

# Havre Region

## Child Care Profile

*Montana's child care industry contributes directly and indirectly to this region's economy. The industry not only directly supports child care jobs and the jobs of parents who rely on child care. It indirectly supports jobs created by the goods and services that child care providers procure.*

### Child Care Keeps Parents Working

Approximate number of children who can be served full-time in region <sup>1</sup> .....	436
Cost of full-time infant care per month in a child care center <sup>2</sup> .....	\$368
Maximum gross monthly income for a family of three to be eligible for child care payment assistance <sup>1</sup> .....	\$1,878
Average number of children per month receiving child care payment assistance <sup>1</sup> .....	296
Number of low income families who rely on child care payment assistance <sup>1</sup> .....	178

### Child Care Contributes to the Local Economy

Total number of child care businesses in region <sup>1</sup> .....	36
Number of workers employed in child care <sup>3</sup> .....	121
Average annual earnings of child care providers <sup>4</sup> .....	\$14,020
Child care payment assistance dollars spent last year <sup>1</sup> .....	\$403,651
Local spending generated last year by child care payment assistance <sup>5</sup> .....	\$686,206

<sup>1</sup>Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, FY03

<sup>2</sup>75<sup>th</sup> percentile of regional market rate survey, Montana DPHHS, FY02

<sup>3</sup>Estimated number of full-time caregivers, FY03

<sup>4</sup>Statewide average, U.S. Department of Labor, 2000

<sup>5</sup>Number generated from multiplier determined by Montana DPHHS, FY03