

The importance of child development, access to the basics—housing, food and clear water, health and education—and a high degree of social cohesion are increasingly recognized as the common conditions necessary to the thriving of individuals and communities.

--Paul Reed, Carleton University, Ottawa, 2000



EARLY CHILDHOOD IN MAINE

A Compilation of Statewide Data

The following pages include statewide and local data gathered to provide you with a picture of Maine families right now.

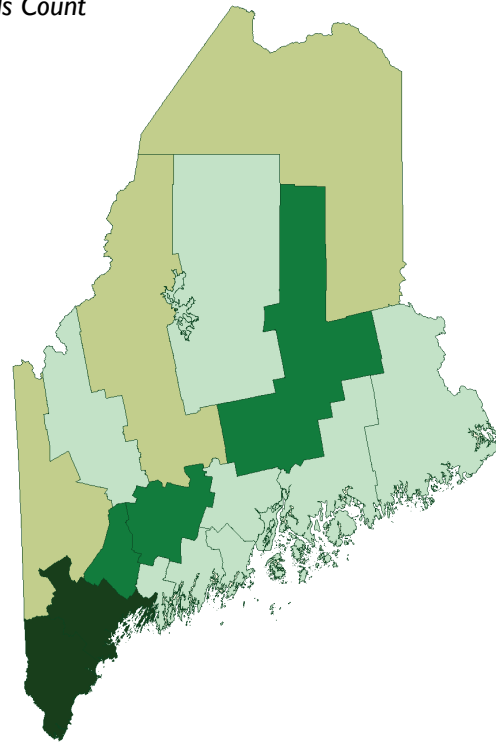
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Where Are the Children Birth to Age 5?

Statewide, there are 67,628 children in Maine under the age of five., most of whom live in the Southernmost part of the state. *Source: 2007 Maine Kids Count*

County	Total	Percent
Androscoggin	5,843	8.6%
Aroostook	3,349	5.0%
Cumberland	14,754	21.8%
Franklin	1,387	2.1%
Hancock	2,392	1.1%
Kennebec	6,057	9.0%
Knox	1,988	2.9%
Lincoln	1,571	2.3%
Oxford	2,756	4.1%
Penobscot	7,363	10.9%
Piscataquis	774	1.1%
Sagadahoc	2,101	3.1%
Somerset	2,706	4.0%
Waldo	1,990	2.9%
Washington	1,593	2.4%
York	11,004	16.3%
Statewide	67,628	
Percent Under five	24.0%	

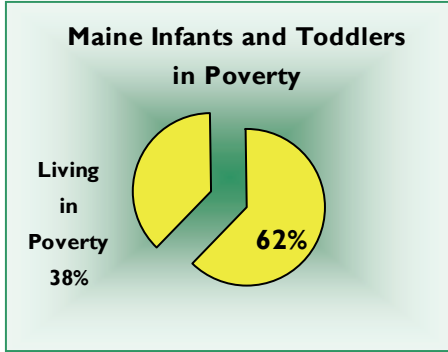


Key: Percent of Children under Age Five		
Over 16.0%		Cumberland, York
8.0%-11.0%		Androscoggin, Kennebec, Penobscot
4.0% - 5.0%		Aroostook, Oxford, Somerset
Under 3.1%		Franklin, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington

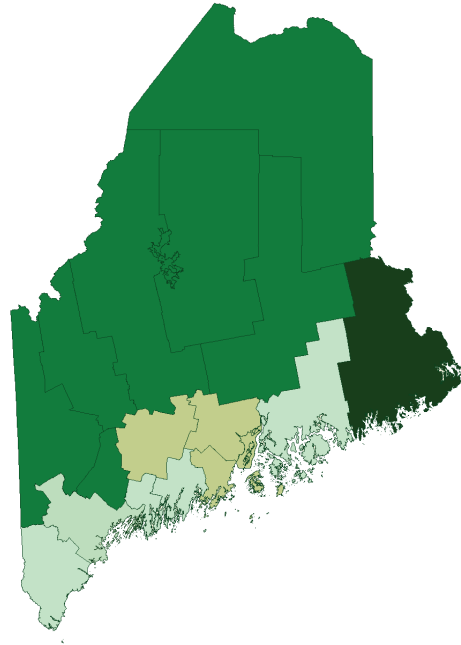
Maine's birth rate has been stable for the past five years, averaging approximately 13,500 live births each year. Total number of live births in 2006 - 14,150 (*Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, 2006 Births*)



Maine Children in Poverty



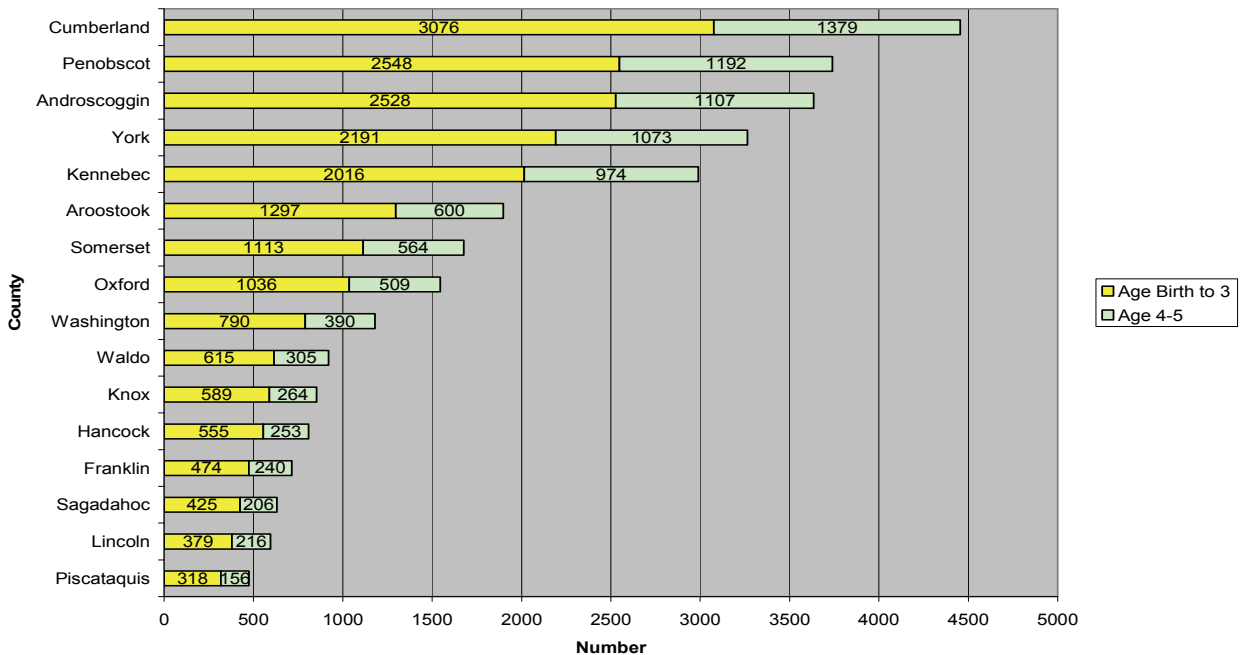
Currently, the median income of Maine families is \$41,647. 43% of children age 5 and younger in Maine live in poverty (Federal Poverty Level is \$20,450 for family of four)



Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, 2006 data, 040907 Report. Children in Families Receiving TANF, Food Stamps, or Both.

