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- **532,255** Number of children birth through 8 (1)
- **26%** Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)
- **65%** Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant (4)** $6,001
- **4 Year Old (5)** $5,184

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **27,900** Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)
- **15.88%** Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)
- **5%** Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)
- **15,125** Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)
- **16,051** Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)
- **60%** Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)
- **51** Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)
- **4,583** Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

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53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (8)

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**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

3
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

3
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

613
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$24,939
Est. Annual Salary

$11.99
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$10.19
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start
$17M

CCDBG
$17M

TANF for Child Care
$10M

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793,820
Number of children birth through 8

22%
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

61%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant
$10,948

4 Year Old
$8,547

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

27,100
Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

9.62%
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

10%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

13,355
Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

5,256
Number of children in state funded PreK programs

48%
Percentage of people living in a child care desert

70
Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

6,780
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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**Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs**: 26
**Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs**: 4
**Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes**: 2,826

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

## How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

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![Poverty Line](chart)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

31
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

6
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

2,132
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$19,385
Est. Annual Salary

$9.32
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$10.00
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

$15,080
Federal Minimum Wage

$19,385
Child Care Worker Salary

$56,763
Elementary School Teacher Salary

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start
$92M

CCDBG
$81M

TANF for Child Care
$15M

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### GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning

- **4,470,462**
  - Number of children birth through 8

- **18%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

- **64%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

### How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

- **Infant**
  - $16,945

- **4 Year Old**
  - $11,475

### Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

- **107,800**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **91,109**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **242,297**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **570**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **43,458**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **7.08%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **47%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

- **60%**
  - Percentage of people living in a child care desert

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**What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?**

- **145** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **5** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **38,394** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?** (4)

**How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?**

- **$25,563** Est. Annual Salary
- **$12.29** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$12.00** State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

- **58%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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**What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?**

- **Head Start** (9) $1.1B
- **CCDBG** (10) $793M
- **TANF for Child Care** (11) $742M
- **Preschool Development Grants** (12) $13M

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- **613,961**
  - Number of children birth through 8 *(1)*

- **12%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line *(2)*

- **65%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce *(3)*

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant (4)**
  - $15,325

- **4 Year Old (5)**
  - $12,390

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **20,400**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average *(6)*

- **9,405**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs *(9)*

- **21,446**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs* *(10)*

- **106**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs *(12)*

- **9,674**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs *(13)*

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **26** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **6** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **3,897** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$26,208** Est. Annual Salary
- **$12.60** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$12.10** State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

- **$59,716** Elementary School Teacher Salary (7)

53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **$103M** Head Start (9)
- **$99M** CCDBG (10)
- **$11M** TANF for Child Care (11)
- **$11M** Preschool Development Grants (12)

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- **340,979** children birth through 8 (1)
- **16%** children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)
- **72%** children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

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**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **16,200** children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)
- **10.42%** eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)
- **35%** children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)
- **5,037** children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)
- **14,585** children in state funded PreK programs* (10)
- **44%** people living in a child care desert (11)
- **547** NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)
- **28,726** children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

Welcome to Connecticut!

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs**: 22
- **Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs**: 18
- **Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes**: 3,327

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **Est. Annual Salary**: $24,689
- **Child Care Workers Hourly Rate**: $11.87
- **State Minimum Hourly Rate**: $11.00
- **Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits**: 53%

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**: $66M
- **CCDBG**: $68M
- **TANF for Child Care**: $13M
- **Preschool Development Grants**: $8M

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**100,213**

Number of children birth through 8 (1)

**20%**

Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

**Infant** (4)

$11,021

**4 Year Old** (5)

$8,876

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

**7,300**

Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)

**14.49%**

Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)

**2,002**

Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)

**15%**

Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)

**845**

Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)

**25%**

Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)

**23**

Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)

**2,158**

Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

6
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

2
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

1,108
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$21,236
Est. Annual Salary

$10.21
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$9.25
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

$15,080
Federal Minimum Wage

$21,236
Child Care Worker Salary

$70,824
Elementary School Teacher Salary

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start
$19M

CCDBG
$23M

TANF for Child Care
$76M

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **Number of children birth through 8**: 74,818
- **Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line**: 20%

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

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**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average**: 1,100
- **Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month**: 4.42%
- **Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings**: 2%
- **Number of children in state funded PreK programs**: 13,492
- **Percentage of people living in a child care desert**: 27%
- **Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs**: 148
- **Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs**: 7,937

