

# 2020 EARLY CHILDCARE & EARLY LEARNING SURVEY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## CHILDREN

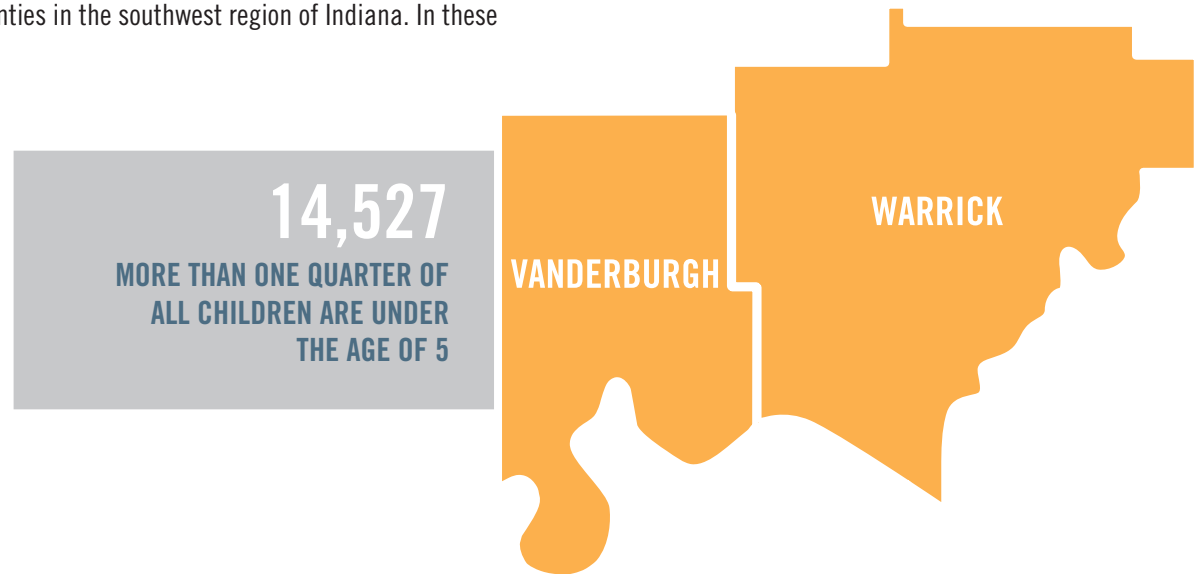
Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties are two of the more populated counties in the southwest region of Indiana. In these counties, there are just under 15,000 children under the age of five.

Over 3,500, or one in four (25%) young children live below the poverty level.

One in four households (26%) with children under the age of 5 are single mother households. Two-thirds of single mother households (62%) are below the poverty level.

In the survey area, more than eight out of ten children under the age of five are white, while 10% are black and 6% identify with multiple racial groups. Additionally, 5% of children under the age of five have Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.

Most parents surveyed (92%) believe their children are in very good or excellent health. A small segment of children, approximately 1 in 5 (18%), have special needs, e.g., physical, mental or behavioral health issues, developmental delays, born addicted to pharmaceuticals.



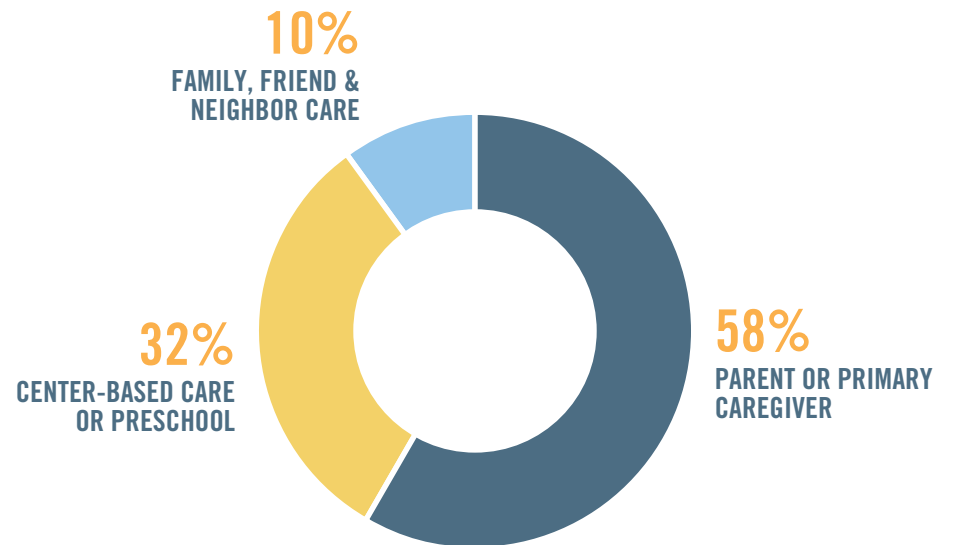
## FAMILIES

**TWO-THIRDS OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX HAVE MARRIED PARENTS. THE REMAINING ONE-THIRD ARE SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES.**



Of the nearly 62,000 families living in the survey area, 19%, or roughly 1 in 5 have at least one child under the age of six. Most of these children have married parents, but a third are raised by single parents.

**MOST YOUNG CHILDREN RECEIVE CARE FROM A PARENT OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER.**



Most local families have a parent or primary caregiver at home watching their young children during the hours that care is needed. Of those children cared for outside the home, one-third of families use center-based care or preschool and less commonly, family, friends & neighbors.