Key: Percent of Children under Age Five Living in Poverty		
Over 74.0%		Washington
50% - 74%		Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset
40% - 50%		Kennebec, Knox, Waldo
25% - 40%		Cumberland, Hancock, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, York

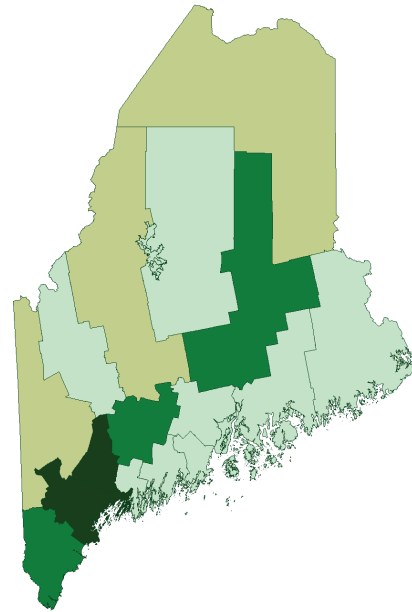
Children in Poverty: Comparison Between Infants-Toddlers and Pre-school Children





Maine Families Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

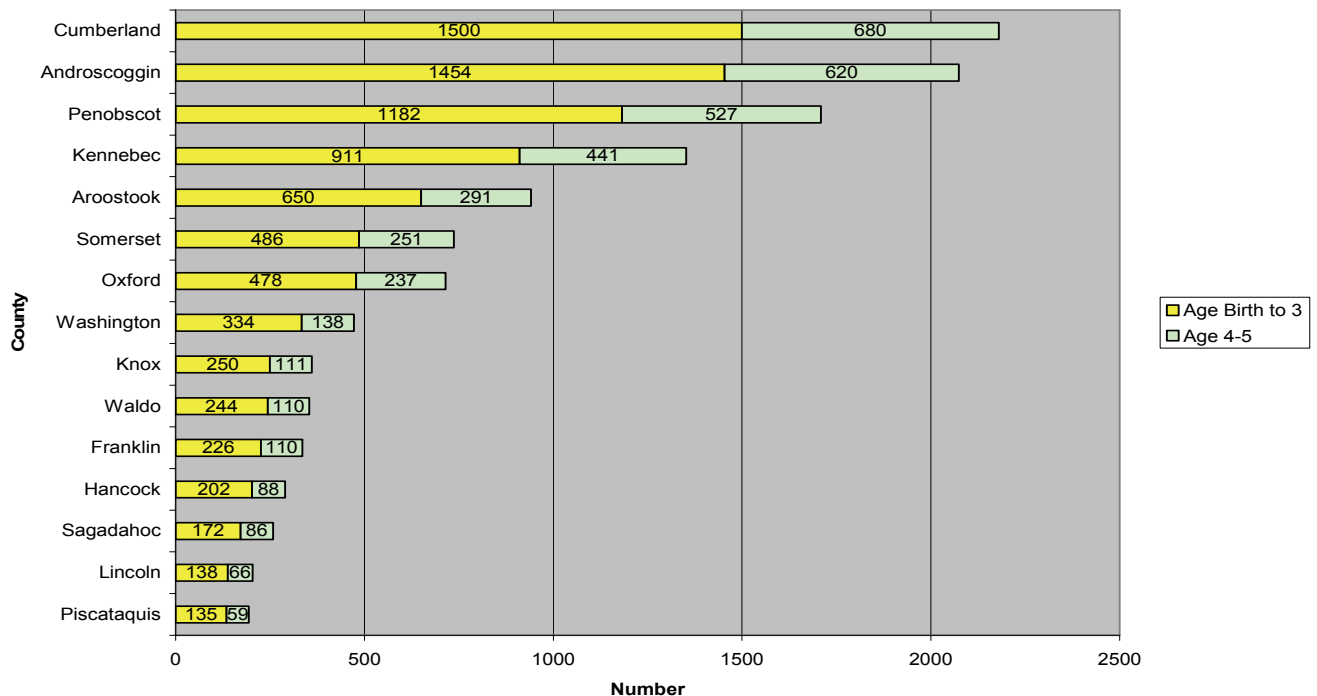
Androscoggin and Cumberland counties have the greatest proportion of children birth to age five in families receiving TANF. Statewide, there are 13,567 children under five in families receiving TANF.



Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, 2006 data, 040907 Report. Children in Families Receiving TANF, Food Stamps, or Both.

Key: Percent of Children Birth to Age 5 in Families Receiving TANF		
Over 15%		Androscoggin, Cumberland
10% - 15%		Kennebec, Penobscot, York
5% - 10%		Aroostook, Oxford, Somerset
1% - 5%		Franklin, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington

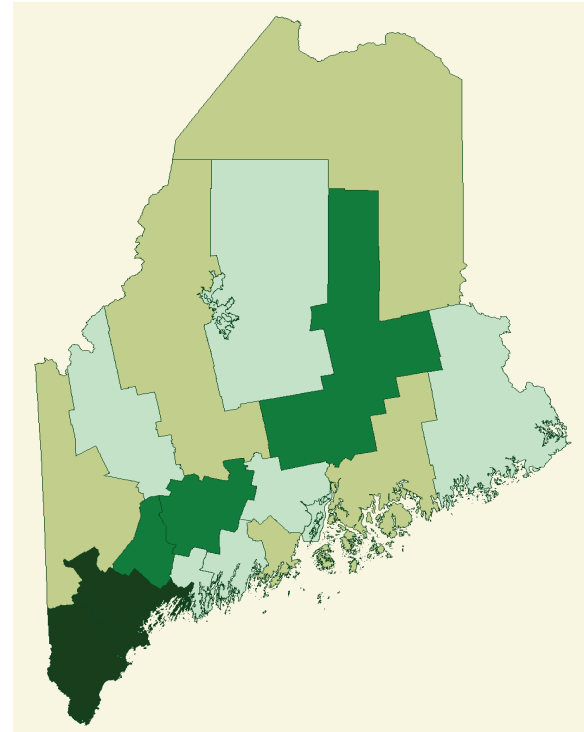
TANF: Comparison Between Infants-Toddlers and Pre-school Children





