



# KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,  
their families, and  
the child care system  
that serves them

# Colorado

2007 estimated population: 4,861,515

*U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate*

2000 population: 4,301,261

*U.S. Census 2000*



## An average of 5,136 of children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

*(FY 2006 ACF-801 data, Child Care Bureau)*

## In Federal Fiscal Year 2008 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund appropriation = \$1,151,260

*(FY 2008 CCDF Allocations Based on Appropriations, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)*

## CCDF Subsidy Rates for Infants at 11 months of age (Daily Rates)

Center            \$30.20

FCC                \$23.20

Exempt           \$ 9.00

*(FY 2008 CCDF State Plans, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF) (as approved and subject to change) (for illustrative purposes only these rates highlight only the highest urban area rates)*



## 814 children served in Early Head Start, 778 ACF-Funded, 36 Non-ACF-Funded Enrollment (e.g. state or privately funded spaces)

*(2007 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment) (EHSNRC Database—October 2007)*



## 3,951 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

*(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2006)*

## 58% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

*(Child Care in America: 2008 State Fact Book, NACCRRA)*

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential: No

Quality Rating System: Operating Statewide  
*Source: NCCIC, 2008*

Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3: No

Infant/Toddler Specialist Network: Yes

## In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:5 for 6 weeks to 36 months\*; 1:7 for 24 to 36 months; 1:8 for 2.5- to 3-year-olds; 1:10 for 3- and 4-year-olds

\*Infant nurseries care for children 6 weeks to 18 months; toddler nurseries care for children 12 months (when walking independently) to 36 months.

*(State Licensing Regulations)*

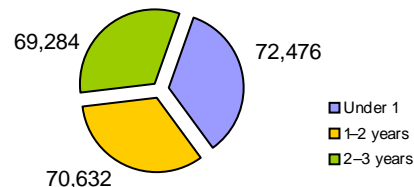
## In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:4 (with no more than 2 children under 12 months) OR 2:6 (with no more than 3 children under 12 months).

These ratios apply only to infant/toddler homes, which are defined as a type of family child care home providing care only to children birth to three.

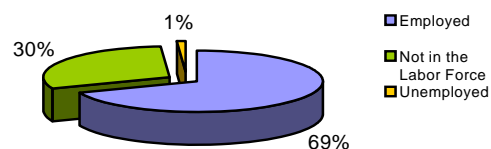
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## 212,392 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Colorado



*U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate*

## 69% of Colorado Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



*Current Population Survey, March 2001*

## Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in:

center based care.....\$10,854  
family child care home.....\$7,680

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families .....14%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 44%

*Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA*

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For more information about Colorado go to:

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