



Maryland Child Care Resource Network

Child Care Demographics

2021

Harford County Report

Harford County is part of the Baltimore metropolitan area located on I-95 in the heart of the Mid-Atlantic. This strategic location offers proximity to premier research institutions such as the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground's (APG) six Centers of Excellence and 3D/Prototyping with Federal labs in NE Maryland. The county's location, logistics, diverse industry sectors, excellent quality of life and business-friendly environment make it one of the most desirable business locations on the East Coast.¹

Growth at APG has added more than 160 defense contractors, continuing Harford's tradition of excellence as a national technology and R&D center.¹ Harford's 5,800 businesses employ almost 72,000 workers.² At least 93 of these businesses employ over 100 people.³ Major employers include Arc, Rite Aid Customer Support Center, and the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center.³

1. <http://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/ResearchDocument/AlleganyBef.pdf> Source: Maryland Department of Commerce, Brief Economic Facts, 2019.
2. https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/table_maker/v4/table_maker.htm?type=1&year=2020&qtr=1&own=5&ind=10&supp=0 Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, March 2020.
3. <https://www.dlrr.state.md.us/lmi/emplists/> Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Major Employers List- Workforce Information & Performance, 2019

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Child Population 2010

Age Group	Number in age group
0-1	5,707
2-4	9,275
5-9	16,345
10-11	7,209
Total	38,536

Source: Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), 2010 Census Summary File 1.

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Harford is \$95,410⁶. A family of four that included a couple and two children ages 0-23 months and 2-4 years can be expected to have the following yearly household expenses:

Expense	Cost	% of Income
Child Care		
Infant ¹	\$10,220	
Preschooler ²	\$11,870	
Food ³	\$11,219	11.8%
Housing ⁴	\$22,992	24.1%
Taxes ⁵	\$22,413	23.5%
Total	\$78,714	82.5%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2020).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2020). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2020), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2010 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2020), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2020). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2020. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Harford County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$196.54	\$329.05
2-4 years	\$173.62	\$228.27
5 years ¹	\$164.93	\$222.18
School Age Full ²	\$147.92	\$201.60
School Age B/A ³	\$95.90	\$150.86

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/20.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

Number of Harford Children under 12 with Mothers in the Work Force¹

33,872 – 79.3%² of total 2020 child population under 12 (42,714).

¹ Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care. ² Percent based on 2010 census data. Total population number based on GeoLytics, Inc. report, 2020.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2000		2010	
	Harford	Maryland	Harford	Maryland
0-3 years	9,196	209,218	8,719	217,560
3-4 years	6,580	144,175	6,263	146,928
5 years	3,362	74,546	3,127	72,700
6-9 years	14,114	316,772	13,218	294,168
10-11 years	7,429	162,481	7,209	151,023
Total	40,681	907,192	38,536	882,379

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2000	2010
20-24	4,999	6,704
25-29	6,403	7,125
30-34	8,518	7,143
Total	19,920	20,972

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Harford	Maryland
2010		
Female	64,930	1,570,193
Male	70,224	1,623,215
2000		
Female	54,582	1,351,034
Male	62,399	1,418,491
Change		
Female	19.0% (+)	16.2% (+)
Male	12.5% (+)	14.4% (+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010 American Community Survey (ACS).

Females (16+) with Children

Age Group	2000	2010	Change
Total females (16+) with children under 6	6,810	17,084	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children under 6 in the work force	4,619	N/A*	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children 6-17	17,259	39,973	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children 6-17 in the work force	13,873	N/A*	N/A*

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.

* Comparable data not available for 2010 census.

Total Population

	Harford	Maryland
2010	244,826	5,773,552
2000	218,590	5,296,486
1995	209,102	5,046,079
1990	182,132	4,780,753
1980	145,930	4,216,975

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010, 2000, 1990, 1980.