Maine's Working Families

County	# in work-force	% of jobs
Androscoggin	57,970	8.2%
Aroostook	34,609	4.9%
Cumberland	159,174	22.6%
Franklin	13,972	2.0%
Hancock	31,212	4.4%
Kennebec	63,122	9.0%
Knox	21,824	3.1%
Lincoln	19,118	2.7%
Oxford	34,609	4.9%
Penobscot	79,134	11.2%
Piscataquis	7,589	1.1%
Sagadahoc	7,589	1.1%
Somerset	25,074	3.6%
Waldo	19,194	2.7%
Washington	14,923	2.1%
York	115,106	16.3%
Statewide	704,219	



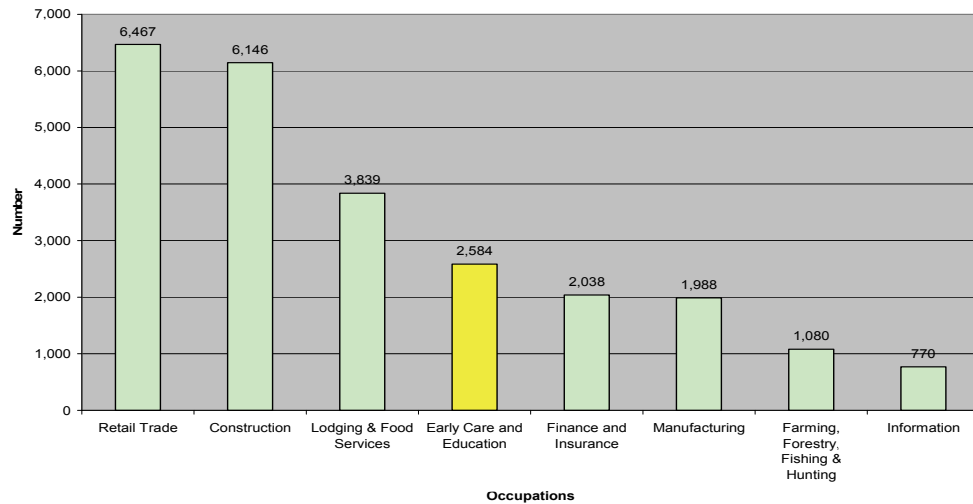
Key: Where are Mainers Working?		
Over 16.0%		Cumberland, York
8.0%-11.0%		Androscoggin, Kennebec, Penobscot
4.0% - 5.0%		Aroostook, Oxford, Somerset
Under 3.1%		Franklin, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington

The Southern and Central Maine corridor, following I-95, holds the greatest concentration of working Mainers.

Early Care and Education is the fourth largest industry in Maine, with more than 2,500 jobs.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services 2005

Kinds of Jobs in Maine: Select Major Industries





II. A Picture of Maine Families: FAMILY INDICATORS

Maine's Working Families

Maine's Median Family Income is \$41,647

(Source: 2007 Maine Kids Count)

- For single parents with one child, only 37% of jobs pay a livable wage.
- For Two parents (one earner) with one child, 30% of jobs pay a livable wage
- For single parents with two children, only 16% of jobs pay a livable wage.

Family of Three (Working Parent, Two Children)

Livable Wage to Meet Basic Needs	\$37,759
-Infant Child Care	\$ 8,320
-Preschool Child Care	\$ 6,609
40% of income for child care	\$22,830



Source for wages: Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services 2005. Source for livable wage: Maine Center for Economic Policy

Now let's factor in that one of the greatest predictors of a child's academic success is the education of the mother. 38% of Maine's young children have mothers with a high school diploma or less.

High School Education Attainment: Eighty-nine percent (89%) have graduated from high school, compared with 84% nationally and 86% in New England. Maine's attainment is the second highest in New England, with Vermont at a 90% attainment level.

Bachelor's Degree Attainment: Twenty-four percent (24%) have a bachelor's degree or higher degree, compared with 26% nationally and 31% in New England. Maine's attainment level is the lowest in New England; Massachusetts has the highest at 35%.

BOTH INCOME AND EDUCATION IN MAINE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED HEALTH ACCESS AND PREVENTION (Source Healthy Maine 2010)

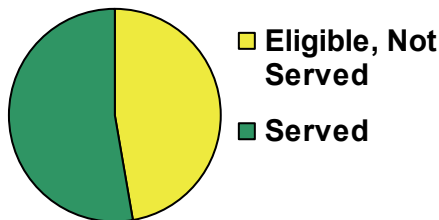


Family Economics

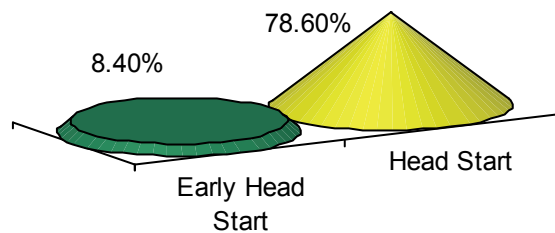
65.4% of Maine children birth to age 5 have all parents employed in the labor force. *Source: U.S. Census 2000*

- **43.0%** of Maine’s children birth to age 5 are living in poverty.
 - **67.9%** of children in poverty are infants and toddlers age birth to 3.
- Source: DHHS Report on Children in Families receiving TANF, Food Stamps, or Both, 040907 Report*

Number of Eligible Children Supported with Child Care Subsidy (n=18,826)

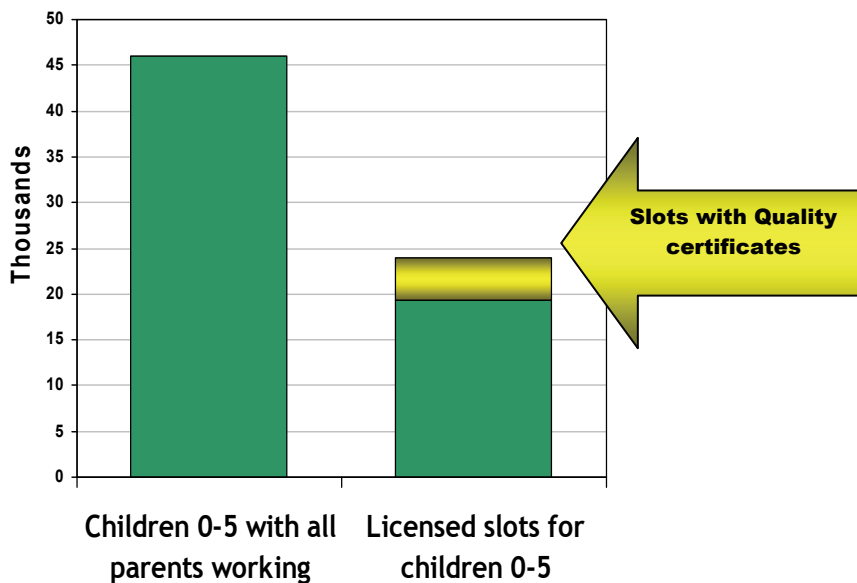


Comparison of Eligible Children Served: Early Head Start (0-3 years) and Head Start (3-5 years)



Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Early Childhood, Office of Child Care and Head Start and Bureau of Family Independence

Family Access to Quality Child Care: Critical



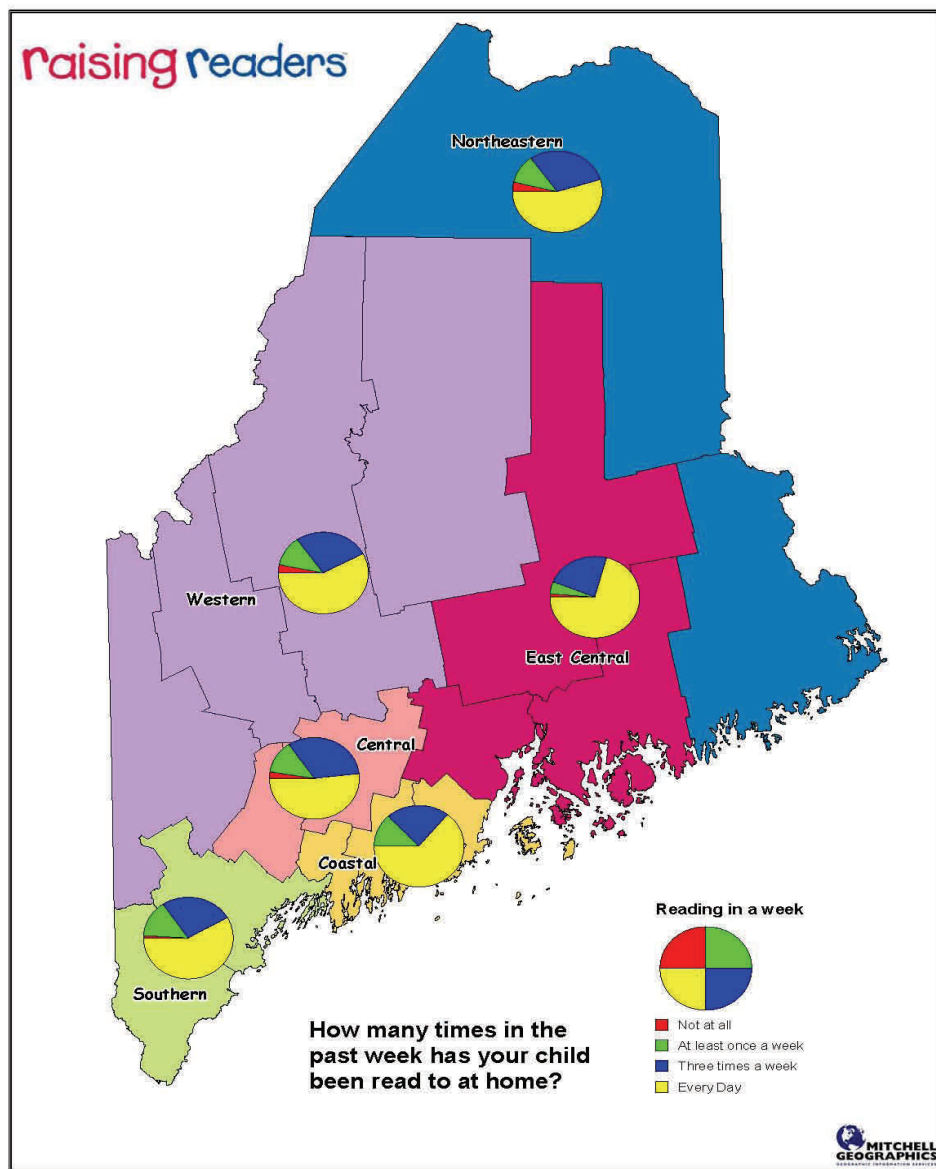


II. A Picture of Maine Families: FAMILY INDICATORS

Maine Parenting

In 2007, more than 5,000 families were served by the Maine Home Visiting Program. The Maine Home Visiting Program is available universally to any teen parent and first time family throughout the state. An effort is made to enroll women before they have given birth to help assure proper prenatal care. The program provides home-based parent education and support services on a range of topics—from child health and nutrition to caregiver behavior—to improve outcomes for associated with healthy growth and development of infants and children.

90% of enrolled families report a moderate to great increase in their confidence in their parenting skills. 92% report a moderate to great benefit to their child from participation. *Source: Hornby Zeller Associates, 2007.*

