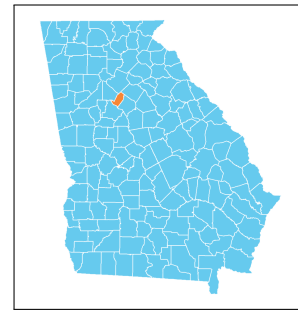


# Rockdale County, Georgia Early Childhood Profile

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## Early Care and Education Providers

	County	State
<b>Total Early Learning Providers<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5,069</b>
Child Care Learning Centers	24	2,725
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	96%	86%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	100%	93%
<i>Licensed to serve preschoolers</i>	100%	99%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	10	1,408
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	80%	85%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	90%	96%
<i>Licensed to serve preschoolers</i>	90%	94%
Other Providers <sup>†</sup>	14	936
<b>Total Licensed Capacity<sup>*1</sup></b>	<b>3,781</b>	<b>326,234</b>
Quality Rated: <sup>#</sup>	81%	54%
Child Care Learning Centers	3,721	317,830
Quality Rated: <sup>#</sup>	82%	54%
<i>1-star programs</i>	27%	16%
<i>2-star programs</i>	39%	29%
<i>3-star programs</i>	16%	9%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	60	8,404
Quality Rated: <sup>#</sup>	10%	31%
<i>1-star programs</i>	10%	6%
<i>2-star programs</i>	0%	14%
<i>3-star programs</i>	0%	11%

## Program Enrollment

	County	State
Kindergarten <sup>2</sup>	1,054	126,350
Lottery Funded Georgia Pre-K <sup>1 ‡</sup>	728	80,060
<i>At-risk children served<sup>1</sup></i>	59%	47%
Head Start and Early Head Start <sup>3 ‡</sup>	211	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.

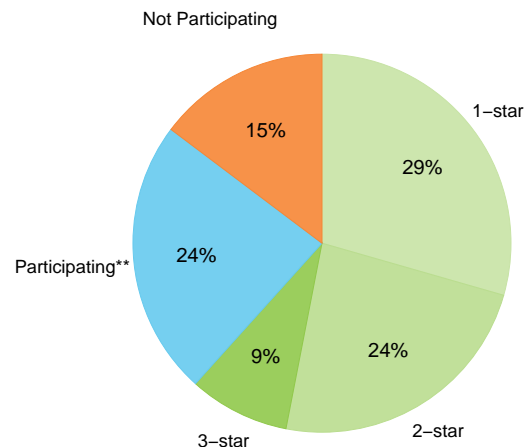
‡ There may be overlap between Pre-K and Head Start enrollments due to braided and blended funding sources, so these categories are not summative.

\* Insufficient data

## Third Grade Assessment Results

	County	State
<b>Students Tested, ELA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>128,777</b>
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	35%	42%
<i>White</i>	42%	57%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	35%	27%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	28%	31%
<i>Limited English Proficiency</i>	15%	18%
<i>Economically Disadvantaged</i>	32%	31%
<b>Students Tested, Math<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>128,610</b>
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	40%	52%
<i>White</i>	50%	67%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	36%	35%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	43%	45%
<i>Limited English Proficiency</i>	34%	35%
<i>Economically Disadvantaged</i>	36%	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.

# Rockdale County, Georgia

## Program Utilization

	County	State
Babies Can't Wait* <sup>5</sup>	134	18,465
Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)* <sup>5</sup>	891	48,936
Georgia Home Visiting* <sup>5</sup>	140	2,010

## Parental Employment

	County	State
Population under age 6 living with parent <sup>6</sup>	6,065	754,832
Both parents or only parent in labor force	60%	66%
One parent in labor force, one not	24%	25%
No parent in labor force	15%	9%

## Family, Health, and Services

	County #	County %	State %
Children under age 6 living below: <sup>6</sup>			
100% Poverty	2,098	33%	25%
150% Poverty	2,950	47%	39%
200% Poverty	3,767	59%	50%
Children under age 6 without health insurance <sup>6</sup>	538	8%	6%
Limited English-speaking households <sup>6</sup>	1,070	4%	3%
Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Reports (duplicated) <sup>7</sup>	34	1.3 <sup>‡</sup>	2.0 <sup>‡</sup>
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates <sup>8</sup>	131	14%	14%
Births to girls ages 15-19 <sup>8</sup>	55	16.5 <sup>†</sup>	22 <sup>†</sup>
Low birth weight babies <sup>8</sup>	116	12%	10%
Preterm babies <sup>8</sup>	135	14%	11%
Asthma-related ER visits (ages 0-4) <sup>8</sup>	94	177.8 <sup>‡</sup>	115.1 <sup>‡</sup>

† 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 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 Rockdale County, Georgia, **12 are economically disadvantaged, including 7 living in poverty.**<sup>6</sup>

## Children by Race and Ethnicity

	County	State
Population under age 5 <sup>6</sup>	5,245	655,810
White	35%	52%
Black or African-American	54%	33%
Asian and Pacific Islander	4%	4%
Other race or multiracial	7%	10%
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	21%	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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