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2000	2010
20-24	4,912	7,202
25-29	5,892	7,183
30-34	7,872	6,755
Total	18,676	21,140

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

Households

	2000	2010
Total household population	217,028	242,083
Total # of households	79,667	90,218
Average household size	2.72	2.68

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2000	%	2010	%	%Change
All Families	60,403	100%	66,335	100%	9.8%(+)
Families Below Poverty Level	2,172	3.6%	2,653	4.0%	22.1%(+)
All Families w/Children Under 6**	6,967	N/A*	6,300	100%	N/A*
Families w/Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	896	N/A*	N/A*	3.2%	N/A*
All Families w/Children Under 18	30,836	100%	29,948	100%	2.9%(-)
Families w/Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,683	5.5%	2,306	7.7%	37.0%(+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.

*Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

Educational Attainment

	Harford	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs	Maryland	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs
High School Grad or Higher	151,554	92.2%	3,410,847	88.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	52,084	31.7%	1,396,843	36.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.

Children and Poverty

	2000	%	2010	%	%Change
Total Related Children Under 18	56,713	100%	54,487	100%	3.9%(-)
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,722	6.6%	5,776	10.6%	55.2%(+)
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,136	7.9%	N/A*	13.3%	N/A*
Total Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,586	6.1%	N/A*	9.7%	N/A*

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.

*Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

Families

Harford

	Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
2000	60,403	6,967	30,836
2010	66,335	7,235	32,608
Change	9.8%(+)	3.8%(+)	5.7%(+)

Maryland

	Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
2000	1,359,318	150,011	662,172
2010	1,447,002	170,870	728,045
Change	6.5%(+)	13.9%(+)	9.9%(+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Harford County)	\$67,554
Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD)	\$73,444
Nonpublic School teacher Average (Maryland)	\$58,602
Family Child Care Provider (Maryland)	\$40,375
Child Care Center Director (Maryland)	\$41,168
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland)	\$26,054
Center Aide (Maryland)	\$18,183

Sources: MSDE, Jan 2020, Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), 2019-20 school year, and MFN's 2020 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income, 2010 Census

Harford	\$82,871
Maryland	\$83,137

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010 American Community Survey ACS.

Median Household Income¹:

Harford	\$83,652
Maryland	\$72,462

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Harford	Maryland
under \$25,000	12.8%	13.6%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	15.3%	16.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	15.4%	16.0%
\$75,000 +	56.4%	53.9%

Source: ¹GeoLytics, Inc. report, 2020. U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Data is not directly comparable to 2010 or earlier reports.

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Unemployment Rate

	Harford	Maryland
2000	3.2%	3.4%
2001	3.5%	4.0%
2002	3.7%	3.9%
2003	4.1%	4.1%
2004	3.9%	3.9%
2005	3.5%	3.9%
2006	3.3%	3.7%
2007	3.5%	3.6%
2008	4.1%	4.5%
2009	7.1%	7.1%
2010	7.1%	7.3%
2011	7.1%	7.2%
2012	6.6%	6.5%
2013	6.1%	6.2%
2014	5.4%	5.6%
2015	4.9%	5.0%
2016	4.5%	4.5%
2017	4.0%	4.3%
2018	4.1%	4.5%
2019	3.7%	3.9%
2020	7.2%	8.3%

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) 6/2020.

Housing Information

	Harford	Maryland
Owner-Occupied housing	70,263 (78%)	1,426,267 (67%)
Renter-Occupied housing	19,317 (22%)	701,172 (33%)

Note: Percentage is based on total occupied housing units.

	Harford	Maryland
Mean value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$286,400	\$301,400
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs With a Mortgage	\$1,916	\$2,016
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,003	\$1,131

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census 2010 ACS.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/
Enrollment

	# of Programs	Open on 6/30/2020 ²	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	241	204	1,892
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	95	N/A	6,713
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	47	35	4,218
Infant/Toddler	30	26	568
Part-Day	17	10	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	67	30	5,021
Employer-Sponsored Centers	2	1	192
Youth Camps	15	0	N/A
Nursery Schools	21	9	N/A
Private Kindergarten	4	2	N/A
**Head Start	4	1	232
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	20	0	N/A

¹Capacity total refers to capacity prior to COVID-19 restrictions. Capacity during COVID-19 restrictions is not available.