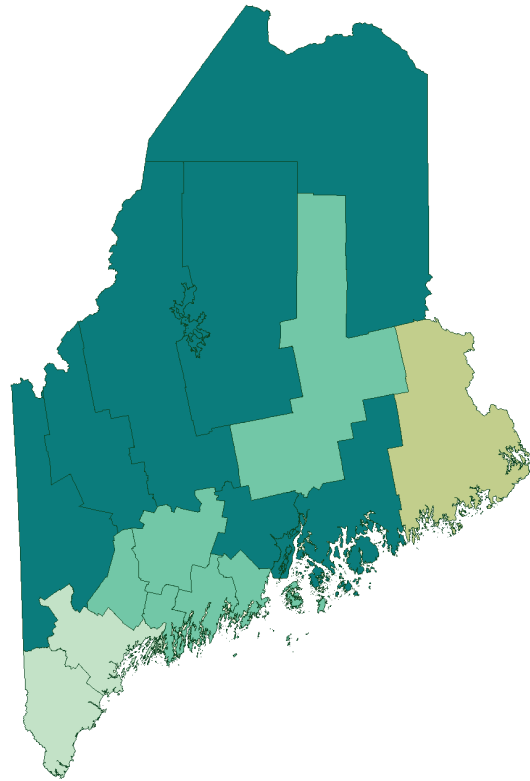




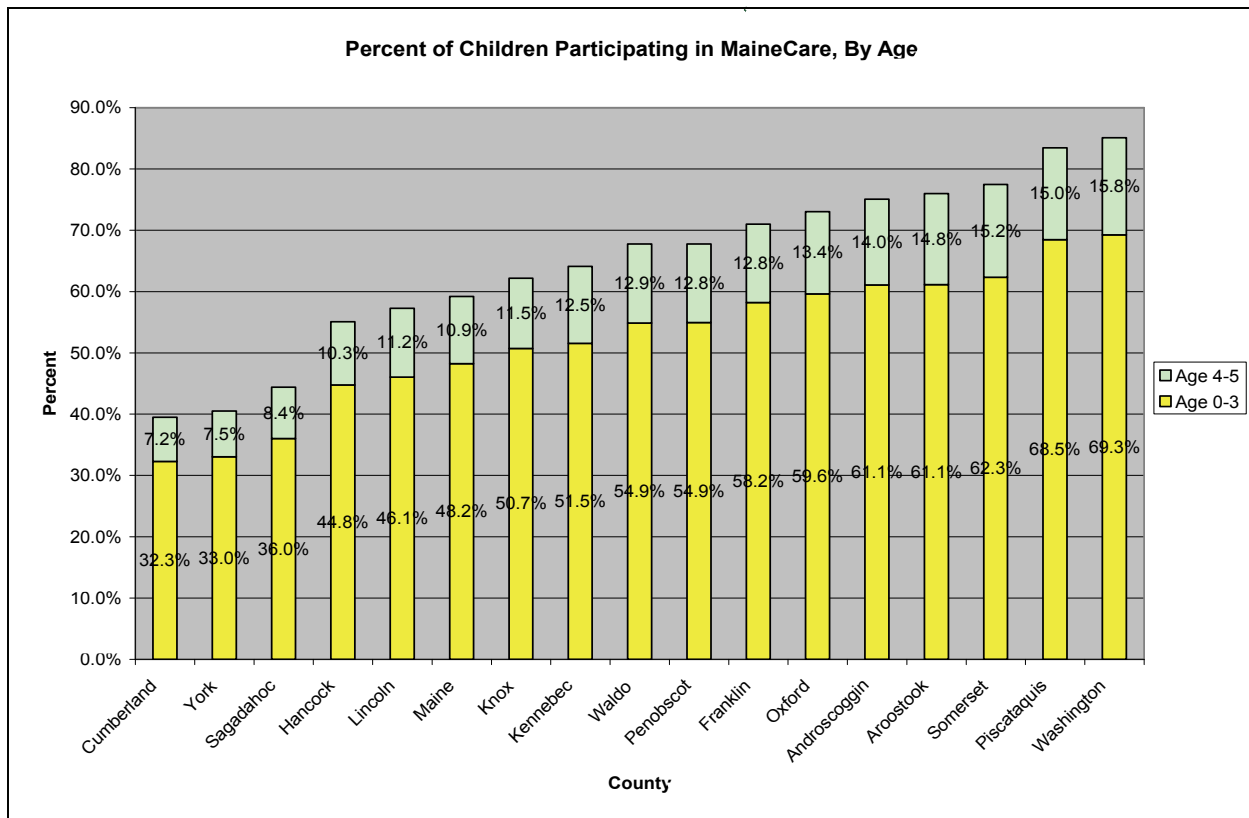
Health Insurance

Source: Maine Children’s Alliance based on US Census Bureau, Small Area Insurance Estimates Program, Released July 21, 2005

Key: Where are the uninsured children under age 18?		
Over 12%		Washington
8.0 – 12.0%		Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo
5.0-8.0%		Androscoggin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Sagadahoc
Under 5%		Cumberland, York



Total number of children participating in MaineCare statewide 38,018. Note: Percents are based on monthly averages from September 2006 to August 2007. Source: Maine Children’s Alliance from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services, Division of Policy and Performance.





III. A Picture of Maine Families: HEALTH INDICATORS

Child Health and Safety

62.3% of children by age 2 were appropriately immunized. Healthy Maine 2010 Target: 95%
Note: Immunization data is based on physicians who purchase vaccines from Maine Immunization Services. The actual percent of children appropriately immunized could be higher. *Source: Maine Immunization Program, CASA Data 2006.*

15 % of kindergarten and **17 %** of third grade children had untreated tooth decay.

11 % of kindergarten children had never been to the dentist.

Source: Maine DHHS, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program, The Oral Health of Maine's Kindergarten and Third Grade Children: Summary, Preliminary Report from the 2004 Maine Child Health Survey .

1.4% of 1 year old and **1.2%** of 2 year old children screened for lead had elevated blood lead level of $\geq 10 \mu\text{g/dl}$. Note: Only **49.8%** of 1 year old and **24.2%** of 2 year old children were screened.

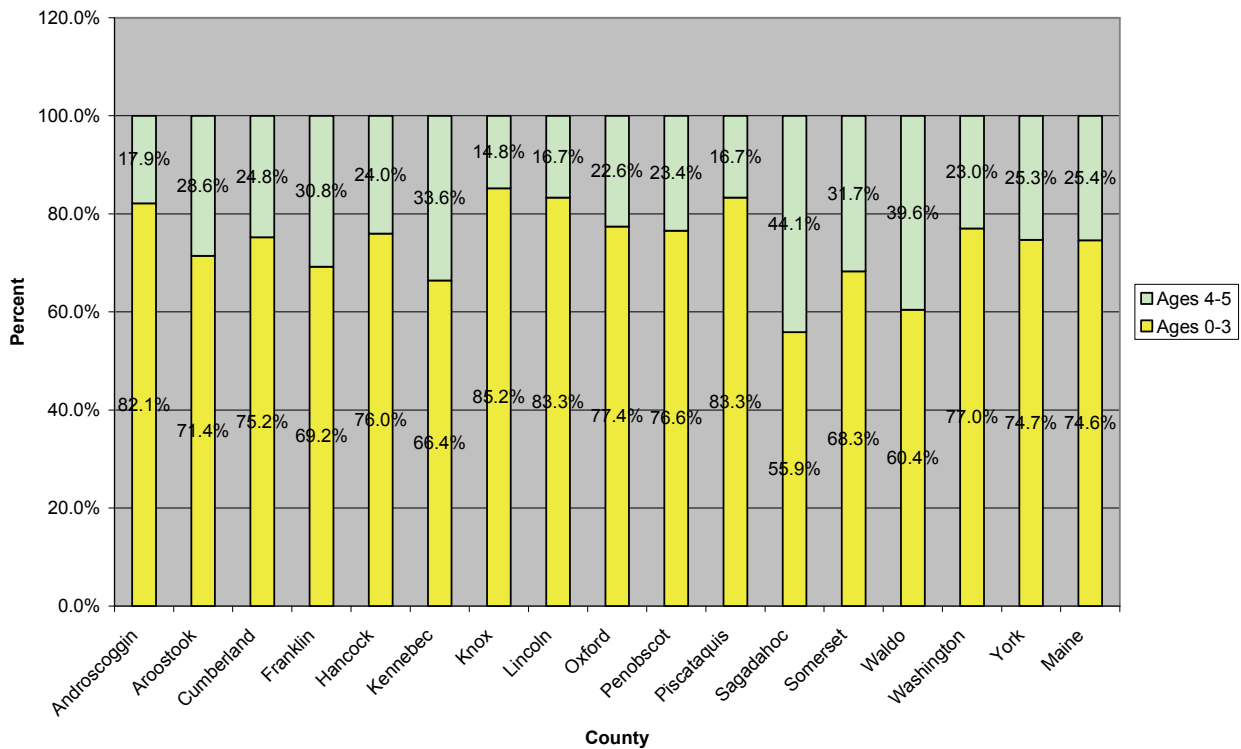
Source: Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, 2005-2006 data combined.

