



# KEY FACTS ABOUT

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

# Louisiana

2007 estimated population: 4,293,204

*U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate*

2000 population: 4,468,976

*U.S. Census 2000*



## An average of 14,745 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 = \$2,052,754

*(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 | \$18.50 |
| FCC    | \$16.00 |
| Exempt | \$15.50 |

*(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)*



## 996 children served in Early Head Start are ACF-Funded, 0 Non-ACF-Funded Enrollment (e.g. state or privately funded spaces)

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



## 2,325 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)*

## 64% 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 Facts, NACCRRA)*

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| Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:                 | No  |
| Quality Rating System:<br><i>Source: NCCIC, 2008</i> | Operating Statewide   |
| Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:                   | Louisiana's Early Learning Guidelines and Program Standards: Birth to Three |
| Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:                   | No  |

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

1:5 for infants under 12 months; 1:7 for 1-year-olds; 1:11 for 2-year-olds; 1:13 for 3-year-olds (Class A Centers)

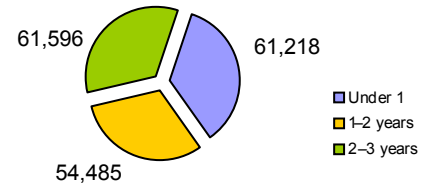
1:6 for infants under 12 months; 1:8 for 1-year-olds; 1:12 for 2-year-olds; 1:14 for 3-year-olds (Class B Centers serving ≥ 11 children)

1:10 if no more than 2 children are under age 2; 2:10 if 3 or more children are under age 2 (Class B Centers serving ≤ 10 children)  
*(State Licensing Regulations)*

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

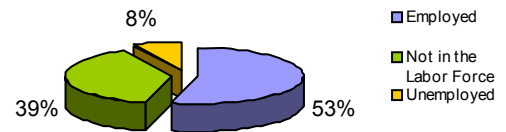
Family Child Care is not regulated

## 177,299 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Louisiana



*U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate*

## 53% of Louisiana 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.....      | \$5,096 |
| family child care home..... | \$4,247 |

**Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families ..... 8%**

**Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 31%**  
*Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA*

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For more information about Louisiana go to:

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