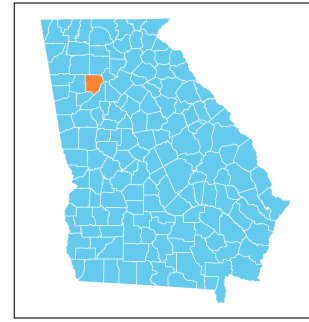


Cobb County, Georgia Early Childhood Profile

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Early Care and Education Providers[▼]

	County	State
Total Early Learning Providers¹	303	4,986
Child Care Learning Centers	211	2,750
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	87%	85%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	94%	92%
<i>Licensed to serve preschoolers</i>	99%	99%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	90	1,340
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	87%	86%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	97%	97%
<i>Licensed to serve preschoolers</i>	92%	95%
Other Providers [†]	2	896
Total Licensed Capacity^{*1}	27,438	328,940
Quality Rated: [#]	45%	62%
Child Care Learning Centers	26,904	320,947
Quality Rated: [#]	45%	63%
<i>1-star programs</i>	20%	21%
<i>2-star programs</i>	24%	32%
<i>3-star programs</i>	1%	10%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	534	7,993
Quality Rated: [#]	31%	37%
<i>1-star programs</i>	10%	10%
<i>2-star programs</i>	12%	16%
<i>3-star programs</i>	9%	10%

Program Enrollment

	County	State
Kindergarten ²	7,078	114,444
Lottery Funded Georgia Pre-K ^{1 ‡}	2,568	64,405
<i>At-risk children served¹</i>	43%	45%
Head Start and Early Head Start ^{3 ‡}	205	22,217

▼ The numbers reported in this section include providers that are temporarily closed due to COVID-19. There were 902 such providers statewide as of 1/1/2021.

†The "Other Providers" category represents entities not subject to licensing by The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) such as local school systems. Only providers known to DECAL are included.

Quality Rated is Georgia's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care and early learning programs. For more information, visit qualityrated.org.

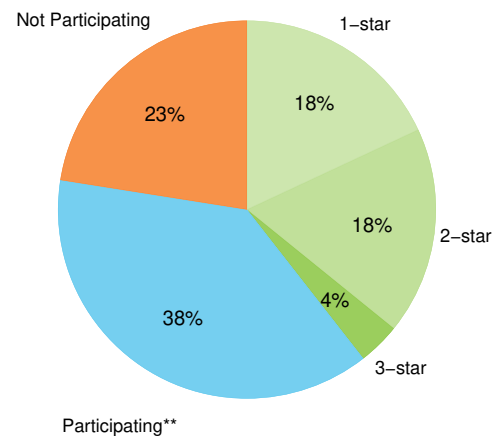
♣ Licensed Capacity indicates the maximum number of children a facility is permitted to serve based on square footage, and is typically larger than the actual number of children served.

* Insufficient data

Third Grade Assessment Results

	County	State
Students Tested, ELA⁴	8,723	128,777
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	48%	42%
<i>White</i>	68%	57%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	36%	27%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	31%	31%
<i>Limited English Proficiency</i>	14%	18%
<i>Economically Disadvantaged</i>	29%	31%
Students Tested, Math⁴	8,711	128,610
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	58%	52%
<i>White</i>	75%	67%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	43%	35%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	45%	45%
<i>Limited English Proficiency</i>	33%	35%
<i>Economically Disadvantaged</i>	39%	41%

Quality Rated Licensed Early Learning Providers¹



‡ There may be overlap between Pre-K and Head Start enrollments due to braided and blended funding sources, so these categories are not summative.

** Participating in the Quality Rated process, but not yet rated as of 1/1/2021.

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Program Utilization

	County	State
Babies Can't Wait ^{*5}	1,468	18,465
Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) ^{*5}	2,907	48,936
Georgia Home Visiting ^{*5}	0	2,010

Parental Employment

	County	State
Population under age 6 living with parent ⁶	55,145	753,784
Both parents or only parent in labor force	65%	66%
One parent in labor force, one not	29%	25%
No parent in labor force	5%	8%

Family, Health, and Services

	County #	County %	State %
Children under age 6 living below: ⁶			
100% Poverty	7,368	13%	24%
150% Poverty	13,868	25%	37%
200% Poverty	18,622	33%	48%
Children under age 6 without health insurance ⁶	3,860	7%	6%
Limited English-speaking households ⁶	9,478	3%	3%
Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Reports (duplicated) ⁷	112	0.5 [‡]	1.9 [‡]
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates ⁸	917	10%	13%
Births to girls ages 15-19 ⁸	270	10.8 [†]	20.7 [†]
Low birth weight babies ⁸	776	9%	10%
Preterm babies ⁸	918	10%	12%
Asthma-related ER visits (ages 0-4) ⁸	694	148.1 [‡]	116.5 [‡]

† Rate per 1,000 population

‡ Rate per 10,000 population

* Insufficient data

♣ All programs ensure the highest quality data to the extent possible. Numbers represent total children enrolled in the program at any time during the year, which is generally greater than than the number enrolled at any given point in time. Each agency and program participating in GA CACDS maintains its own data, and each one has protocols for data entry and data quality. GA CACDS does not conduct any additional data quality measures.

Economic Status



Of every 20 children ages 0-5 in Cobb County, Georgia, **7 are economically disadvantaged, including 3 living in poverty.**⁶

Children by Race and Ethnicity

	County	State
Population under age 5 ⁶	47,301	656,677
White	50%	52%
Black or African-American	28%	33%
Asian and Pacific Islander	5%	4%
Other race or multiracial	16%	11%
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	21%	15%

Children who attend high-quality early education are:

MORE LIKELY
to graduate high school, attend college, have a job, and earn higher wages

LESS LIKELY
to drop out of school, depend on social services, or be arrested

EARLY LEARNING BUILDS THE FOUNDATION

\$1 INVESTED
in high-quality early education

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SAVES \$7
by lowering demand for social services and reducing crime rates

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