Child Abuse and Neglect is a Public Health Issue

2.5% of the **67,628** children birth to age 5 has been substantiated for abuse and neglect.

Total number of children birth to 5 substantiated for abuse and neglect statewide **1,669**. *Source: Maine Children's Alliance with data from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, Division of Child Welfare Services, 2006.*

Children Birth to 5 Substantiated for Abuse and Neglect, By Age





Children and Child Care

Population By Age Group	
13,848	< 1 year
13,566	1 year
13,269	2 years
13,442	3 years
13,503	4 to <5 years
67,628	

Source: Maine Children’s Alliance from the Maine DHHS, Office of

Quality child care makes it possible for families to work. How? Young children need care when their parents are working.

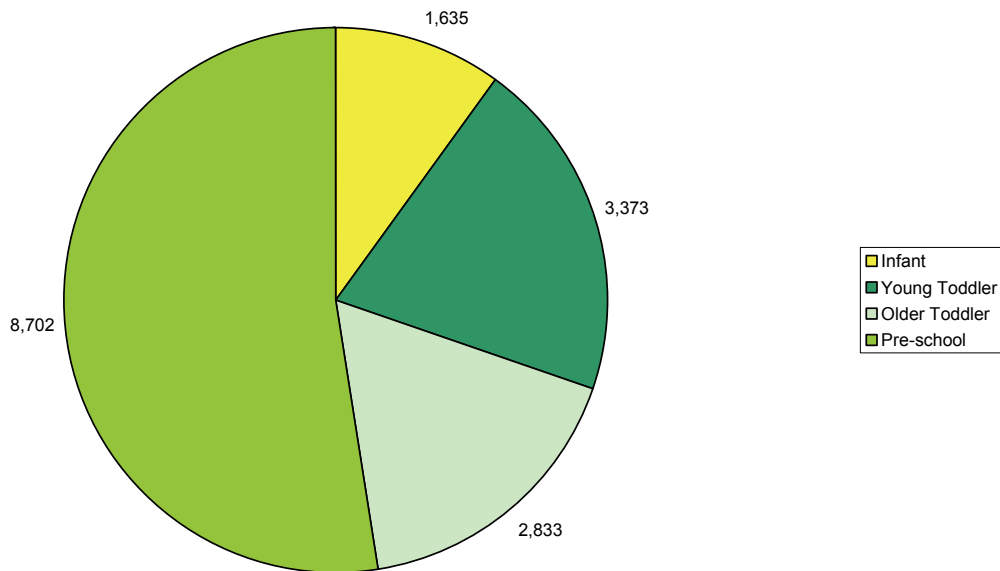
65.4% of children birth to age 5 have all parents employed in the labor force.

Source: U.S. Census 2000

For more detail on the specifics of available early care and education, quality programs and resources, please refer to the maps and transparencies in the accompanying document.

Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Early Childhood, Office of Child Care and Head Start, 2006 Market Rate Study

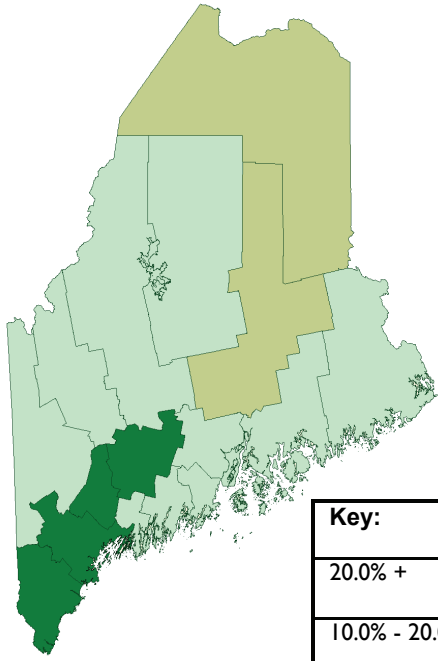
Number of Children Enrolled in Regulated Child Care, By Age





Child Care Availability

Family Child Care Center Locations

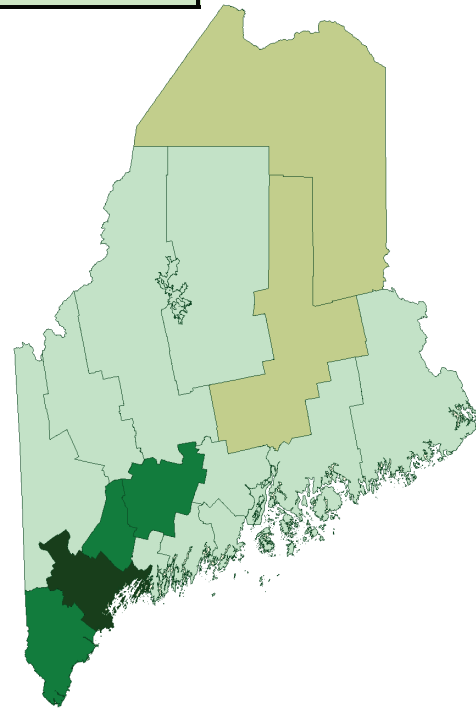


Key:	
20.0% +	
10.0% - 20.0%	
5.0% - 10.0%	
< 5.0%	

County	#	%
Androscoggin	210	13.2%
Aroostook	96	6.1%
Cumberland	305	19.2%
Franklin	52	3.3%
Hancock	49	3.1%
Kennebec	183	11.5%
Knox	38	2.4%
Lincoln	35	2.2%
Oxford	48	3.0%
Penobscot	142	9.0%
Piscataquis	18	1.1%
Sagadahoc	47	3.0%
Somerset	67	4.2%
Waldo	48	3.0%
Washington	24	1.5%
York	224	14.1%
Total	1586	100.0%

Child Care Center Locations

County	#	%
Androscoggin	277	12.0%
Aroostook	126	5.4%
Cumberland	502	21.7%
Franklin	72	3.1%
Hancock	78	3.4%
Kennebec	247	10.7%
Knox	54	2.3%
Lincoln	53	2.3%
Oxford	87	3.8%
Penobscot	206	8.9%
Piscataquis	25	1.1%
Sagadahoc	73	3.2%
Somerset	87	3.8%
Waldo	65	2.8%
Washington	40	1.7%
York	323	14.0%
Total	2315	100.00%





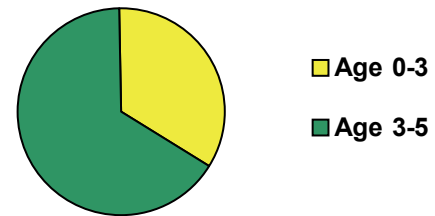
Early Care and Education Settings

- **52.6%** of the 18,826 eligible children birth to age 5 have a child care subsidy.

