were summed to obtain the total number of children age 0-5 living with employed parents (one or both).

The number of children age 0-5 with employed parents was divided by the total number of children age 0-5 to obtain the percentage of children age 0-5 living with employed parents (one or both).

Children age 0-5 with all parents employed

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 985 P46i4	Num 6 5865	(both parents employed)
991 P46i10	Num 6 5901	(only father employed – living with the father)
994 P46i13	Num 6 5919	(only mother employed – living with the mother)

These variables were summed to obtain the total number of children age 0-5 living with both employed parents or living with one parent only who is employed. These children may potentially need child care while their parent(s) are at work.

The number of children age 0-5 with employed parents was divided by the total number of children age 0-5 to obtain the percentage of children age 0-5 living with employed parent(s).

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Poverty and Assistance

All poverty data come from the U.S. Census 2000 – Summary File 3. The U.S. Census Poverty Universe includes everyone except (1) persons in institutions, military group quarters, and college dormitories, and (2) unrelated individuals under 15 years of age (children who are not related family members).

U.S. Census 2000 poverty data are calculated for the number of persons with annual gross incomes at several levels of the federally established “poverty line” for their family size.

The levels include: under .5 poverty level (representing an income of one half or less of the “poverty line”); .5 - .74 poverty level; .79 - .99 poverty level; 1.00 – 1.24 poverty level; 1.25 – 1.29 poverty level; 1.30 – 1.49 poverty level; 1.50 – 1.74 poverty level; 1.75 – 1.84 poverty level; and 1.85 – 1.99 poverty level (representing an income of twice the amount of the federally-established “poverty line” for their family size).

Children age 0-5 below the poverty level and Percentage of children age 0-5 below the poverty level

Number of children age 0-5 residing in households having an annual gross income falling below the federally established “poverty line” for their family size.

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables:	7983 PCT50i3	Num 6	47853	(under .50 poverty level)	Ages 0-4
	7984 PCT50i4	Num 6	47859	(.50 - .74 poverty level)	
	7985 PCT50i5	Num 6	47865	(.75 - .99 poverty level)	
	7994 PCT50i14	Num 6	47919	(under .50 poverty level)	Age 5
	7995 PCT50i15	Num 6	47925	(.50 - .74 poverty level)	
	7996 CT50i16	Num 6	47931	(.75 - .99 poverty level)	

To determine population 0-5 at poverty level, the above variables were summed together. The number of children age 0-5 at the poverty level was divided by the total number of children age 0-5 to obtain the percentage of children age 0-5 living below the poverty level.

The percentage has been calculated using this method for each level of poverty.

The following table provides detailed information about the 2003 income level for various family sizes that is at the poverty level. These data are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Register, Vol. 68, No. 26, February 7, 2003, pp. 6456-6458. The data are accessible via the web at <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/poverty/poverty.shtml>.

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2003 HHS Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$8,980
2	\$12,120
3	\$15,260
4	\$18,400
5	\$21,540
6	\$24,680
7	\$27,820
8	\$30,960
For each additional person, add	\$3,140

Children age 4 below the poverty level (estimate)

The estimated number of children who are four years old residing in households having an annual gross income falling below the federally established “poverty line” for their family size.

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 7983 PCT50i3	Num 6 47853	(under .50 poverty level)	}	Ages 0-4
7984 PCT50i4	Num 6 47859	(.50 - .74 poverty level)		
7985 PCT50i5	Num 6 47865	(.75 - .99 poverty level)		
7994 PCT50i14	Num 6 47919	(under .50 poverty level)	}	Age 5
7995 PCT50i15	Num 6 47925	(.50 - .74 poverty level)		
7996 CT50i16	Num 6 47931	(.75 - .99 poverty level)		

To obtain an estimated number of 4 year olds in poverty, the above variables (population 0-5 at poverty level) were summed and divided by six (for ages <1, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5).

