



KEY FACTS ABOUT

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

Colorado

2005 estimated population: 4,665,177

U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

2000 population: 4,301,261

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 6,003 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 = \$1,163,133

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



329 children served by 10 grantees are in Early Head Start

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

59% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

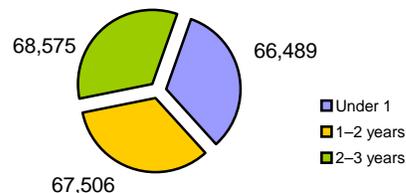
(Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA)



3,754 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

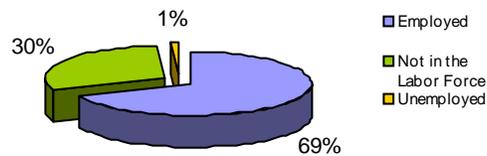
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)

202,570 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Colorado



U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate

69% of Colorado Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	No
Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA)*:	40 issued in 2005 27 issued in 2002 28 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	No
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	No

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

1:5 for 6 weeks to 36 months*; 1:7 for 24 to 36 months; 1:8 for 2.5- to 3-year-olds; 1:10 for 3- and 4-year-olds

*Infant nurseries care for children 6 weeks to 18 months; toddler nurseries care for children 12 months (when walking independently) to 36 months.

(State Licensing Regulations)

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

1:4 (with no more than 2 children under 12 months) OR 2:6 (with no more than 3 children under 12 months).

These ratios apply only to infant/toddler homes, which are defined as a type of family child care home providing care only to children birth to three.

(State Licensing Regulations)

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$7,459

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families10%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 29%

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