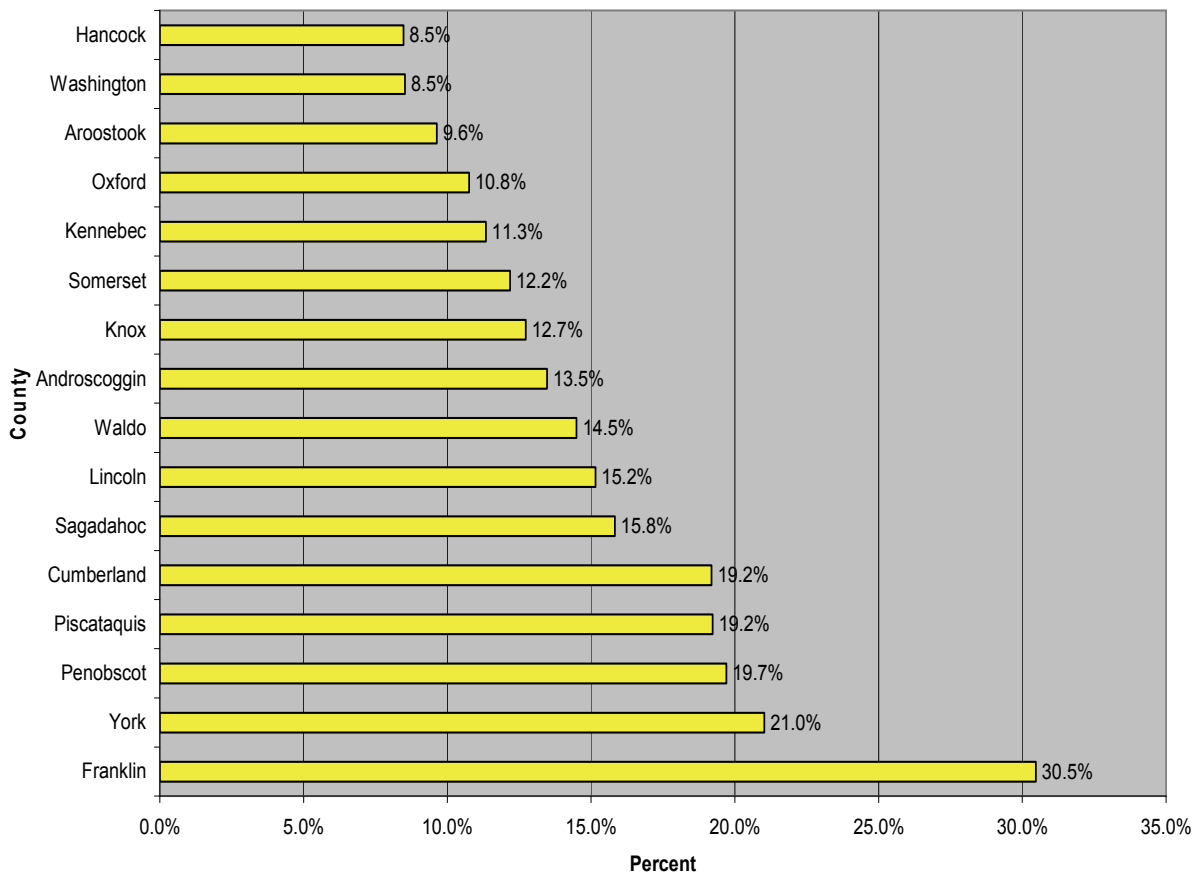
23.4% of the 9,917 children receiving a subsidy are cared for in legal unregulated settings. Source: *Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Early Childhood, Office of Child care and Head Start and Bureau of Family Independence*

Total number of providers on the Maine Roads to Quality Registry = 4,029 (637 hold a Bachelor's degree in Early Care and Education). Source: *Muskie School of Public Policy, Maine Roads to Quality Registry Report, 2007*

Age of Children with Child Care Subsidy in Legal, Unregulated Settings



Percent of Providers with a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education

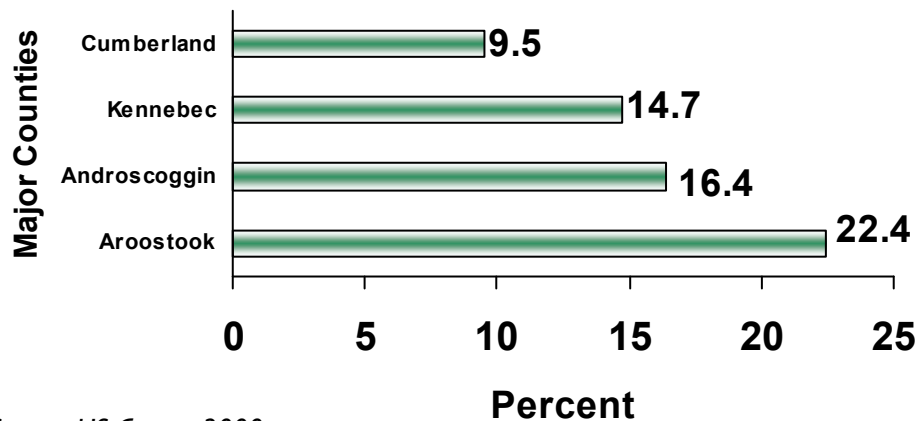




Children's Education

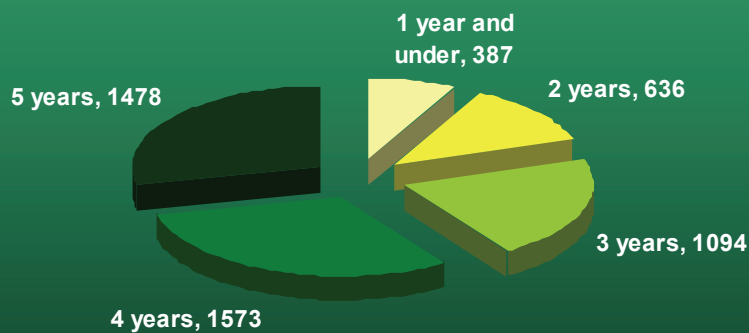
Of the 13,869 children tested during the 2006-2007 school year, only 67% met the standard for reading proficiency in the 4th Grade. *Source: Maine Department of Education, MEA 2006-2007 Results*