Children age 0-5 below the 1.25 poverty level

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 7983 PCT50i3	Num 6 47853	(under .50 poverty level)	}	Age 0-4
7984 PCT50i4	Num 6 47859	(.50 - .74 poverty level)		
7985 PCT50i5	Num 6 47865	(.75 - .99 poverty level)		
7986 PCT50i6	Num 6 47871	(1.00 - 1.24 poverty level)	}	Age 5
7994 PCT50i14	Num 6 47919	(under .50 poverty level)		
7995 PCT50i15	Num 6 47925	(.50 - .74 poverty level)		
7996 CT50i16	Num 6 47931	(.75 - .99 poverty level)	}	
7997 PCT50i17	Num 6 47937	(1.00 - 1.24 poverty level)		

To obtain the population 0-5 living below 1.25 of the poverty level, the above variables were summed.

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Children age 0-5 below the 1.85 poverty level

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables:	7983 PCT50i3	Num 6 47853	(under .50 poverty level)	}	Age 0-4		
	7984 PCT50i4	Num 6 47859	(.50 - .74 poverty level)				
	7985 PCT50i5	Num 6 47865	(.75 - .99 poverty level)				
	7986 PCT50i6	Num 6 47871	(1.00 - 1.24 poverty level)				
	7987 PCT50i7	Num 6 47877	(1.25 - 1.29 poverty level)				
	7988 PCT50i8	Num 6 47883	(1.30 - 1.49 poverty level)				
	7989 PCT50i9	Num 6 47889	(1.50 - 1.74 poverty level)				
	7990 PCT50i10	Num 6 47895	(1.75 - 1.84 poverty level)				
	7994 PCT50i14	Num 6 47919	(under .50 poverty level)			}	Age 5
	7995 PCT50i15	Num 6 47925	(.50 - .74 poverty level)				
	7996 PCT50i16	Num 6 47931	(.75 - .99 poverty level)				
	7997 PCT50i17	Num 6 47937	(1.00 - 1.24 poverty level)				
	7998 PCT50i18	Num 6 47943	(1.25 - 1.29 poverty level)				
	7999 PCT50i19	Num 6 47949	(1.30 - 1.49 poverty level)				
	8000 PCT50i20	Num 6 47955	(1.50 - 1.74 poverty level)				
	8001 PCT50i21	Num 6 47961	(1.75 - 1.84 poverty level)				

To obtain population 0-5 living below 1.85 of the poverty level, the above variables were summed.

Children age 0-5 below the 2.00 poverty level

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables:	7983 PCT50i3	Num 6 47853	(under .50 poverty level)	}	Age 0- 4		
	7984 PCT50i4	Num 6 47859	(.50 - .74 poverty level)				
	7985 PCT50i5	Num 6 47865	(.75 - .99 poverty level)				
	7986 PCT50i6	Num 6 47871	(1.00 - 1.24 poverty level)				
	7987 PCT50i7	Num 6 47877	(1.25 - 1.29 poverty level)				
	7988 PCT50i8	Num 6 47883	(1.30 - 1.49 poverty level)				
	7989 PCT50i9	Num 6 47889	(1.50 - 1.74 poverty level)				
	7990 PCT50i10	Num 6 47895	(1.75 - 1.84 poverty level)				
	7991 PCT50i11	Num 6 47901	(1.85 - 1.99 poverty level)			}	Age 5
	7994 PCT50i14	Num 6 47919	(under .50 poverty level)				
	7995 PCT50i15	Num 6 47925	(.50 - .74 poverty level)				
	7996 PCT50i16	Num 6 47931	(.75 - .99 poverty level)				
	7997 PCT50i17	Num 6 47937	(1.00 - 1.24 poverty level)				
	7998 PCT50i18	Num 6 47943	(1.25 - 1.29 poverty level)				
	7999 PCT50i19	Num 6 47949	(1.30 - 1.49 poverty level)				
	8000 PCT50i20	Num 6 47955	(1.50 - 1.74 poverty level)				
	8001 PCT50i21	Num 6 47961	(1.75 - 1.84 poverty level)				
	8002 PCT50i22	Num 6 47967	(1.85 - 1.99 poverty level)				

To obtain the number of children age 0-5 living below two times the poverty level, the above variables were summed.

