

Dawson County Best Beginnings Coalition



Our Mission

The Dawson County Best Beginnings Coalition is dedicated to fostering a strong foundation for every child by promoting early literacy, access to quality childcare, mental health resources, and family support services. Together, we empower families and communities to nurture children's potential and ensure bright futures for all

Snapshot: Dawson County

8,874

Population

452

(5.1%)

Population under 5 years old

41.3%

Children age 0-6 that can be served by licensed child care capacity

16.2%

Childhood Food Insecurity Rate

20.3

Per 1,000

Children age 0-5 in foster care

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Population by County, Population Under Age 5: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, American Community Survey 2023, 5-year estimates, Table S0101.

Children Age 0-6 That Can Be Served by Licensed Child Care Capacity: Montana Kids Count Data Center (2024). Percent of all children under age 6 that can be served by regulated child care capacity. *Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Early Childhood and Family Support Division.*

Childhood Food Insecurity Rate: Montana Kids Count Data Center (2022). Child food insecurity. *Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap.*

Children 0-5 in Foster Care: Montana Kids Count Data Center (2023). Children age birth to 5 in foster care. *Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division.*