Percent of Children Who Have a Language Other than English Spoken at Home



Source: US Census 2000

Number of Children Enrolled in Special Education, by Age



Source: Maine Department of Education, December 1, 2006 Child Count



Reason to Invest Early: Community

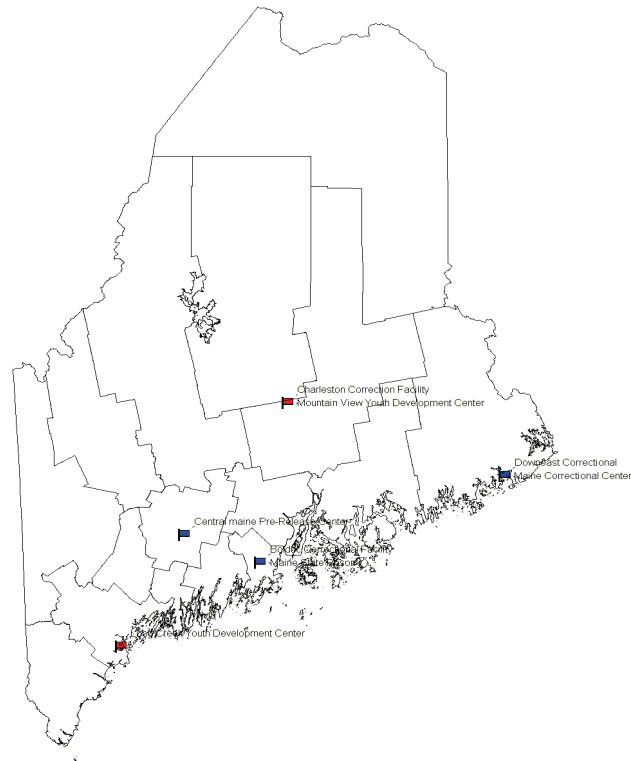
Children Who Experience High-Quality Early Care and Education Are Less Likely To:

- Experience emotional and mental health problems
- Require remedial education and/or drop out of school
- Become teen parents
- Engage in criminal behavior as teens and adults
- Abuse drugs
- Become dependent on welfare

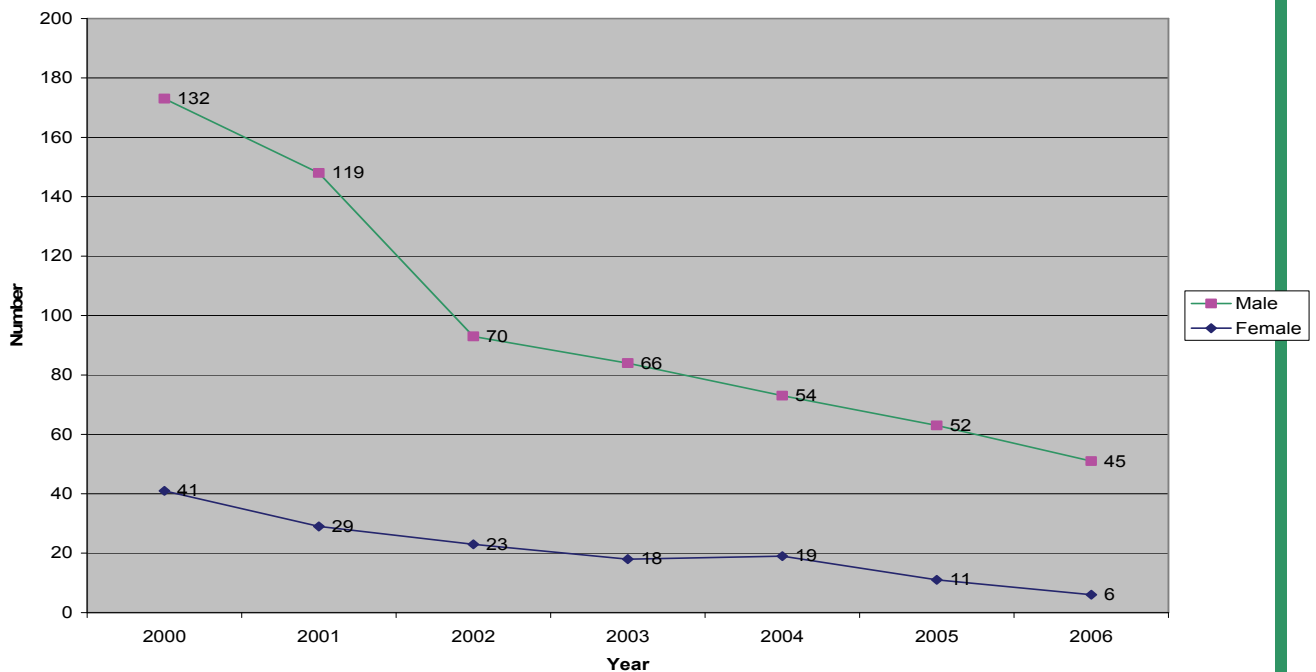
Number of Youth Detained 2006:

- 647 Long Creek, 254 Mt. View
- Between 2005 and 2006, the number of youth detained increased by 10.

Source: Maine Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Services, *Taking Measure*, January 2007



Number of Arrests of Children Under Age 10, By Gender





Reason to Invest Early:

Good Choices

Children Who Experience High-Quality Early Care and Education Are More Likely To:

- Have good physical, emotional and mental health
- Have higher self esteem
- Have greater speech and language skills
- Succeed academically and attend college
- Have higher earnings as adults
- Own their own homes
- Contribute to tax base

6.9% births in 2006 were to teen mothers. The rate of teen pregnancy has declined over the past eight years.

Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics

87.2% of the Class of 2005 graduated with a high school diploma or equivalency. 2.8% drop out rate.

Source: Maine Department of Education, 2004-2005 Public Secondary School, Class of 2005 Completion Rates

County	% of Domestic Assaults
Androscoggin	12.3%
Aroostook	4.7%
Cumberland	19.9%
Franklin	2.5%
Hancock	1.5%
Kennebec	12.1%
Knox	1.5%
Lincoln	2.3%
Oxford	4.5%
Penobscot	7.8%
Piscataquis	0.5%
Sagadahoc	1.6%
Somerset	5.5%
Waldo	2.1%
Washington	1.7%
York	19.3%
Total Number of Domestic Assaults Statewide	5,554

