

Maryland Child Care Resource Network

# Child Care Demographics

2021

# Prince George's County Report

Prince George's County wraps around the eastern boundary of Washington, D.C. and offers urban, suburban and rural settings. The region is served by three international airports and the Port of Baltimore. Prince George's County has significant federal facilities, such as Joint Base Andrews, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, FDA, NOAA, and USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the world's largest agricultural research complex. Academic facilities include the University of Maryland College Park, the state's flagship public university, and other major institutions.<sup>1</sup>

Prince George's County's nearly 16,000 businesses employ over 225,000 people.<sup>2</sup> Over 300 of those businesses have 100 or more workers.<sup>3</sup> Major employers include Crosby Corp, Laurel Regional Hospital, Med Star Southern MD Hospital Center, Orndorff & Spaid Inc, and the University of Maryland.<sup>3</sup>

- http://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/ResearchDocument/AlleganyBef.pdf Source: Maryland Department of Commerce, Brief Economic Facts, 2019.
- https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/table\_maker/v4/table\_maker.htm#type=18year=2020&qt r=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.dllr.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	23,606
2-4	34,958
5-9	54,482
10-11	21,973
Total	135,019

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 Prince George's is \$89,422°. 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:

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Expense		Cost	% of Income
Child Care Infant¹ Preschooler²	\$11,536 \$10,623	\$22,159	24.8%
Food <sup>3</sup>		\$11,219	12.5%
Housing⁴		\$26,436	29.6%
Taxes⁵		\$20,888	23.4%
Total		\$80,702	90.2%

<sup>1</sup> Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2020). <sup>2</sup> Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2020). <sup>3</sup>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). <sup>4</sup>Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2010 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. <sup>5</sup>State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2020), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2020). Taxes do not refl<sup>e</sup>ct Earned Income Credit. 6Current 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

Prince George's		
_	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$221.85	\$286.13
2-4 years	\$185.27	\$204.29
5 years <sup>1</sup>	\$165.56	\$188.07
School Age Full <sup>2</sup>	\$147.29	\$155.64
School Age B/A <sup>3</sup>	\$112.01	\$110.75

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

'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. 'Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). 'Average cost of before and after school child care.

## Number of Prince George's Children under 12 with Mothers in the Work Force<sup>1</sup>

 $160,592 - 82.2\%^2$  of total 2020 child population under 12 (195,368).

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

## Prince George's County

## Population Information

## Child Population<sup>1</sup>

		2000		2010
Prince	George's	Maryland	Prince George's	Maryland
0-3 years	34,246	209,218	35,408	217,560
3-4 years	23,694	144,175	23,156	146,928
5 years	12,251	74,546	11,069	72,700
6-9 years	51,852	316,772	43,413	294,168
10-11 years	25,142	162,481	21,973	151,023
Total	147,185	907,192	135,019	882,379

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

### Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2000	2010
20-24	29,176	33,905
25-29	31,432	32,662
30-34	35,139	31,668
Total	95,747	98,235

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

# Work Force Information Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Prince George's	Maryland
2010		
Female	257,246	1,570,193
Male	248,557	1,623,215
2000		
Female	221,852	1,351,034
Male	209,268	1,418,491
Change		
Female	16.0% (+)	16.2% (+)
Male	18.8% (+)	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	25,051	66,419	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children under 6 in the work force	18,715	N/A*	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children 6-17	58,025	126,052	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children 6-17 in the work force	47,972	N/A*	N/A*

### **Total Population**

	Prince George's	Maryland
2010	863,420	5,773,552
2000	801,515	5,296,486
1995	771,605	5,046,079
1990	728,553	4,780,753
1980	665,071	4,216,975

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

### Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2000	2010
20-24	29,436	36,739
25-29	28,565	32,020
30-34	31,042	29,390
Total	89,043	98,149

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

#### Households

	2000	2010
Total household population	784,158	884,092
Total # of households	286,610	304,042
Average household size	2.74	2.78

