

CENTRAL INDIANA EARLY CARE & EDUCATION FACTS

25%

of Indiana's children under six live in just three central Indiana counties

Marion County 969,466 people

Hamilton County 364,921 people

Hendricks County 182,534 people



1,516,921 Residents

84,787 Kids Need Care



Hamilton County

Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield

Hendricks County

Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, Plainfield

Marion County Indianapolis, Beech

Grove, Lawrence

MARION



57,714 Children Need Care 24,065 High Quality Seats

HAMILTON



18,360 Children Need Care 6,696 High Quality Seats

HENDRICKS



8.696 Children Need Care 1,793 High Quality Seats

Comprehensive, high-quality, birth-to-five early education realizes a 13% return on investment (ROI).

higher than the 7-10% ROI for preschool alone. This is through:



Special ed and academic remediation



Lifetime wages and tax base



Crime and spending on criminal iustice



Marion

Median Household Income



Cost of Care* \$13,191

Hamilton

Median Household Income



Cost of Care* \$18.425

14% of income



Median Household Income



Cost of Care* \$15,053

> 13% of income

*High-quality infant-toddler care

Brighter Futures Indiana Data Center Accessed August 21, 2023. brighterfuturesindiana.org/data-center.

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