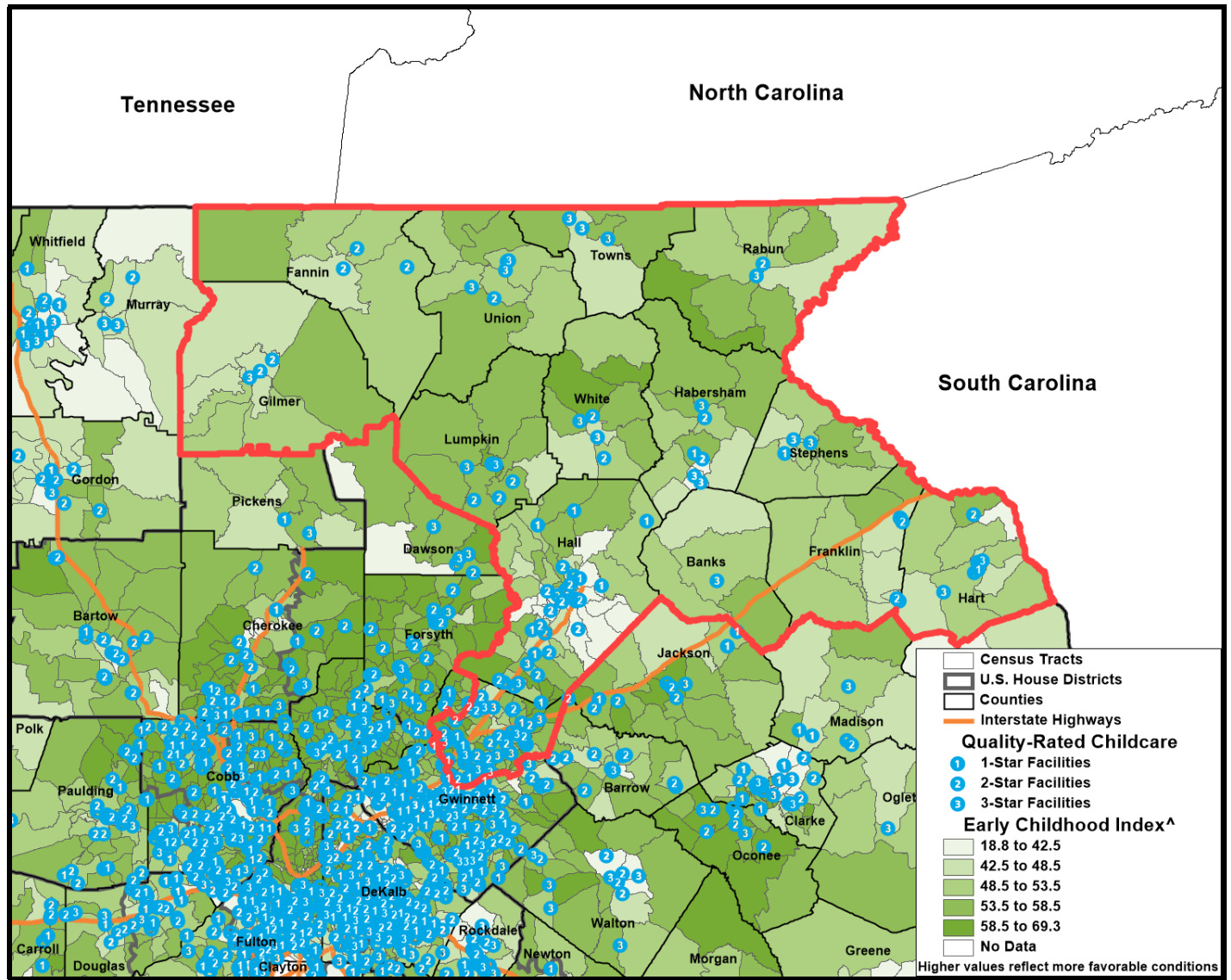


# Georgia Congressional District 9 Early Childhood Profile



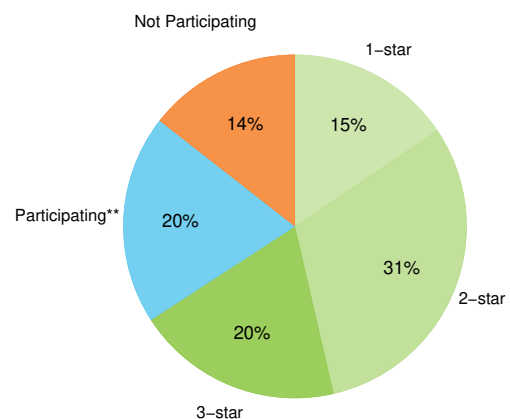
Children, ages 0-4 residing in Georgia Congressional District 9: **43,456<sup>1</sup>**