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

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

# Demographics

## Census Information

### **Families and Poverty**

	2000	%	2010	%	%Change
All Families	198,066	100%	203,520	100%	2.8%(+)
Families Below					
Poverty Level	10,641	5.4%	12,822	6.3%	20.5%(+)
All Families w/Children Under 6**	22,678	N/A*	20,435	100%	N/A*
Families w/Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	4,137	N/A*	N/A*	7.2%*	N/A*
All Families w/Children Under 18	101,251	100%	93,115	100%	8.0%(-)
Families w/Children					

Under 18 Below Poverty Level 8,450 8.3% 8,287 8.9% 1.9%(-)

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

## **Educational Attainment**

Prince	George's	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs	Maryland	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs
High School Grad or Higher	481,238	86.2%	3,410,847	88.1%
Associate, Bachelor's Degree or Higher	197,528	35.4%	1,641,593	42.4%

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

## **Children and Poverty**

	2000	%	2010	%	%Change
Total Related					
Children					
Under 18	179,642	100%	165,222	100%	8.0%(-)
Total Children					
Under 18 Below	1				
Poverty Level	20,108	11.2%	18,009	10.9%	10.4%(-)
Total Children					
Under 5 Below					
Poverty Level	5.461	11.8%	N/A*	10.0%	N/A*
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Total Children 5-17 Below					
Poverty Level	14,647	11.0%	N/A*	11.3%	N/A*

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

#### **Families**

Prince Ge	orge's Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
2000	198,066	22,676	101,251
2010	203,520	25,752	109,697
Change	2.8%(+)	13.6%(+)	8.3%(+)

Maryland	d 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

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## Prince George's County

## Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

### **Annual Wage Rate Information**

Public School Teacher Salary	\$75,238
Average (Prince George's County)	
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			
Prince George's	\$108,828		
Maryland	\$83,137		
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.			

Median Household Income <sup>1</sup> :		
Prince George's	\$79,219	
Maryland	\$72,462	

<b>Income Distribution</b>	Percent Households		
	Prince George's	Maryland	
under \$25,000	10.9%	13.6%	
\$25,000 - \$49,999	16.7%	16.6%	
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.1%	16.0%	
\$75,000 +	54.4%	53.9%	

Source: <sup>1</sup>GeoLytics, 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**

	Prince George's	Maryland
2000	3.4%	3.4%
2001	4.4%	4.0%
2002	4.5%	3.9%
2003	4.5%	4.1%
2004	4.3%	3.9%
2005	4.4%	3.9%
2006	4.0%	3.7%
2007	3.9%	3.6%
2008	4.8%	4.5%
2009	7.3%	7.1%
2010	7.4%	7.3%
2011	7.3%	7.2%
2012	6.6%	6.5%
2013	6.4%	6.2%
2014	5.9%	5.6%
2015	5.1%	5.0%
2016	4.7%	4.5%
2017	4.2%	4.3%
2018	4.7%	4.5%
2019	4.1%	3.9%
2020	9.9%	8.3%

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

### **Housing Information**

Prince George's		Maryland
Owner-Occupied housing	189,330 (63%)	1,426,267 (67%)
Renter-Occupied housing	112,593 (37%)	701,172 (33%)

Note: Percentage is based on total occupied housing units.

Prince George's		Maryland
Mean value of Owner- Occupied Housing	\$286,100	\$301,400
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs With a Mortgage	\$2,203	\$2,016
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,182	\$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 <sup>2</sup>	Capacity <sup>1</sup>
Family Child Care			
Providers	702	442	5,559
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	378	N/A	23,379
8-12 Hour Child Care Co	enters 237	159	15,400
Infant/Toddler	127	102	1,751
Part-Day	28	14	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based	) 307	164	19,769
Employer-Sponsored Ce	enters 4	2	193
Youth Camps	43	0	N/A
Nursery Schools	41	14	N/A
Private Kindergarten	15	4	N/A
**Head Start	17	1	570
***Public Pre-Kindergart Sites	en 103	0	N/A

#### **Education**

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)				
	Public	Private*		
Elementary Schools	121	8		
Middle Schools	24	0		
Combined	12	44		

### **Elementary School Enrollment**

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	5,283	1,841
Kindergarten	9,952	750
Grades 1 - 6	62,161	4,239
Total	77,396	6,830

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.

