



CHILDREN AGES 0-5 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Population of Young Children

2015
22,227

There are 22,227 young children living in the Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, and Posey County region of Indiana.

Households with Young Children

2014
7%
1,556 Households

There are young children living in 7% of our local households, just slightly more than the state of Indiana (6%).

Young Children in Poverty

2014
23%
5,112 Children

Locally, a smaller percentage of young children live in poverty (23%), compared to Indiana (26%). Still, nearly 1 out of every 4 child lives in poverty.

Percent of Income Families in Poverty Pay for High Quality Care

2015
33%

For just one child to receive high quality early care, a local family in poverty spends about 33% of their gross income. The state average is 42%.

HIGH QUALITY EARLY CARE AND CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Young Children Enrolled in Known Programs

2015
7,713
35%

7,713 young children, or 1 of every 3 (35%), is cared for in a known program, with 2 in 3 children in care of unknown quality. In the state, just 26% of children are cared for in a program of known quality.

Young Children in Known Programs of High Quality

2015
48%
3,734

48% of local children, nearly 1 in 2, are in known programs considered high quality, compared to the state where only 1 in 3 children are in known high quality care (34%).

Young Children in Need of Care

2015
16,003
72%

There are 16,003 local young children who require care because their parents/ guardians work. An average of 72% of local children need care compared to 66% of children in the state.

Young Children in Need of Care in High Quality Care

2015
34%
5,382 Children

Of those young children in the region who need care, just 34%, or one-third, are in care considered high quality. Only 1 out of 10 children (13%) needing care are in high quality care in the state.

SCHOOL READINESS AND SUCCESS FACTORS

Children Enrolled in Kindergarten

2016
88%

Locally, on average, 88% of children eligible for kindergarten are enrolled, just slightly lower than the state (90%).

Children Ready for School

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There is currently no universal system for assessment of kindergarten readiness in our region.

Children Retained in Kindergarten

2016
7%

On average, 7% of local kindergarten students are retained and not promoted on to first grade. This rate is slightly higher than the state (5%).

3rd Graders Proficient in Reading

2015
74%

Similar to the state (73%), 3 out of 4 local 3rd graders meet reading benchmarks. 1 out of 4 is at risk of not having necessary reading skills for future academic success.
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