

Best Beginnings Yellowstone County



Our Mission

Best Beginnings Yellowstone County strengthens early childhood systems of care to ensure that all children prenatally to kindergarten have the language, health, and emotional building blocks necessary for healthy brain construction.

Snapshot: Yellowstone County

1,105,072

Population

58,832

(5.3%)

Population under 5 years old

39.8%

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

15.6%

Childhood Food Insecurity Rate

42.5

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.*