



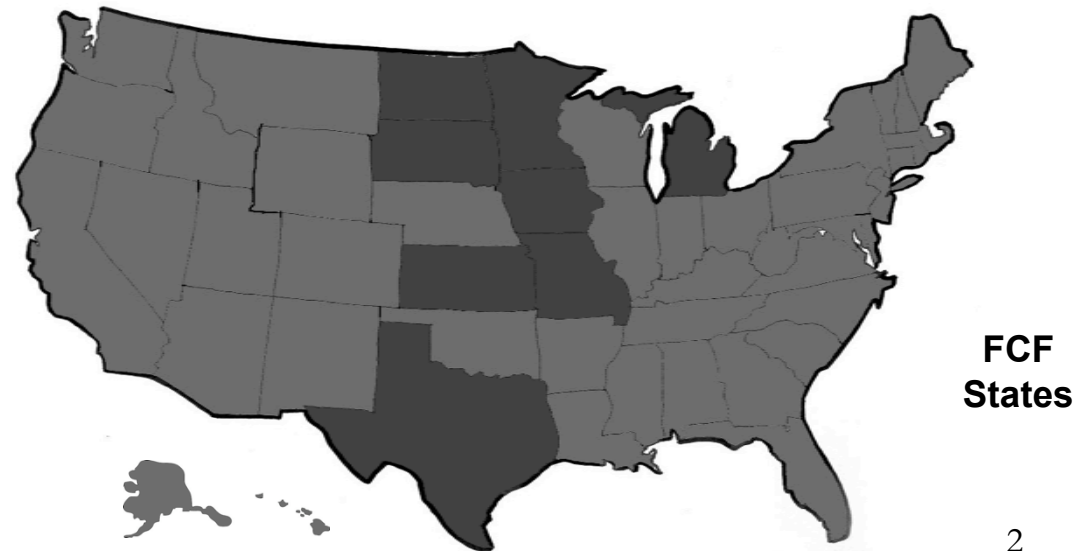
**FIRST
CHILDREN'S
FINANCE**

Overview of Early Child Care and Education in the United States of America

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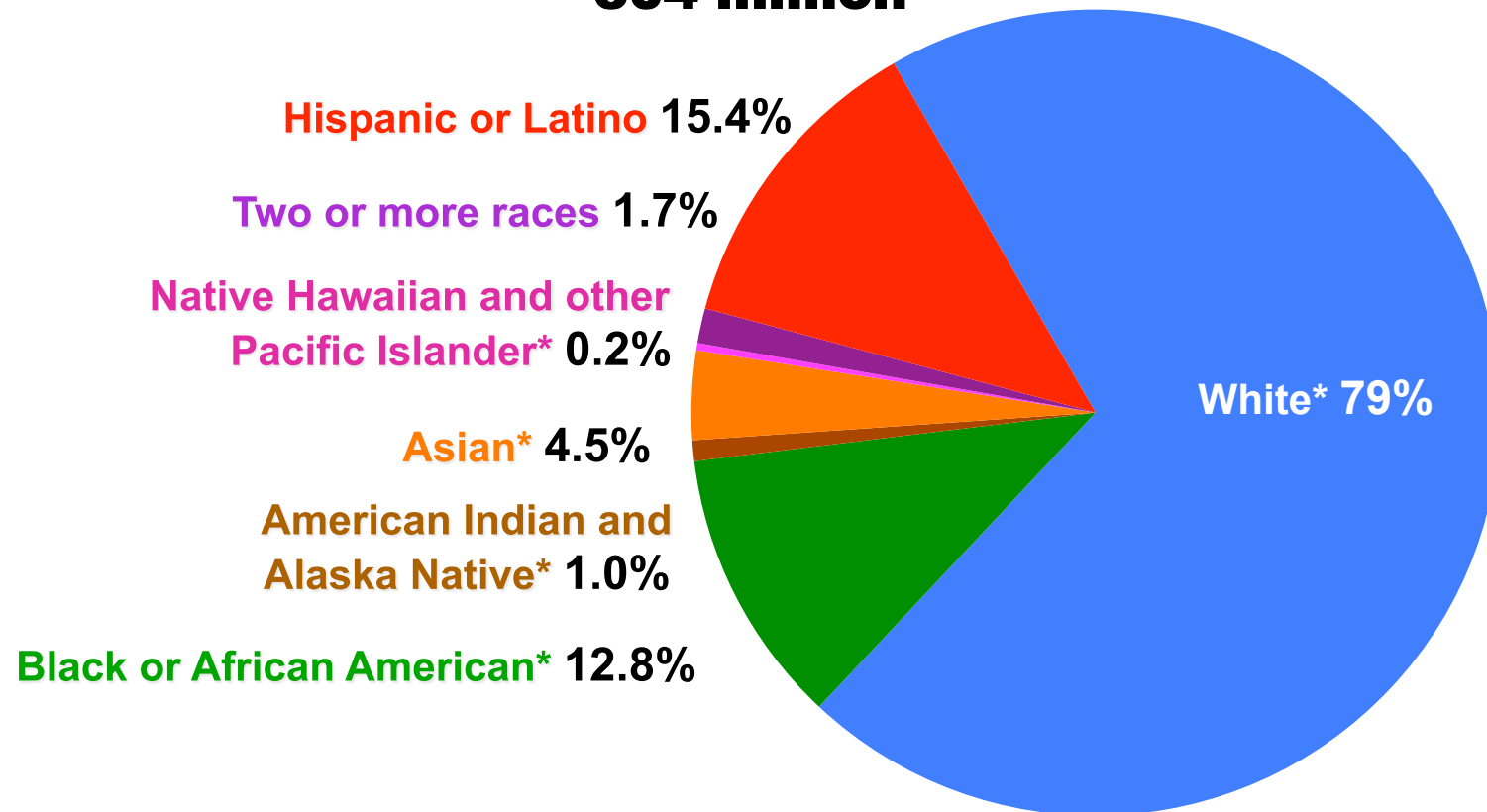
United States of America

- People in the United States 301 million
- U.S. residents in the work force 151 million
- U.S. women in the work force 72 million
- U.S. women in the work force who use child care 34 million



Races in the United States

2008 Population of the United States by Race 304 million



* Sum of five race groups adds to more than the total population because individuals may report more than one race. Data compiled by the US Census Bureau.