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

## Supply of Regulated Child Care

# Density of Regulated Family Child Care Homes in Prince George's County



# Density of Licensed 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers in Prince George's County



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Capacity total refers to capacity prior to COVID-19 restrictions. Capacity during COVID-19 restrictions is not available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Reflects the number of providers that were open as of June 30, 2020 during COVID-19 restrictions.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>State funded

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## Supply of Child Care

## **Supply of Family Child Care**

Number Providing Services to			Mean Weekly Cost of Care				
City #	of Providers	Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
Accokeek	11	10	11	7	225.00	176.61	104.17
Adelphi	7	7	7	7	177.50	153.86	87.50
Beltsville	18	18	18	16	208.64	164.89	97.86
Berwyn Heights	7	7	7	5	197.86	164.26	106.67
Bowie	86	80	82	71	216.53	176.56	99.67
Brandywine	9	8	8	7	244.50	198.25	80.75
Camp Springs	2	2	2	2	180.00	157.50	87.50
Capitol Heights	34	34	33	32	195.42	164.28	95.68
Cheltenham	2	2	2	2	250.00	170.00	125.00
Cheverly	3	3	3	3	203.33	152.92	96.67
Clinton	51	46	48	42	191.41	151.80	94.57
College Park	7	5	7	6	251.25	204.79	118.75
District Heights	26	21	22	22	200.63	161.93	94.17
Fairmont Heigh	ts 1	1	1	0	200.00	143.75	N/R
Forest Heights	1	1	1	0	200.00	175.00	N/R
Forestville	11	11	11	11	179.76	157.50	111.50
Fort Washington	n 46	43	44	36	195.07	157.35	100.34
Glenarden	6	6	6	6	203.33	149.17	90.00
Glenn Dale	7	6	6	6	187.92	163.54	115.83
Greenbelt	11	11	10	8	228.25	180.88	89.29
Hyattsville	37	35	35	32	192.11	165.47	108.18
Landover	9	9	9	9	196.79	156.25	90.00
Landover Hills	3	3	3	3	187.50	168.75	97.50
Lanham	36	36	36	34	201.29	172.32	110.95
Largo	3	1	2	3	170.00	115.00	77.50
Laurel	51	48	48	42	214.20	171.73	104.07
Marlow Heights	i 1	1	1	0	160.00	150.00	N/R
Mitchellville	13	13	13	10	211.46	178.41	94.38
Morningside	1	1	1	1	240.00	192.50	125.00
Mount Rainier	4	4	4	4	233.33	204.17	123.33
New Carrollton	10	9	8	8	185.94	151.94	106.25
Oxon Hill	14	11	12	11	199.74	162.13	115.45
Riverdale	11	11	11	10	217.22	170.57	101.67
Seat Pleasant	4	4	4	4	238.33	172.50	100.00
Silver Spring	3	3	2	1	193.75	161.43	N/R
Springdale	5	5	5	5	196.00	170.25	96.80
Suitland	24	22	24	21	205.00	160.30	169.85
Temple Hills	33	31	31	26	181.52	147.70	98.10
Upper Marlbord	94	87	90	75	208.41	175.54	106.67

NOTE: Only selected cities/communities in Prince George's County are represented. The number of providers caring for the different age groups does not equal the total number of providers in each city because some providers may care for more than one age group and/or complete information may not be available. "B/A School" is care provided before and/or after school.