²Reflects the number of providers that were open as of June 30, 2020 during COVID-19 restrictions.

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/20; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs
by Community/Zip Code

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Harford as of June 30, 2020.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
Aberdeen 21001	24	10.0	4	8.5
Abingdon 21009	49	20.3	4	8.5
Bel Air 21014	27	11.2	5	10.6
Bel Air 21015	29	12.0	6	12.8
Belcamp 21017	16	6.6	2	4.3
Churchville 21028	2	0.8	2	4.3
Edgewood 21040	32	13.3	4	8.5
Fallston 21047	7	2.9	4	8.5
Forest Hill 21050	20	8.3	8	17.0
Havre de Grace 21078	9	3.7	3	6.4
Jarrettsville 21084	4	1.7	1	2.1
Joppa 21085	20	8.3	2	4.3
Kingsville 21087	1	0.4	0	0.0
Pylesville 21132	1	0.4	0	0.0
Street 21154	0	0.0	1	2.1
Whiteford 21160	0	0.0	1	2.1
Totals	241	100.0%	47	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/20. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	33	2
Middle Schools	9	0
Combined	0	11

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	1,014	1,653
Kindergarten	2,811	206
Grades 1 - 6	17,155	1,042
Total	20,980	2,901

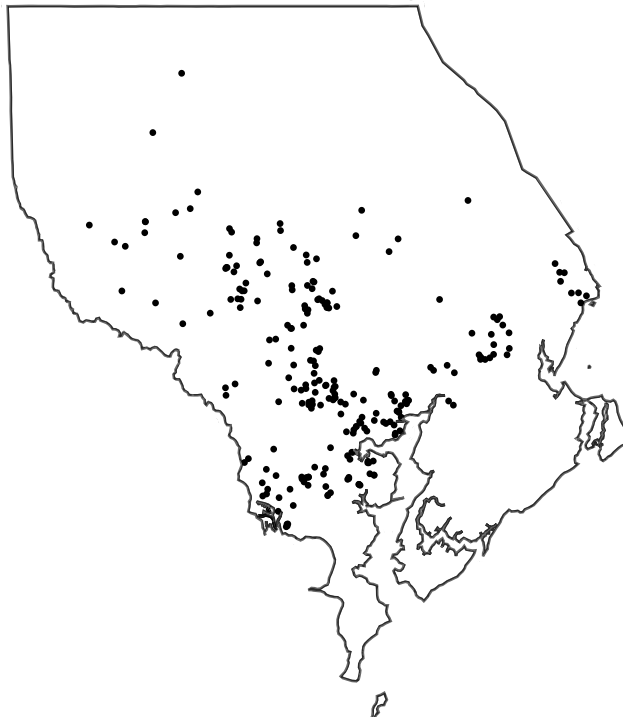
Source: MSDE, 2019-20 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2019. Private schools include MSDE approved schools and those operated by a tax-exempt religious organization which hold a letter of exemption from approval in accordance with State law.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE. *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Supply of Regulated Child Care

Density of Regulated Family Child Care Homes in Harford County

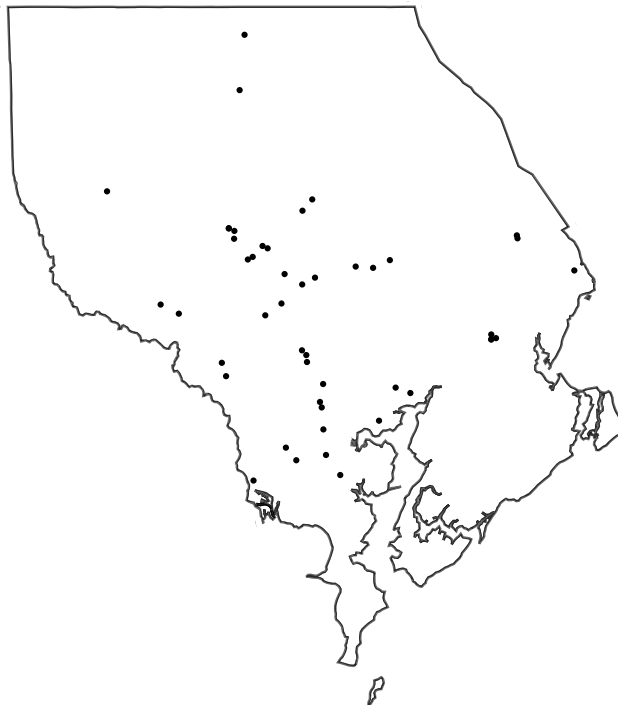
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/20.

