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## Snapshot of Georgia's Young Children: ages 0 – 5

**There are 880,739 young children ages 0 – 5 in Georgia.<sup>1</sup>**

### Health

- 8 out of every 1,000 infants died before their first birthday<sup>2</sup>
- 63% of mothers receive prenatal care in the first trimester<sup>3</sup>
- 63% of young children have both medical and dental preventive care visits<sup>4</sup>
- 41% of young children do not have a medical home<sup>5</sup>
- 8% of young children do not have health insurance<sup>6</sup>
- 32% of young children live in a household where someone used tobacco<sup>7</sup>
- 17% of young children have special health needs<sup>8</sup>

### Education

- 27,725 young children are enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start<sup>9</sup>
- 58% of eligible young children are in the Georgia Pre-Kindergarten program (78,129 children)<sup>10</sup>
- 24% of young children are born to mothers with less than 12 years of education<sup>11</sup>
- 40% of young children ages 1 – 5 watch 2 to 3 hours of TV or videos on an average weekday<sup>12</sup>

### Safety

- 14,870 young children are abused or neglected<sup>13</sup>
- 220 young children between the ages of 1 and 5 died<sup>14</sup>

### Family and Economic Security

- 23% of young children live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level<sup>15</sup>
- 217,208 young children live in single-parent households<sup>16</sup>
- 87,742 young children live with grandparents<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>1, 14</sup> Emory School of Public Health Analysis of OASIS data, 2007

<sup>2, 3, 11</sup> Georgia Department of Community Health, OASIS, 2007

<sup>4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12</sup> National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

<sup>9</sup> Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Bright from the Start, Head Start Collaboration Office, 2008-2009

<sup>10</sup> Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Bright from the Start, 2008-2009

<sup>13</sup> Emory School of Public Health Analysis of DFCS data, 2007

<sup>15, 16, 17</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2006-2008