



KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years, their families, and the child care system that serves them

Arkansas

2005 estimated population: 2,779,154

U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

2000 population: 2,673,400

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 4,335 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

(FY 2005 ACF-801 data)

In Federal Fiscal Year 2006 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$1,209,472

(FY 2006 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



692 children served by 10 grantees are in Early Head Start

2006 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment (EHSNRC Database—September 2006)

53% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

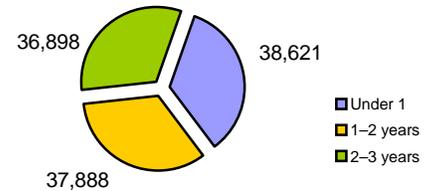
(Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA)



2,547 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

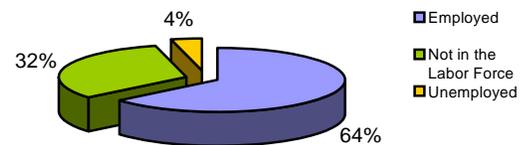
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)

113,407 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Arkansas



U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

64% of Arkansas Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	Yes
Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA)*:	136 issued in 2005 115 issued in 2002 85 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	Arkansas Framework for Infant & Toddler Care
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	No

In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:6 for birth to 18 months; 1:9 for 18 to 36 months; 1:12 for 2.5 to 3 years

(State Licensing Regulations)

In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:10, if none under 3 years; 1:9, if none under 2 years and no more than 3 between 2 and 3 years; 1:8, if no more than 1 under 2 years; 1:7, if no more than 2 under 2 years; 1:6, if no more than 3 under 2 years

Homes specializing in infant care must maintain a 1:3 ratio.
(State Licensing Regulations)

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$4,020

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families 8%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 26%

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