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

6
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

4
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$29,806
Est. Annual Salary

$14.33
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$14.00
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start
$31M

CCDBG
$16M

TANF for Child Care
$59M

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **2,052,019** Number of children birth through 8
- **21%** Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line
- **67%** Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant**: $9,238
- **4 Year Old**: $7,282

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **99,100** Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **14.27%** Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **5%** Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings
- **39,616** Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- **174,574** Number of children in state funded PreK programs
- **38%** Percentage of people living in a child care desert
- **261** Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- **25,940** Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs**: 34
- **Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs**: 2
- **Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes**: 10,049

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **Est. Annual Salary**: $20,987
- **Child Care Workers Hourly Rate**: $10.09
- **State Minimum Hourly Rate**: $8.56
- **Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits**: 63%

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**: $376M
- **CCDBG**: $450M
- **TANF for Child Care**: $206M
- **Preschool Development Grants**: $13M

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GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning

Number of children birth through 8: 1,208,875
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line: 21%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce: 68%

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant: $8,530
4 Year Old: $7,306

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average: 24,600
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average: 4.68%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings: 3%

Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs: 24,336
Number of children in state funded PreK programs: 80,536
Percentage of people living in a child care desert: 44%

Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs: 202
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs: 26,409

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **61** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **4** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **5,037** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$19,822** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.53** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- **$15,080** Federal Minimum Wage
- **$19,822** Child Care Worker Salary
- **$65,998** Elementary School Teacher Salary

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** $236M
- **CCDBG** $301M
- **TANF for Child Care** $22M
- **Preschool Development Grants** $3M

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **7** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **2** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **917** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$22,131** Est. Annual Salary
- **$10.64** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$10.10** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** $29M
- **CCDBG** $29M
- **TANF for Child Care** $11M

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **214,164** Number of children birth through 8
- **16%** Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line
- **56%** Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant** $7,474
- **4 Year Old** $6,454

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **7,100** Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **10.50%** Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month
- **23%** Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings
- **2,802** Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- **49%** Percentage of people living in a child care desert
- **22** Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- **1,328** Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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**What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?**

- **6** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **1** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **1,077** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?** (4)

**How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?**

- **$18,803** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.04** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

**53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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**What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?**

- **Head Start** (9)
  - **$31M**
- **CCDBG** (10)
  - **$42M**
- **TANF for Child Care** (11)
  - **$5M**
- **Preschool Development Grants** (12)
  - **$3M**

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs**: 72
- **Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs**: 25
- **Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes**: 11,037

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **Est. Annual Salary**: $22,401
- **Child Care Workers Hourly Rate**: $10.77
- **State Minimum Hourly Rate**: $9.25
- **Federal Minimum Wage**: $15,080
- **Child Care Worker Salary**: $22,401
- **Elementary School Teacher Salary**: $70,574
- **Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits**: 50%

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**: $363M
- **CCDBG**: $292M
- **TANF for Child Care**: $593M
- **Preschool Development Grants**: $13M

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- 763,868 Number of children birth through 8
- 19% Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line
- 69% Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- Infant $12,612
- 4 Year Old $9,557

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- 26,200 Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- 7.31% Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month
- 36% Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

- 14,085 Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- 55% Percentage of people living in a child care desert

- 244 Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- 13,498 Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

30
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs *(1)*

21
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs *(2)*

3,354
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes *(3)*

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? *(4)*

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$20,009
Est. Annual Salary

$9.62
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$7.25
State Minimum Hourly Rate *(5)*

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits *(6)*

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$15,080
Federal Minimum Wage

$20,009
Child Care Worker Salary *(6)*

$58,780
Elementary School Teacher Salary *(7)*

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start *(9)*
$138M

CCDBG *(10)*
$173M

TANF for Child Care *(11)*
$56M

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### What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **23** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **1** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **4,974** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?**

### How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$19,136** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.20** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- **$15,080** Federal Minimum Wage
- **$19,136** Child Care Worker Salary
- **$63,918** Elementary School Teacher Salary

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### What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start (9)** $67M
- **CCDBG (10)** $70M
- **TANF for Child Care (11)** $31M

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **352,234**
  Number of children birth through 8

- **17%**
  Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

- **68%**
  Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant**
  $11,222
- **4 Year Old**
  $8,798

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **10,000**
  Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **7.06%**
  Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **47%**
  Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

- **6,814**
  Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **14,022**
  Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **44%**
  Percentage of people living in a child care desert

- **35**
  Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **4,501**
  Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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### What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

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Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?  