Density of Licensed 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers in Harford County

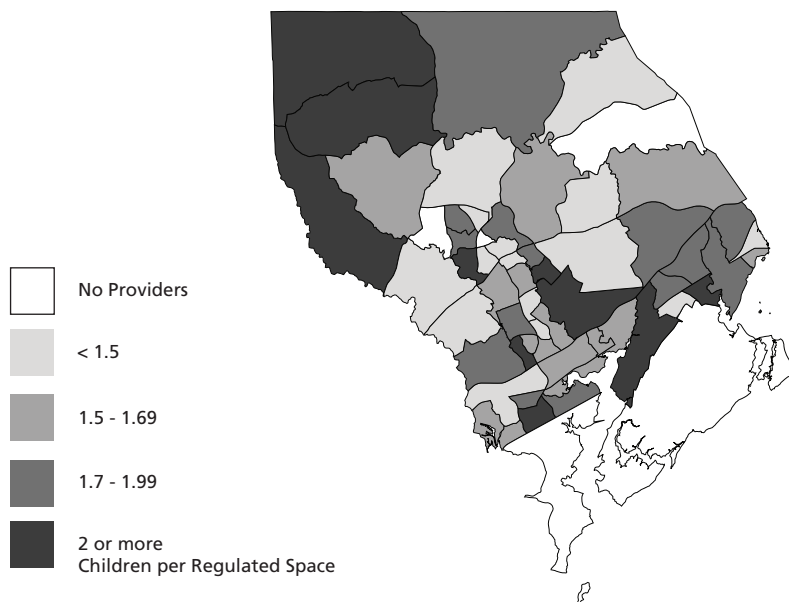
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Supply of Regulated Child Care

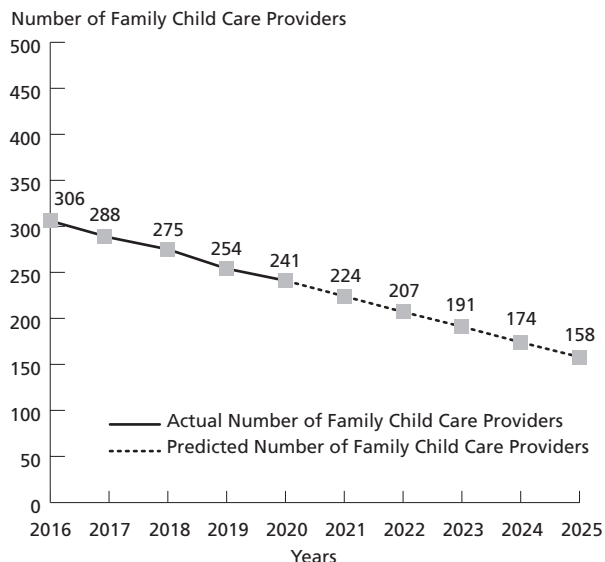
Number of Children 0-5 Years Per Regulated Child Care Space by Census Tract



