

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CHILD CARE IN DURHAM COUNTY

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Demographics

Total Population of Durham County: 267,587

Children ages birth to 5 living in Durham County: 25,218

Percent change in number of children ages birth to 5 from 2000 to 2009: 35%

Hispanic births account for approximately 1 in every 4 births in Durham County.

Children ages birth to 5 living below the poverty level in Durham County: 6,682 (26.5%)

The median family income in Durham County: \$49,928



Impact of Child Care

The average cost of child care for an infant in a 5-star center is \$1,082/month.

Number of regulated child care facilities in Durham County: 384

Children in licensed/regulated child care: 7,472

Total direct economic impact: \$337.6 million
Gross receipts of Durham County's child care industry: \$63.4 million
Durham County's child care workforce: 1,952

Total gross income made by parents with children in care: \$310 million

Local state and federal taxes paid by parents: \$93 million

Sample Results: Our Investment in Young Children

- 60% of children ages birth to 5 enrolled in child care in Durham County attended 4 - or 5-star licensed facilities.
- The average star rating for children ages birth to 5 enrolled in regulated child care facilities was 3.61.
- 74% of Medicaid-eligible children in Durham County enrolled in Health Check accessed preventative health care.
- 56% of parents reported challenging behaviors for their children at the beginning of the Incredible Years Basic Parenting Program, and only 16% percent reported challenging behaviors at the end of the program.