### How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

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- **$19,240**  
  Est. Annual Salary  
- **$9.25**  
  Child Care Workers Hourly Rate  
- **$7.25**  
  State Minimum Hourly Rate  
- **53%**  
  Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits  

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### What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **497,175**
  - Number of children birth through 8 (1)

- **25%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)

- **66%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant (4)**
  - $6,411

- **4 Year Old (5)**
  - $6,411

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **18,000**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)

- **10.38%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)

- **14,183**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)

- **21,270**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)

- **4%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)

- **50%**
  - Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)

- **101**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)

- **7,372**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **27** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **4** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **2,084** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$19,302** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.28** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

How much does an early childhood educator earn? The average annual salary is $19,302, and the state minimum hourly rate is $7.25. The federal minimum wage is $7.25 per hour, and the federal poverty line is $19,302. Low-wage workers are more likely to be child care workers, who earn $9.28 per hour.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**
- **CCDBG**
- **TANF for Child Care**

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- **554,807** Number of children birth through 8
- **29%** Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line
- **69%** Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant**: $7,724
- **4 Year Old**: $6,906

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **17,400** Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **6.83%** Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **3%** Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings
- **21,006** Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- **18,911** Number of children in state funded PreK programs
- **26** Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- **2,584** Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- 20
  Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- 8
  Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- 1,575
  Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- $18,616
  Est. Annual Salary
- $8.95
  Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- 53%
  Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- Head Start
  $188M
- CCDBG
  $135M
- TANF for Child Care
  $11M
- Preschool Development Grants
  $11M

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **118,614**
  - Number of children birth through 8 (1)

- **16%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)

- **73%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant (4)**
  - $9,449

- **4 Year Old (5)**
  - $8,292

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **4,100**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)

- **12.25%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)

- **3,030**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)

- **5,648**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)

- **53**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)

- **2,580**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **12** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **0** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **1,737** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$23,254** Est. Annual Salary
- **$11.18** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$12.00** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**
- **CCDBG**
- **TANF for Child Care**

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **663,697**
  - Number of children birth through 8

- **12%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

- **74%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- Infant ($15,335)
- 4 Year Old ($10,254)

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **13,700**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **5.16%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **30%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

- **10,788**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **31,474**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **109**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **9,898**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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**What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?**

- **28** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **9** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **8,137** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

**How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?**

- **$23,483** Est. Annual Salary
- **$11.29** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$11.00** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- **$15,080** Federal Minimum Wage
- **$23,483** Child Care Worker Salary
- **$78,894** Elementary School Teacher Salary

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**What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?**

- **$102M** Head Start
- **$119M** CCDBG
- **$7M** TANF for Child Care
- **$8M** Preschool Development Grants

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**Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession**

### What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **53** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **15** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **8,075** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?**

### How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$26,499** Est. Annual Salary
- **$12.74** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$12.75** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

### What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** ($143M)
- **CCDBG** ($140M)
- **TANF for Child Care** ($247M)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **49** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **17** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **8,688** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$20,987** Est. Annual Salary
- **$10.09** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$9.65** State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

- **38%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** (9) $322M
- **CCDBG** (10) $222M
- **TANF for Child Care** (11) $19M
- **Preschool Development Grants** (12) $13M

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GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning

**641,600**
Number of children birth through 8 (1)

**12%**
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)

**77%**
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

- **Infant (4)**
  - $16,087

- **4 Year Old (5)**
  - $12,252

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

- **20,400**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)

- **7.88%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)

- **10,357**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)

- **7,672**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)

- **408**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)

- **30,312**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

- **17%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)

- **26%**
  - Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

33
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

0
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

9,564
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$23,441
Est. Annual Salary

$11.27
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$10.00
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

$15,080
Federal Minimum Wage

$23,441
Child Care Worker Salary

$23,441
Elementary School Teacher Salary

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start

$103M

CCDBG

$121M

TANF for Child Care

$117M

Preschool Development Grants

$8M

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- 21 Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- 2 Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- 1,531 Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- $18,387 Est. Annual Salary
- $8.84 Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

- 53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- $15,080 Federal Minimum Wage
- $18,387 Child Care Worker Salary
- $52,083 Elementary School Teacher Salary

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- Head Start: $206M
- CCDBG: $90M
- TANF for Child Care: $1M

Programs including IDEA, CACFP, CHIP, SNAP, and Medicaid, as well as tax credits such as the Child Care and Dependent Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, also provide critical investments to support the well-being of young children and their families.
Investing in high-quality early childhood education and educators, working in all settings, produces positive outcomes for children, families, and the economic future of our country.

GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning

- **676,965** Number of children birth through 8
- **20%** Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line
- **70%** Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

- **Infant** $10,041
- **4 Year Old** $7,014

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

- **35,900** Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **13.45%** Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **17%** Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings
- **14,875** Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- **2,378** Number of children in state funded PreK programs
- **109** Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- **9,621** Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- **54%** Percentage of people living in a child care desert

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### What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

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- Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?**

### How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **Est. Annual Salary**: $20,716
- **Child Care Workers Hourly Rate**: $9.96
- **State Minimum Hourly Rate**: $9.45
- **Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits**: 53%
- **Federal Minimum Wage**: $15,080
- **Child Care Worker Salary**: $20,716
- **Elementary School Teacher Salary**: $57,532

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### What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

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**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

- **113,678**
  - Number of children birth through 8

- **18%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

- **66%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant (4)**
  - $9,518

- **4 Year Old (5)**
  - $8,365

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **3,700**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **9.95%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **3,061**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **306**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **11**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **597**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **11** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **0** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **877** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$20,467** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.84** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$8.65** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- **$15,080** Federal Minimum Wage
- **$20,467** Child Care Worker Salary
- **$59,779** Elementary School Teacher Salary

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** $32M
- **CCDBG** $22M
- **TANF for Child Care** $2M

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**GOAL: Access to High–Quality Early Learning**

- **238,661**
  - Number of children birth through 8

- **15%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

- **73%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant**
  - $12,571

- **4 Year Old**
  - $11,420

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **9,500**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **8.94%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **24%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

- **4,827**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **13,938**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **70**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **3,921**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

16  
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)

1  
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)

2,774  
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$21,486  
Est. Annual Salary

$10.33  
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$9.00  
State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

$15,080  
Federal Minimum Wage

$21,486  
Child Care Worker Salary (6)

$6,6830  
Elementary School Teacher Salary (7)

53%  
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start (9)  
$50M

CCDBG (10)  
$50M

TANF for Child Care (11)  
$6M

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

5
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

1
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

660
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$21,611
Est. Annual Salary

$10.39
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$8.25
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

$15,080
Federal Minimum Wage

$21,611
Child Care Worker Salary

$66,705
Elementary School Teacher Salary

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start
$38M

CCDBG
$64M

TANF for Child Care
$16M

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119,068
Number of children birth through 8

12%
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

71%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant
$12,791

4 Year Old
$10,348

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

5,000
Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

13.21%
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month

7%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

1,563
Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

46%
Percentage of people living in a child care desert

52
Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

4,183
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **14** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **4** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **646** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$22,443** Est. Annual Salary
- **$10.79** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)
- **53%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** (9) **$18M**
- **CCDBG** (10) **$20M**
- **TANF for Child Care** (11) **$4M**
- **Preschool Development Grants** (12) **$8M**

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How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

27
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)

7
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$23,940
Est. Annual Salary

$11.51
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$11.00
State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

$15,080
Federal Minimum Wage

$23,940
Child Care Worker Salary (6)

$78,769
Elementary School Teacher Salary (7)

51%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (8)

51%
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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start (9)
$171M

CCDBG (10)
$161M

TANF for Child Care (11)
$94M

Preschool Development Grants (12)
$11M

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NEW MEXICO

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

19,500
Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

20.05%
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

11%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

7,431
Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

9,119
Number of children in state funded PreK programs

53%
Percentage of people living in a child care desert

120
Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

6,077
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant
$8,617

4 Year Old
$7,609

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<td>972</td>
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Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

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Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits: 53%

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**What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?**

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How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

- **Infant**: $15,394
- **4 Year Old**: $12,358

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

75
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

30
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

17,562
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$25,750
Est. Annual Salary

$12.38
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$11.80
State Minimum Hourly Rate

65%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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65%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

$564M
Head Start

$420M
CCDBG

$101M
TANF for Child Care

$13M
Preschool Development Grants

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1,110,452
Number of children birth through 8