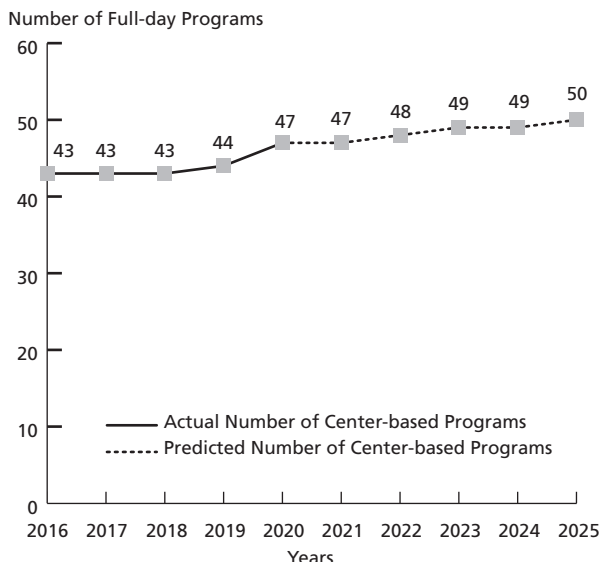
This map is based on census tracts defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. It does not accurately delineate land/water boundaries in some census tracts. Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010. MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/20.

Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Harford 2016-2025



Center-based Programs in Harford 2016-2025 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

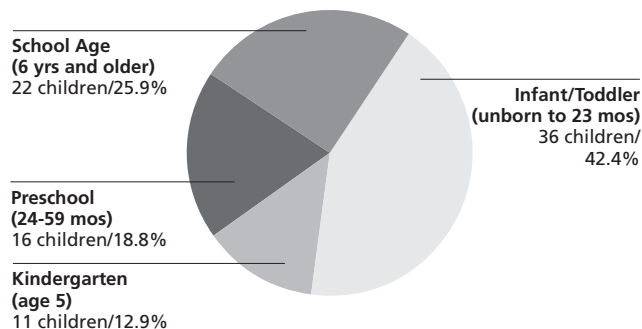


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care. Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/20.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

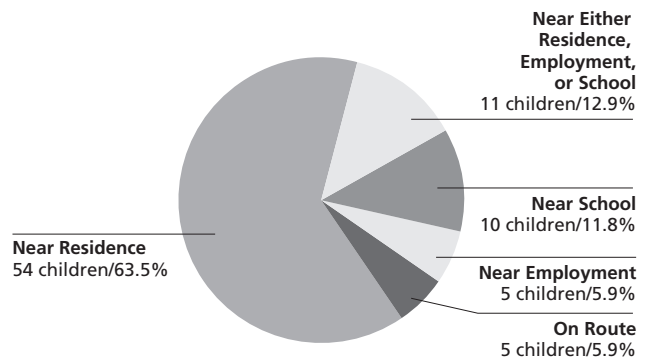
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

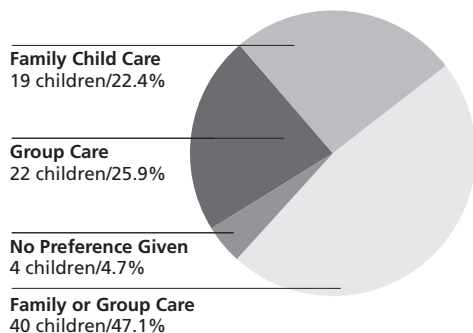
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

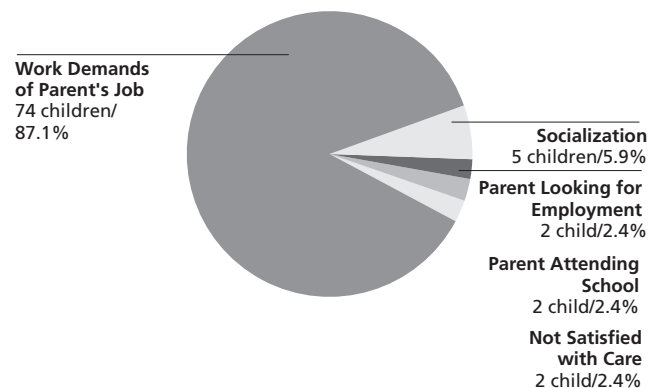
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=85



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
85 children (7/1/19-6/30/20)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=85

Full-time: 49 children (57.6%)

Part-time: 23 children (27.1%)

Other*: 13 children (15.3%)

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
16 (18.8% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
18 (21.2% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in Harford County

Factor	Count
Educational program	15
Environment	12
Proximity to home, school, work	8
Caregiver	7
Cost	5
Only program/provider with vacancy	2
Transportation	2
Hours of operation/part time	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Harford County
52 (21.6% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Harford County
26 (55.3% of total child care centers)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2020.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Harford County FY20 Allocation (estimated)
\$4,140,063 = 614 full-time children

Additional Expenditures due to COVID-19 (actual)
\$5,934,726 = April, May & June 2020 aggregate

Source: Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs
142 (58.9% of total family child care providers in Harford)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
32 (68.1% of total child care centers in Harford)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19- 6/30/20).

