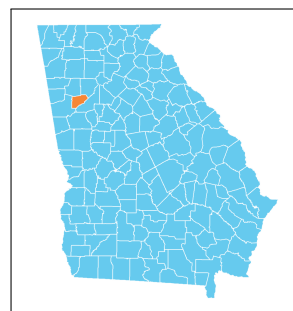


# Douglas County, Georgia Early Childhood Profile

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## Early Care and Education Providers

	County	State
<b>Total Early Learning Providers<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5,069</b>
Child Care Learning Centers	37	2,725
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	89%	86%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	95%	93%
<i>Licensed to serve preschoolers</i>	97%	99%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	10	1,408
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	100%	85%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	100%	96%
<i>Licensed to serve preschoolers</i>	100%	94%
Other Providers <sup>†</sup>	0	936
<b>Total Licensed Capacity*<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,808</b>	<b>326,234</b>
Quality Rated: <sup>#</sup>	45%	54%
Child Care Learning Centers	4,751	317,830
Quality Rated: <sup>#</sup>	46%	54%
<i>1-star programs</i>	11%	16%
<i>2-star programs</i>	24%	29%
<i>3-star programs</i>	11%	9%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	57	8,404
Quality Rated: <sup>#</sup>	0%	31%
<i>1-star programs</i>	0%	6%
<i>2-star programs</i>	0%	14%
<i>3-star programs</i>	0%	11%

## Program Enrollment

	County	State
Kindergarten <sup>2</sup>	1,708	126,350
Lottery Funded Georgia Pre-K <sup>1 ‡</sup>	985	80,060
<i>At-risk children served<sup>1</sup></i>	54%	47%
Head Start and Early Head Start <sup>3 ‡</sup>	168	23,629

†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](http://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.

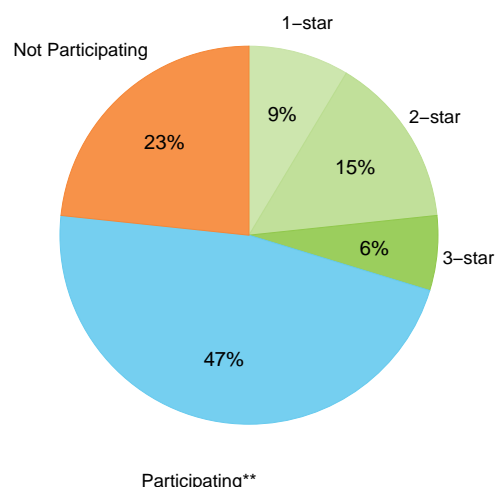
‡There may be overlap between Pre-K and Head Start enrollments due to braided and blended funding sources, so these categories are not summative.

\* Insufficient data

## Third Grade Assessment Results

	County	State
<b>Students Tested, ELA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>128,777</b>
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	41%	42%
<i>White</i>	52%	57%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	37%	27%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	34%	31%
<i>Limited English Proficiency</i>	15%	18%
<i>Economically Disadvantaged</i>	35%	31%
<b>Students Tested, Math<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>128,610</b>
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	48%	52%
<i>White</i>	58%	67%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	44%	35%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	45%	45%
<i>Limited English Proficiency</i>	30%	35%
<i>Economically Disadvantaged</i>	43%	41%

## Quality Rated Licensed Early Learning Providers<sup>1</sup>



\*\* Participating in the Quality Rated process, but not yet rated as of 1/1/2020.

# Douglas County, Georgia

## Program Utilization

	County	State
Babies Can't Wait <sup>*5</sup>	253	18,465
Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) <sup>*5</sup>	854	48,936
Georgia Home Visiting <sup>*5</sup>	0	2,010

## Parental Employment

	County	State
Population under age 6 living with parent <sup>6</sup>	10,530	754,832
Both parents or only parent in labor force	73%	66%
One parent in labor force, one not	19%	25%
No parent in labor force	8%	9%

## Family, Health, and Services

	County #	County %	State %
Children under age 6 living below: <sup>6</sup>			
100% Poverty	2,335	22%	25%
150% Poverty	3,701	34%	39%
200% Poverty	4,663	43%	50%
Children under age 6 without health insurance <sup>6</sup>	446	4%	6%
Limited English-speaking households <sup>6</sup>	808	2%	3%
Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Reports (duplicated) <sup>7</sup>	88	2.0 <sup>‡</sup>	2.0 <sup>‡</sup>
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates <sup>8</sup>	173	10%	14%
Births to girls ages 15-19 <sup>8</sup>	93	17.5 <sup>†</sup>	22 <sup>†</sup>
Low birth weight babies <sup>8</sup>	174	10%	10%
Preterm babies <sup>8</sup>	186	11%	11%
Asthma-related ER visits (ages 0-4) <sup>8</sup>	192	211.7 <sup>‡</sup>	115.1 <sup>‡</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Rate per 1,000 population

<sup>‡</sup> 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 Douglas County, Georgia, **9 are economically disadvantaged, including 4 living in poverty.**<sup>6</sup>

## Children by Race and Ethnicity

	County	State
Population under age 5 <sup>6</sup>	8,958	655,810
White	39%	52%
Black or African-American	54%	33%
Asian and Pacific Islander	2%	4%
Other race or multiracial	5%	10%
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	15%	16%

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

**=**

**SAVES \$13**  
by lowering demand for social services and reducing crime rates

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