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Families in poverty with children under 5

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 1650 P90i5	Num 6 9855	(<5 only)]	Married couple family
1651 P90i6	Num 6 9861	(<5 and 5-17)		
1657 P90i12	Num 6 9897	(<5 only)]	Male Householder (no female present)
1658 P90i13	Num 6 9903	(<5 and 5-17)		
1663 P90i18	Num 6 9933	(<5 only)]	Female Householder (no male present)
1664 P90i19	Num 6 9939	(<5 and 5-17)		

To obtain the number of families with children under 5 living in poverty, the above variables were summed.

Percentage of families in poverty with children under 5

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 1650 P90i5	Num 6 9855	(<5 only)]	Married couple family]	Below poverty level
1651 P90i6	Num 6 9861	(<5 and 5-17)				
1657 P90i12	Num 6 9897	(<5 only)]	Male Householder (no female present)		
1658 P90i13	Num 6 9903	(<5 and 5-17)				
1663 P90i18	Num 6 9933	(<5 only)]	Female Householder (no male present)		
1664 P90i19	Num 6 9939	(<5 and 5-17)				
1670 P90i25	Num 6 9975	(<5 only)]	Married couple family]	Above poverty level
1671 P90i26	Num 6 9981	(<5 and 5-17)				
1677 P90i32	Num 6 10017	(<5 only)]	Male Householder (no female present)		
1678 P90i33	Num 6 0023	(<5 and 5-17)				
1683 P90i28	Num 6 10053	(<5 only)]	Female Householder (no male present)		
1684 P90i39	Num 6 10059	(<5 and 5-17)				

To obtain a percentage, the first sum of the top set of variables (families with children under 5 below the poverty level) was divided by the sums of the top and bottom variables combined (the sum of all families with children under 5).

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Children age 0-5 in TANF-recipients families (Work First)

Number of children age 0-5 who are the intended beneficiaries of welfare payments made through *Work First* to their parent(s) or other adults responsible for their care.

Percentage of children age 0-5 in TANF-recipients families (Work First)

The number of children age 0-5 in TANF-recipients families is divided by all children age 0-5.

Source: Division of Social Services/Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services – Prepared by DSS Economic Independence Section Performance Reporting and Automation, 03/26/2003, and U.S. Census 2000 - Summary File 1

Year: February 2003

Children age 0-5 in families receiving Food Stamps

Number of children age 0-5 who are the intended beneficiaries of the federal Food Stamp program.

Percentage of children age 0-5 in families receiving Food Stamps

The number of children age 0-5 in families receiving food stamps is divided by all children age 0-5.

Source: Division of Social Services/Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services - Prepared by DSS Economic Independence Section Performance Reporting and Automation, 03/26/2003, and U.S. Census 2000 - Summary File 1.

Year: February 2003

Family Structure

Families with children age 0-5 (includes families with their own and related children)

Number of families with their own children age 0-5. (This does not include children who are related to them but who are not their own because the data are not available in Summary File 3 for the number of families with their own and related children).

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 326 P17i4	Num 6 2187	(under six only)	}	Married couple family
327 P17i5	Num 6 2193	(under six and 6-17)		
333 P17i11	Num 6 2229	(under six only)	}	Male householder (no female present)
334 P17i12	Num 6 2235	(under six and 6-17)		
339 P17i17	Num 6 2265	(under six only)	}	Female Householder (no male present)
340 P17i18	Num 6 2271	(under six and 6-17)		

To obtain the total number of families with children age 0-5, the above variables were summed.

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Children age 0-5 living in single-parent families (own children)

Number of children age 0-5 officially residing in a household with either the mother or father but without both.

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 354 P16i12 Num 6 2079	(under 3 years old)	}	Male householder (no female present)
355 P16i13 Num 6 2085	(3-4 years old)		
356 P16i14 Num 6 2091	(5 years old)	}	Female householder (no male present)
362 P16i20 Num 6 2127	(under 3 years old)		
363 P16i21 Num 6 2133	(3-4 years old)		
364 P16i22 Num 6 2139	(5 years old)		

To obtain the number of children age 0-5 living in single parent families, the above variables were summed.

Children age 0-5 in foster care

Number of children age 0-5 in DSS custody

Source: Division of Social Services/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: 2001 - 2002

Percentage of children age 0-5 in foster care

The number of children age 0-5 in foster care is divided by all children age 0-5.