Definitions

Before/After-School Care: School-Age child care offers care to children enrolled in Kindergarten or above. Care is provided before and/or after school and during school holidays/vacations. Programs are licensed by the Office of Child Care. Programs may operate from a school building or other licensed facility.

Census of Population and Housing: There are two versions of the Census questionnaire: a short form which asks a limited number of population and housing questions of all households, and a long form questionnaire which asks additional social and economic questions of a sample of all households. The user should note that data obtained from a sample are subject to sampling variability, and that there are limitations to many of these data.

Child Care: The care or supervision of a child when the child's parent has given the child's care over to another for some portion of a 24-hour-day as a supplement to the parent's primary care of the child. (OCC)

Child Care Center: Child care provided in a facility that, for part or all of the day, provides care to children in the absence of the parent. Centers are licensed by the Office of Child Care.

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*: Provides financial assistance to eligible families in securing care for their children in registered family child care homes or licensed child care centers while parents/guardians are attending school, working, or in job training.

Children with Special Needs: Children who, because of a disability or other special educational, developmental, physical, emotional, behavioral, or medical condition, require additional care, or whose activities are restricted by a certain condition. (OCC)

Current Median Family Income: Current median family income is the value shown in a Geolytics report dated July 2020.

Current Population Estimates: Current population estimates are based on GeoLytics, Inc. Reports.

Educational Attainment: The highest level of school completed or the highest degree received. Educational attainment figures were used for persons over 25 years of age. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Employer-Sponsored Centers: A child care center located on-site or off-site which is sponsored by a corporation, business, or other employer. Employees are given priority for enrollment slots.

Family Child Care: The care given to a child younger than 13 years old or to a developmentally disabled person younger than 21 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Regulations allow a family child care provider to care for as many as eight children at any time. (OCC)

Family Household Income: Family includes a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Head Start: Project Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for children from low-income families. Head Start is comprised of four components including Education, Health, Parent Involvement, and Social Services. Head Start Centers serve children from age 3 to school entry age from income eligible families.

Infant/Toddler: In the State of Maryland, "infant" means a child under 18 months old. "Toddler" means a child 18 months old or older but younger than 2 years old. (OCC) MFN reports "infant" as a child birth through 23 months of age.

Kindergarten: An instructional program for children who are 5 years old by September 1st of each academic year. Programs may be operated by a private or public school. Kindergarten is the year of school which precedes entrance to first grade.

Nursery Schools: An instructional program approved or exempted by the Maryland State Department of Education for children who are two through four years old. The maximum length of the program is 6 hours per day, however most operate only a few hours per day and may meet only two or three times per week for a nine month period.

Owner Costs with Mortgage (Selected Monthly): The sum of payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities; and fuels. It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fees or mobile home costs. A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Definitions

Part Day: A program regulated by OCC with an educational focus for children one or two years before entering kindergarten. These programs are usually 2-3 hrs/day, 2-3 days/week, nine months/year.

Pre-Kindergarten: These are publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs for eligible 4-year-old children administered by local boards of education or qualified vendors. The programs have the overall goal of providing learning experiences to help children develop and maintain school readiness skills necessary for successful school performance. Local school systems shall enroll all 4-year-old applicants from economically disadvantaged or homeless families.

Poverty Level: The poverty guideline for a family of four persons was \$26,200 in 2020. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, JAN 2020)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Youth Camps (Licensed): A day camp, residential camp, travel camp, or trip camp licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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