21%
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

67%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant
$9,480

4 Year Old
$8,113

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

38,000
Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

9.06%
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

4%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

21,267
Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

28,385
Number of children in state funded PreK programs

44%
Percentage of people living in a child care desert

100
Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

12,040
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **77** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **31** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **6,275** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$20,508** Est. Annual Salary
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- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate
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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**
  - **$210M**
- **CCDBG**
  - **$290M**
- **TANF for Child Care**
  - **$145M**
- **Preschool Development Grants**
  - **$13M**

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**Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession**

**What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?**

- 17 institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- 0 IHEs with NAECY accredited programs
- 1,343 licensed child care centers and family child care homes

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?**

**How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?**

- $21,964 est. annual salary
- $10.56 child care workers hourly rate
- $7.25 state minimum hourly rate
- 53% of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- $15,080 Federal minimum wage
- $21,964 child care worker salary
- $59,217 elementary school teacher salary

**What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?**

- Head Start $22M
- CCDBG $15M
- TANF for Child Care $1M

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1,262,182
Number of children birth through 8 (1)

22%
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)

70%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant (4) $9,697

4 Year Old (5) $7,895

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

50,300
Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)

9.16%
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)

16%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)

33,896
Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)

17,913
Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)

39%
Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)

142
Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)

14,344
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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### How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

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- $15,080 Federal Minimum Wage
- $20,508 Child Care Worker Salary (6)
- $71,468 Elementary School Teacher Salary (7)

### What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start (9)**: $341M
- **CCDBG (10)**: $296M
- **TANF for Child Care (11)**: $405M

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- **34**: Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs \(^1\)
- **21**: Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs \(^2\)
- **2,442**: Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes \(^3\)

**Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?** \(^4\)

**How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?**

- **$18,928**: Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.10**: Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25**: State Minimum Hourly Rate \(^5\)
- **53%**: Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits \(^6\)

**$15,080**: Federal Minimum Wage

**$18,928**: Child Care Worker Salary \(^6\)

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**$120M**: CCDBG \(^10\)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **29** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **3** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **4,578** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

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- **1,288,288** Number of children birth through 8
- **18%** Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line
- **71%** Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant** 
  - **$11,842**
- **4 Year Old**
  - **$9,773**

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **99,700** Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **20.85%** Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average
- **15%** Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings
- **31,208** Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- **30,527** Number of children in state funded PreK programs
- **57%** Percentage of people living in a child care desert
- **342** Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs
- **28,075** Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **86** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **22** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$20,196** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.71** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$7.25** State Minimum Hourly Rate
- **50%** Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**
  - $314M
- **CCDBG**
  - $265M
- **TANF for Child Care**
  - $293M

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## GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning

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### NAEYC Affiliate

Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children (RIAEYC)

### How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

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### Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **4** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **2** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **821** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$24,585** Est. Annual Salary
- **$11.82** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$10.50** State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

- **$15,080** Federal Minimum Wage
- **$24,585** Child Care Worker Salary (6)
- **$85,321** Elementary School Teacher Salary (7)

53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (8)

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **$30M** Head Start (9)
- **$23M** CCDBG (10)
- **$23M** TANF for Child Care (11)
- **$8M** Preschool Development Grants (12)

Programs including IDEA, CACFP, CHIP, SNAP, and Medicaid, as well as tax credits such as the Child Care and Dependent Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, also provide critical investments to support the well-being of young children and their families.

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**STATE FACT SHEETS | SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**NAEYC Affiliate** | South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC)

**GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning**

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- 45 Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- 38 Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- $19,032 Est. Annual Salary
- $9.15 Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- 53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (8)

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- Head Start (9) $116M
- CCDBG (10) $126M
- TANF for Child Care (11) $4M

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

8
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)

0
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)

887
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$20,134
Est. Annual Salary

$9.68
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$9.30
State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

$25M
Head Start (9)

$19M
CCDBG (10)

$802,914
TANF for Child Care (11)

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<td>66%</td>
<td>Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings</td>
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<td>16,849</td>
<td>Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs</td>
<td><a href="#">7</a></td>
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<td>18,354</td>
<td>Number of children in state funded PreK programs*</td>
<td><a href="#">8</a></td>
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<td>48%</td>
<td>Percentage of people living in a child care desert</td>
<td><a href="#">9</a></td>
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<td>73</td>
<td>Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs</td>
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<td>Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs</td>
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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **36** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **13** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **4,309** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$19,302** Est. Annual Salary
- **$9.28** Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- **$15,080** Federal Minimum Wage
- **$19,302** Child Care Worker Salary
- **$58,926** Elementary School Teacher Salary

Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start**:
  - **$161M**
- **CCDBG**:
  - **$189M**

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[NAEYC Affiliate] Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC)

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**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

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<td>Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs</td>
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Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

65
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

13
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

14,796
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$19,676
Est. Annual Salary

$9.46
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$7.25
State Minimum Hourly Rate

56%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start
$642M

CCDBG
$767M

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- **460,768**
  - Number of children birth through 8 (1)
- **10%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)
- **54%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant** (4)
  - $9,945
- **4 Year Old** (5)
  - $7,646

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **11,400**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)
- **8.49%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (7)
- **30%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)

- **5,780**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)
- **77%**
  - Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)

- **29**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)
- **2,802**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

10
Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

1
Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

1,087
Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

$19,864
Est. Annual Salary

$9.55
Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$7.25
State Minimum Hourly Rate

53%
Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start

$61M

CCDBG

$91M

TANF for Child Care

$8M

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<td>(8)</td>
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### What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **5** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- **1** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- **1,082** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

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### What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** ($19M)
- **CCDBG** ($12M)
- **TANF for Child Care** ($20M)

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<td>4,883</td>
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Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

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179,497
Number of children birth through 8 (1)

27%
Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (2)

61%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce (3)

How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?

Infant (4) $8,736

4 Year Old (5) $7,644

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

8,300
Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (6)

13.96%
Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average** (7)

35%
Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings (8)

7,953
Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (9)

15,101
Number of children in state funded PreK programs* (10)

64%
Percentage of people living in a child care desert (11)

26
Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (12)

2,002
Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (13)

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- 18 Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- 4 Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- 2,323 Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- $19,801 Est. Annual Salary
- $9.52 Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- $8.75 State Minimum Hourly Rate
- 53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- Head Start: $67M
- CCDBG: $49M
- TANF for Child Care: $16M

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- **616,063**
  - Number of children birth through 8

- **16%**
  - Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

- **72%**
  - Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant**
  - $12,567

- **4 Year Old**
  - $10,197

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **16,500**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **5.16%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **14%**
  - Percentage of children receiving child care assistance who are being served in family child care settings

- **13,030**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **48,787**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **54%**
  - Percentage of people living in a child care desert

- **111**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **9,015**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- **38** Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)
- **3** Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)
- **4,131** Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes (3)

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees? (4)

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

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53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (6)

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start** (9) $130M
- **CCDBG** (10) $126M
- **TANF for Child Care** (11) $140M
- **Preschool Development Grants** (12) $9M

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- **Number of children birth through 8**: 67,737
  - *State data may vary.*

- **Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line**: 18%
  - *State data may vary.*

**How Much Are Families Paying Annually for Child Care?**

- **Infant**: $10,647
- **4 Year Old**: $9,009

**Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?**

- **Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average**: 3,000
  - *State data may vary.*

- **Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average**: 13.03%
  - *State data may vary.*

- **Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs**: 1,590
  - *State data may vary.*

- **Percentage of people living in a child care desert**: 34%
  - *State data may vary.*

- **Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs**: 36
  - *State data may vary.*

- **Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs**: 2,993
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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

- 7 Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs
- 2 Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
- 662 Number of licensed child care centers and family child care homes

Does the state provide scholarships to support early childhood educators in earning credentials and degrees?

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- $23,171 Est. Annual Salary
- $11.14 Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- $7.25 State Minimum Hourly Rate
- 53% Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits

- $15,080 Federal Minimum Wage
- $23,171 Child Care Worker Salary
- $69,700 Elementary School Teacher Salary

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- $18M Head Start
- $12M CCDBG
- $1M TANF for Child Care
- $2M Preschool Development Grants

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**288,574**

Number of children birth through 8

**64%**

Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line

**63%**

Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

**29,978**

Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

**6**

Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

**468**

Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

**34**

Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

**2**

Number of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs
How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

- **$7.25**
  - State Minimum Hourly Rate (5)

- **53%**
  - Percentage of the child care workforce receives public benefits (8)

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What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

- **Head Start (9)**
  - $302M

- **CCDBG (10)**
  - $48M

- **Preschool Development Grants (12)**
  - $5M

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