Source: Division of Social Services/NC Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Census 2000 - Summary File 1

Year: 2001 - 2002

Births to teen parents (age 15-19)

Number of births to females ages 15-19

Source: NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: 2001 - 2002

Web site reference:

<http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/healthstats/pregnancies/2001/totalpregcounty.pdf>

Percentage of children age 5-17 with Spanish as their first language

Source: U.S. Census - Summary File 3

Year: 2000

Variables: 411 P19i4 Num 6 2421 (number of children age 5-17 who speak Spanish as their first language)
409 P19i2 Num 6 2409 (Total population 5-17)

To obtain the percentage, the number of children age 5-17 who speak Spanish as their first language was divided by the total number of children in that age group.

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HEALTH

Access to Health Care

Children age 0-5 enrolled in Medicaid

Medicaid is a publicly funded program that pays covered medical and health care costs of low income or disabled persons who qualify.

Source: Division of Medical Assistance/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

Percentage of children age 0-5 enrolled in Medicaid

The number of children age 0-5 enrolled in Medicaid is divided by all children age 0-5.

Source: Division of Medical Assistance/NC Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Census 2000 - Summary File 1

Year: January 2003

Number of children age 0-5 enrolled in NC Health Choice

NC Health Choice for Children is a publicly funded program that helps working parents provide health insurance for their children at either low or no cost.

Source: Division of Medical Assistance/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

Kindergartners with untreated tooth decay

The percentage of kindergarten-aged children who were screened by the Division of Dental Health who had untreated tooth decay during the time of data collection.

Source: Division of Dental Health/ NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: 2000 - 2001

Web site reference: <http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/healthstats/databook/>

Safety

Children age 0-6 reported as abused and/or neglected

Number of children age 0-6 about whom an official report of suspected abuse or neglect has been made to a county Department of Social Services during the year of data collection.

Source: Division of Social Services/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: 2001 - 02

Web site reference: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/childrenservices/stats/programstatistics.htm>

Children age 0-6 with substantiated abuse and/or neglect

Number of children age 0-6 whose reported abuse or neglect has been investigated and confirmed during the year of data collection.

Source: Division of Social Services/NC Dept. of Health and Human Services **Year:** 2001 - 02

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Table 2
Early Care and Education

Regulated Programs

SOURCE: Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

Web site: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dcd>

TYPES OF CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Licensed Centers: A child care program with a capacity of five or more children. Capacity is determined by the available square footage and building, fire and safety standards.

Licensed Homes: Child care arrangement in the provider's home that may have no more than five preschool children present at any one time. The program may enroll up to eight children if at least three of the children are school age.

TYPES OF LICENSURE

Star Rating: Child Care Programs (Centers and Homes) may obtain a 1-5 Star Rated License. Programs with a 1 Star license meet minimum standards. Programs with a 2-5 Star license voluntarily meet a higher level of enhanced standards. There are three parts to the Rated License. Each part of the rated license (program standards, compliance history and educational standards) is worth up to five points. The star rating is based on the total points of all three areas.

Program Standards: Program Standards indicates the quality of care a child receives. This is one of three components used to determine a facility's star license rating and has a maximum point value of five points.

Compliance History: Compliance History indicates compliance with child care regulations during the last three years. This is one of three components used to determine a facility's star license rating and has a maximum point value of five points.

Educational Standards: Education Standards indicates the level of education of the director and teachers. This is one of three components used to determine a facility's star license rating and has a maximum point value of five points.

One star = 3 - 4 points

Two stars = 5 - 7 points

Three stars = 8 - 10 points

Four stars = 11 - 13 points

Five stars = 14 - 15 points

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Religious-sponsored Program/GS-110: Any child care program or summer day camp run by a church, synagogue, or school of religious charter. Religious-sponsored programs do not have to meet certain rules about staff qualifications or other rules about training hours or activities. Programs may choose to have a Notice of Compliance that shows that the center or home meets minimum standards such as health, fire and safety rules.

Temporary License: A temporary license is given to a new center or large home, or to a previously licensed center or large home when there is a change in ownership or location, for a period of no more than 90 days. This allows the center or large home to achieve a satisfactory rating for a regular license. A temporary license must be posted in the center where it can be easily seen.