Congressional District 9 Early Childhood Index Score: **51.4**; Statewide Early Childhood Index Score: **50.1<sup>^</sup>**

## Early Care and Education Providers<sup>†</sup>

	CD 09	State
<b>Total Early Learning Providers<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4,987</b>
Child Care Learning Centers	132	2,867
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	86%	85%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	89%	92%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	56	1,172
<i>Licensed to serve infants</i>	89%	85%
<i>Licensed to serve toddlers</i>	98%	97%
Other Providers <sup>†</sup>	43	948
<b>Total Licensed Capacity<sup>2 †</sup></b>	<b>19,665</b>	<b>344,939</b>
Quality Rated: #	78%	72%
Child Care Learning Centers	19,345	337,954
Quality Rated: #	79%	73%
Family Child Care Learning Homes	320	6,985
Quality Rated: #	39%	46%

## Quality Rated Licensed Early Learning Providers<sup>2</sup>



\*\*Participating in the Quality Rated process, but not yet rated as of 1/1/2023.

## Economic Status

	CD 09 #	CD 09 %	State %
Children under age 6 living below: <sup>1</sup>			
100% Poverty	9,385	18%	18%
150% Poverty	15,927	31%	31%
200% Poverty	22,351	43%	43%



Of every 20 children ages 0-5 in Congressional District 9, **9 are economically disadvantaged, including 4 living in poverty.**<sup>1</sup>

## Program Utilization

	CD 09	State
Lottery Funded Georgia Pre-K <sup>2</sup> *	4,267	71,401
At-risk children served <sup>2</sup> *	53%	48%
Head Start and Early Head Start <sup>3</sup> *	1,158	22,069

## Parental Employment

	CD 09	State
Population under age 6 living with parent <sup>1</sup>	49,420	711,914
Both parents or only parent in labor force	66%	70%
One parent in labor force, one not	23%	20%
No parent in labor force	11%	9%

<sup>^</sup> This index is composed of 9 indicators related to early childhood well-being measured at the Census tract level; higher values reflect more favorable conditions. For more information, visit [gears.org/research/readiness\\_radar](http://gears.org/research/readiness_radar).

<sup>†</sup> This 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.

<sup>‡</sup> 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.

<sup>#</sup> *Quality Rated* is Georgia's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care and early learning programs. See [qualityrated.org](http://qualityrated.org) for more information.

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

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

<sup>\*</sup> Insufficient data

## Child and Maternal Health

	CD 09 #	CD 09 %	State %
Births <sup>4</sup>	8,125	36.6 <sup>★</sup>	37.2 <sup>★</sup>
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates <sup>4</sup>	1,269	15.6%	11.9%
Births to girls ages 15-19 <sup>4</sup>	429	15.8 <sup>★</sup>	18.3 <sup>★</sup>
Low birth weight babies <sup>4</sup>	616	7.6%	10.2%
Preterm babies <sup>4</sup>	792	9.7%	11.7%
Infant mortality rate <sup>5</sup>		5.9 <sup>★</sup>	7.1 <sup>★</sup>
Children under age 6 without health insurance <sup>1</sup>	3,394	6%	5%

## QUALITY CHILD CARE IS OUT OF REACH

In many parts of Georgia, a year of quality care for an infant or toddler costs more than a year of in-state tuition at a four-year university!



Infographic courtesy of our partner, *Think Babies*

### Sources:

1. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2022)
2. Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, 1/1/2023
3. The Office of Head Start Program Information Report, 11/2023
4. Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Health Indicators for Planning, Birth Statistical File (2018-22). Counts represent the 5-year average. Rates are calculated using 2018-22 American Community Survey data for the denominators.
5. Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Health Indicators for Planning (2013-22).

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