



# KEY FACTS ABOUT

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

# Mississippi

2007 estimated population: 2,918,785

*U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate*

2000 population: 2,844,658

*U.S. Census 2000*



**An average of 11,454 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 = \$1,557,601**  
*(FY 2008 CCDF Allocations Based on Appropriations, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)*

**CCDF Subsidy Rates for Infants at 11 months of age (Weekly Rates)**

<b>Center</b>	<b>\$78.28</b>
<b>FCC</b>	<b>\$56.65</b>
<b>Exempt</b>	<b>\$45.32</b>

*(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)*



**1,066 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)*



**1,546 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)*

**The percentage of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs for infant and toddler care for Mississippi is not available**  
*(Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA)*

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	No
Quality Rating System: <i>Source: NCCIC, 2008</i>	Exploring, Designing, or Piloting
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	No
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	No

**In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are**  
1:5 for infants under 1 year; 1:9 for 1-year-olds; 1:12 for 2-year-olds; 1:14 for 3-year-olds

*(State Licensing Regulations)*

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

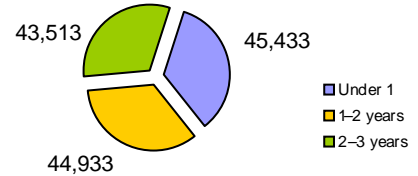
Family Child Care is not regulated.

**In Group Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are**

1:4 for infants under 1 year; 1:8 for 1-year-olds; 1:12 for 2-year-olds; 1:14 for 3-year-olds

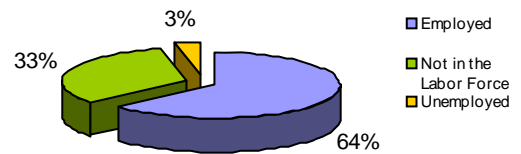
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**133,879 Children Under 3 Live in Mississippi**



*U.S. Census 2007*

**64% of Mississippi 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:**

<b>center based care.....</b>	<b>\$4,542</b>
<b>family child care home.....</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>

**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..... 28%**  
*Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA*

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For more demographic information about Mississippi go to:

<http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/statepro/display.cfm?state=Mississippi>



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