Probationary License: A probationary permit may be given if the program has not met the law or rules either on purpose, or on an on-going basis, or is hazardous to the health and safety of children. The probationary license, and the notice explaining why it was issued, must be posted in the child care program where it can be easily seen.

Provisional License: The license of a child care program may be placed on provisional status if the program has not met the child care rules either on purpose, or it has happened more than once, or it is dangerous to the health and safety of children. A provisional license is given so that the program has time to fix the problems. The provisional license, and the notice explaining why it was given, must be posted in the child care program where it can be easily seen.

Special Provisional Permit: A special provisional permit may be given to any type of center or home when abuse or neglect occurred in the child care arrangement. The center or home may not enroll new children during the time the special provisional permit is in effect unless they receive written permission. Both the special provisional permit and the letter stating why it was given must be posted.

Program Accreditation

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited child care centers

Number of child care centers currently accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, NAEYC. NAEYC programs meet higher voluntary standards for young children and their families. Emphasis is placed on how the staff talk and work with children. Health and safety, number of staff members to the number of children, staff education, play and learning spaces, and program plans are all a part of being accredited.

Source: NAEYC web site

Year: January 2003

Web site reference: <http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/default.asp>

Percentage of centers that are NAEYC accredited child care centers

The number of centers that are NAEYC accredited is divided by all centers.

Source: NAEYC web site and NC DCD **Year:** January 2002

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Children age 0-5 in regulated centers who are enrolled in NAEYC accredited centers

Source: NAEYC web site and enrollment for accredited centers from NC DCD.

Year: January 2003

Percentage of children age 0-5 in regulated centers who are enrolled in NAEYC accredited centers

Source: NAEYC web site - enrollment for accredited centers is divided by enrollment for all centers from NC DCD.

Year: January 2003

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accredited family child care homes

The NAFCC works with family child care home operators to provide quality child care. Safety, health, nutrition, adult and child contact, learning, outdoor area, and professionalism are all a part of being accredited.

Source: NAFCC web site

Year: January 2003

Web site reference: <http://www.nafcc.org/accred>

Percentage of homes that are NAFCC accredited family child care homes

The number of homes that are NAFCC accredited is divided by all homes.

Source: NAFCC web site and NC DCD

Year: January 2002

Children age 0-5 enrolled in regulated homes who are enrolled in NAFCC accredited family child care homes

Source: NAFCC web site and enrollment for accredited family child care homes from NC DCD.

Year: January 2003

Percentage of children age 0-5 in regulated homes who are enrolled in NAFCC accredited family child care homes

Source: NAFCC web site - enrollment for accredited homes is divided by enrollment for all homes from NC DCD.

Year: January 2003

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Professional Development

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Project: This project gives scholarships to child care workers to complete course work in early childhood education and to increase their compensation. T.E.A.C.H. is an umbrella for a variety of different scholarship programs for teachers, directors and family child care providers working in regulated child care programs in North Carolina and other states across the country. All T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarships link continuing education with increased compensation and require that recipients and their sponsoring child care programs share in the cost.

Centers sponsoring T.E.A.C.H. recipients

Number of child care centers that sponsored T.E.A.C.H. recipients.

Source: Child Care Services Association

Year: 2001 - 2002

Web site reference: <http://www.childcareservices.org/TEACH/T.E.A.C.H.%20Project.htm>

T.E.A.C.H. recipients

Number of early childhood educators who were recipients of T.E.A.C.H. services and resources at the time of data collection.

Source: Child Care Services Association

Year: 2001 - 2002

Children age 0-5 in T.E.A.C.H. participating centers

Number of children age 0-5 in child care programs that have a staff member who is a T.E.A.C.H. recipient.

Source: Child Care Services Association

Year: 2001 – 2002 and enrollment for participating centers from NC DCD.

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Services for Children

Children age 0-4 enrolled in regulated care and

Percentage of Children age 0-4 enrolled in regulated care

Source: Division of Child Development and U.S. Census 2000 – Summary File 1

Year: January 2003

The number of children age 0-4 enrolled in regulated care was divided by the total number of children age 0-4. The same calculations were made for each age up to 4. Because many five-year-olds are in kindergarten, that age group was excluded from these calculations.

