Douglas County, Georgia Early Childhood Profile

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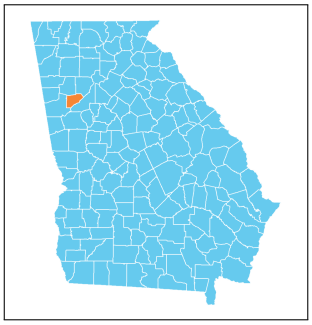


Early Care and Education Providers

	County	State
Total Early Learning Providers[1]	**53**	**4,686**
Child Care Learning Centers	40	2,757
Licensed to serve infants	*90%*	*85%*
Licensed to serve toddlers	*93%*	*93%*
Licensed to serve preschoolers	*95%*	*99%*
Family Child Care Learning Homes	13	1,000
Licensed to serve infants	*85%*	*84%*
Licensed to serve toddlers	*92%*	*97%*
Licensed to serve preschoolers	*100%*	*97%*
Other Providers†	0	929
Total Licensed Capacity♣[1]	**5,332**	**338,620**
Quality Rated:#	84%	75%
Child Care Learning Centers	5,258	332,655
Quality Rated:#	85%	76%
1-star programs	*20%*	*12%*
2-star programs	*48%*	*51%*
3-star programs	*17%*	*13%*
Family Child Care Learning Homes	74	5,965
Quality Rated:#	39%	46%
1-star programs	*16%*	*4%*
2-star programs	*16%*	*28%*
3-star programs	*7%*	*14%*

Program Enrollment

	County	State
Kindergarten[2]	1,556	114,666
Head Start and Early Head Start[3]	153	20,825

†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.

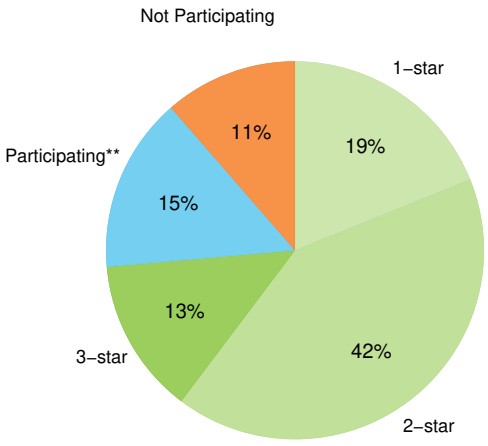
♣ Licensed Capacity indicates the maximum number of children a facility is permitted to serve based on square footage, and is typically larger than the actual number of children served.

* Insufficient data

Third Grade Assessment Results

	County	State
Students Tested, ELA[4]	**1,780**	**127,195**
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	28%	35%
White	*37%*	*48%*
Black or African-American	*26%*	*24%*
Hispanic or Latino	*28%*	*25%*
Limited English Proficiency	*11%*	*14%*
Economically Disadvantaged	*25%*	*27%*
Students Tested, Math[4]	**1,783**	**127,119**
Proficient/Distinguished Learners:	35%	44%
White	*49%*	*60%*
Black or African-American	*31%*	*29%*
Hispanic or Latino	*36%*	*34%*
Limited English Proficiency	*20%*	*26%*
Economically Disadvantaged	*31%*	*35%*

Quality Rated Licensed Early Learning Providers[1]



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Program Utilization

	County	State
Babies Can't Wait♠[5]	210	17,483
Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)♠[5]	1,737	76,374
Georgia Home Visiting♠[5]	0	2,061

Parental Employment

	County	State
Population under age 6 living with parent[6]	**10,166**	**733,521**
Both parents or only parent in labor force	63%	68%
One parent in labor force, one not	26%	23%
No parent in labor force	11%	9%

Family, Health, and Services

	County #	County %	State %
Children under age 6 living below:[6]			
100% Poverty	*1,826*	*17%*	*20%*
150% Poverty	*2,849*	*27%*	*31%*
200% Poverty	*4,433*	*42%*	*42%*
Children under age 6 without health insurance[6]	505	5%	5%
Limited English-speaking households[6]	1,064	2%	3%
Substantiated Abuse/ Neglect Reports (unduplicated)[7]	200	5.3†	4.5†
Births to mothers who are not high school graduates[8]	151	9%	11%
Births to girls ages 15-19[8]	73	13.0†	16.3†
Low birth weight babies[8]	196	12%	10%
Preterm babies[8]	208	12%	12%
Asthma-related ER visits (ages 0-4)[8]	130	148.3‡	91.6‡

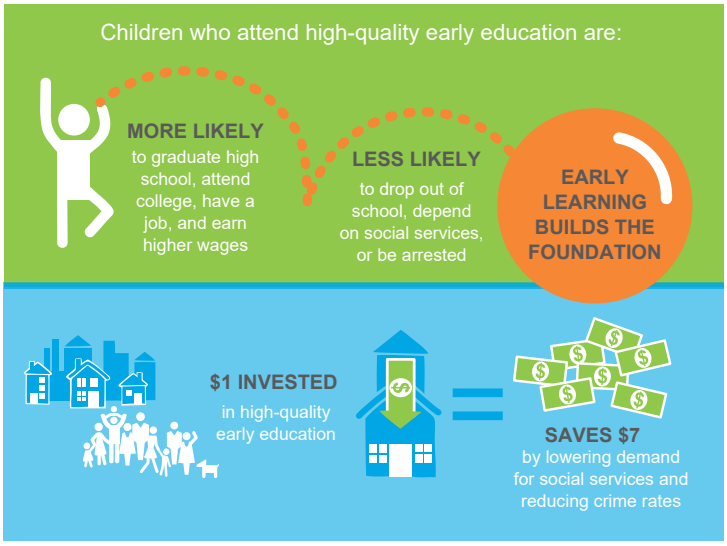
† Rate per 1,000 population
‡ Rate per 10,000 population
* Insufficient data
♠ All programs ensure the highest quality data to the extent possible. Numbers represent total children enrolled in the program at *any* time during the year, which is generally greater than the number enrolled at any given 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 Douglas County, Georgia, 8 are economically disadvantaged, including 3 living in poverty.[6]

Children by Race and Ethnicity

	County	State
Population under age 5[6]	**8,622**	**636,230**
White	27%	43%
Black or African-American	50%	32%
Asian and Pacific Islander	0%	4%
Other race or multiracial	23%	22%
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	17%	17%



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