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Young Children and their Families in Onslow County

Did you know that...

- **22,934** children under six live in Onslow County?
- **9,402** children under six in Onslow County live in a household where the sole parent or both parents in the household are working? This number represents **41%** of all children under six.
- **23%** of children five years old or younger in the county live in a family whose income is below the federal poverty level?
- **5%** of children in Onslow County participated in the state subsidized child care program in January to help offset the high cost of child care?
- **139** children age birth to three and **454** children age three to five years old in the county had a parent or guardian who received consumer education and referrals for child care programs through one of North Carolina's Child Care Resource and Referral agencies in fiscal year 2020?
- **1** child (ages birth through 12) whose families received referrals through child care resource and referral agencies in fiscal year 2020 were given that referral in a language other than English in Onslow County?
- **2,747** children age birth to five are in licensed child care centers in Onslow County? This number includes children in NC Pre-K and Head Start/Early Head Start programs. Of these children, **938** are birth to three years old and **1,809** are children age three to five years old.
- **91** children age birth to five are in licensed family child care homes in Onslow County? Of these children, **38** children are birth to three years old and **53** children are age three to five years old.
- there was funding for **21,308** children in Head Start and Early Head Start in 2019? This number does not include Migrant and Seasonal Head Start due to its transient nature. Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive preschool program designed to meet emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs of three and four year olds. Early Head Start serves families with children ages birth to three and low-income pregnant women. Most programs in the state are licensed.
- As of Fiscal Year 2020, **453** children were served in a North Carolina Pre-K (NC Pre-K) program in Onslow County? The NC Pre-K Program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-olds. Most NC Pre-K programs are licensed.
- **2%** of children in the county were held back in kindergarten and **3%** were held back in first grade in the 2019-2020 school year.

While considering the data on this factsheet, please note that many of these data points may differ significantly from previous months or years. This may be due to the impacts of COVID-19 on both the information reported and the data collection process.