TABLE 3: Child care enrollment by age and license level

Source: Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

Children age 0-5 enrolled in regulated care who receive a subsidy and

Percentage of Children age 0-5 enrolled in regulated care who receive a subsidy

Subsidized Child Care: Funding to help parents with the cost of enrollment in regulated child care programs or programs that are exempt from regulation. The eligibility criteria for a family are based on both the family need and family income. Reasons for needing child care may include: the parent is looking for work or attending a job training program; the child has developmental needs; or as a support to Child Protective or Child Welfare Services. Depending upon the reason for care, some families may be able to receive financial assistance without considering how much they earn.

The percentage is the percentage of children age 0-5 enrolled in regulated care who receive subsidies. This percentage does not include the small number of children age 0-5 receiving subsidies who are in some type of unregulated care. (See Table 4 for these numbers.)

Source 1999: *Assessing the Needs and Resources for North Carolina's Smart Start Population*

Source: Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

TABLE 4: Children receiving subsidies by age and license level

Number and percentages of children age 0-5 who are receiving federal/state subsidized child care through initiatives that assist eligible families shown by age and license level of care received. The numbers of children age 0-5 receiving subsidies who are in some type of unregulated care are also provided.

Source: Division of Social Services/Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

Data Dictionary

Children served in a *More At Four* Pre-K classroom

The *More at Four* Pre-kindergarten Program is a community-based, voluntary pre-kindergarten initiative designed to prepare at-risk four-year-olds in North Carolina for success in school.

Source: Survey of *More at Four* programs, FPG Child Development Institute, UNC

During January 2003 there were 90 counties in North Carolina participating in the *More at Four* program. These 90 counties were surveyed about the number of children that they were currently serving and the resources available and challenges that the counties were facing in providing preschool services for four-year-old children.

Year: January 2003

Children served in a Title I Pre-K classroom

The Title I program allows states to use federal funds to assist children at risk of school failure in programs that meet local needs. Some Local Education Agencies (LEAs) use Title I funds at the preschool level, while others use the funds for school-age children. Title I, Part A Eligible preschool children must be failing or most at-risk of failing to meet the state's student performance standards; Selected solely on teacher judgement, parent interviews, and developmentally appropriate measures; or participation in Head Start.

Source: NC Department of Public Instruction

Year: 2002 - 03

Total children age 0-5 served in Head Start and Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs that serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs and have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families.

Source: NC Head Start Program

Year: 2002 - 03

Three-year-olds served in Head Start

Number of eligible three year olds enrolled in Head Start.

Source: NC Head Start Program

Year: 2002 - 03

Four-year-olds served in Head Start

Number of eligible four year olds enrolled in Head Start.

Source: NC Head Start Program

Year: 2002 - 03

Five-year-olds served in Head Start

Number of eligible five year olds enrolled in Head Start.

Source: NC Head Start Program

Year: 2002 - 03

Data Dictionary

Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Children age 0-2 in early intervention and

Number of children age 0-2 with disabilities served by the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

Percentage of Children age 0-2 in early intervention

The number of children age 0-2 with disabilities served by the NC Department of Health and Human Services is divided by the number of children age 0-2.

Source: NC Department of Health and Human Services, and Census 2000-Summary File 1

Year: 2001 - 2002

Children age 3-5 in early intervention and

Number of children age 3-5 with disabilities served by their Local Education Agency (LEA).

Percentage of Children age 3-5 in early intervention

The number of children age 3-5 with disabilities served by their Local Education Agency (LEA) is divided by the number of children age 0-2.

Source: NC Department of Public Instruction, and Census 2000-Summary File 1

Year: 2001 - 2002

TABLE 3

Child care enrollment by age and license level

Source: Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

TABLE 4

Number of children age 0-4 receiving subsidies by age and license level

Number of children age 0-4 receiving federal/state subsidized child care through initiatives that assist eligible families shown by age and license level of care received. The numbers of children receiving subsidies by age who are in some type of unregulated care are also provided.

Source: Division of Social Services/Division of Child Development/NC Department of Health and Human Services

Year: January 2003

TABLE 5

Data about 4-Year Old Children

Variables from Tables 1-4 have been selected to describe the 4-year old children of North Carolina. The sources for each variable are listed with the table where the variable first appears.