Demographics of Early Care and Education in the United States

20 million children are under 5.

11.3 million children under 5 have working mothers.

5 million children under 5 live in poverty.

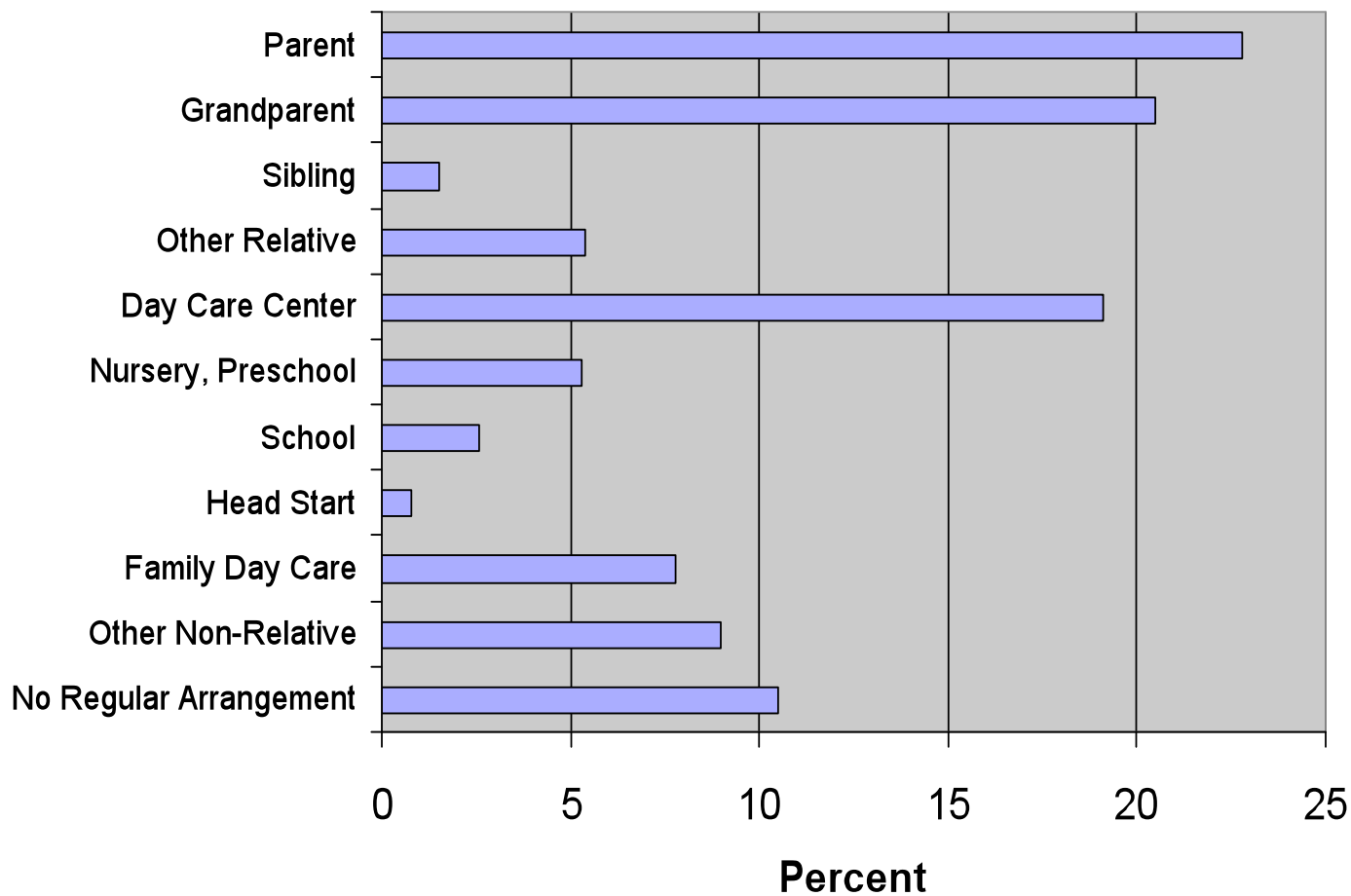
10-11 million children under 5 live in or near poverty.

1 out of every 2 children live in or near poverty.



Examples of Early Childhood Program Approaches

Primary Child Care Arrangements for Children Under 5



U.S. Census
Bureau
Survey of
Income and
Program
Participation
2006 Data
www.census.gov

Key Issues

- Children need quality child care and education.
- Early childhood programs need leaders who understand and implement quality business practices and viable business models to serve all families—including those with low incomes.
- The early childhood field needs recognition and funding from private and public sectors.
- Business and community members need to become more engaged in early childhood.
- State and national advocacy needs to address the supply of quality early care and education.