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

# Demographics

## Supply of Child Care

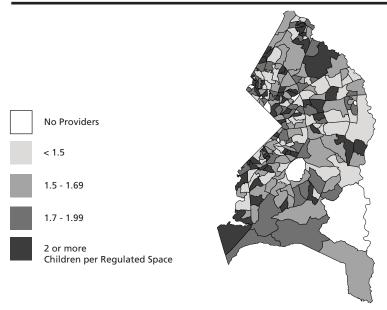
## **Supply of Full-Day Center Care**

Number Providing Services to			Mean	Mean Weekly Cost of Care			
City	# of Providers	Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
Accokeek	3	2	3	3	266.67	201.25	131.67
Adelphi	2	2	2	2	285.00	208.13	105.00
Beltsville	7	4	6	6	306.88	230.79	129.80
Bladensburg	2	2	2	1	175.00	145.00	100.00
Bowie	24	14	21	9	312.74	230.41	135.80
Brandywine	3	2	3	3	242.50	169.69	98.75
Brentwood	1	1	1	1	220.00	167.50	110.00
Camp Springs	3	1	3	2	265.00	175.63	125.00
Capitol Heights	12	7	12	10	247.50	173.57	102.00
Cheverly	3	1	2	3	300.00	225.00	N/R
Clinton	9	2	8	5	245.00	167.39	114.00
College Park	7	4	6	5	330.57	227.81	110.00
District Heights	6	3	6	6	224.13	152.38	97.63
Forestville	3	3	3	3	200.00	147.92	95.00
Fort Washingto	n 14	7	14	13	260.60	188.40	117.50
Glenn Dale	1	0	1	1	N/R	N/R	N/R
Greenbelt	5	1	5	3	337.00	213.69	131.67
Hillcrest Height	:s 1	0	0	0	N/R	N/R	N/R
Hyattsville	17	10	17	11	305.94	195.32	120.00
Landover	18	10	18	13	220.75	178.59	113.21
Landover Hills	3	1	3	2	189.00	227.17	N/R
Lanham	12	8	12	7	295.62	225.91	138.17
Largo	3	2	2	2	292.50	216.25	132.50
Laurel	17	9	17	12	316.60	208.90	105.30
Mitchellville	4	2	4	2	310.00	251.00	184.00
New Carrollton	1	0	1	1	N/R	191.25	110.00
Oxon Hill	6	3	4	3	280.00	191.33	127.50
Riverdale	5	3	5	1	318.67	198.82	85.00
Seabrook	1	0	1	1	N/R	196.25	100.00
Seat Pleasant	1	0	1	1	N/R	166.25	105.00
Springdale	1	0	1	1	230.00	153.75	N/R
Suitland	9	5	9	6	289.00	164.42	88.75
Temple Hills	17	8	16	15	241.88	163.74	111.07
Upper Marlbor	o 16	7	15	14	252.31	195.72	109.44

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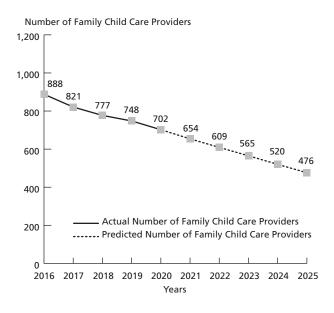
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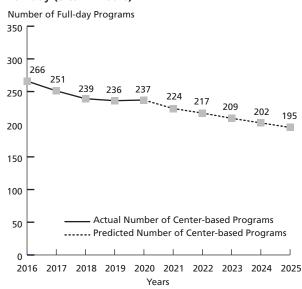
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#### Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

#### Family Child Care Providers in Prince George's 2016-2025



## Center-based Programs in Prince George's 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.

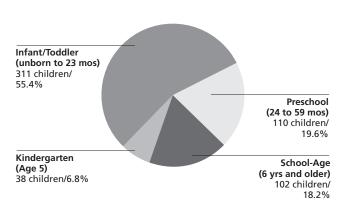
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## Demand for Child Care

#### Children Served by Age

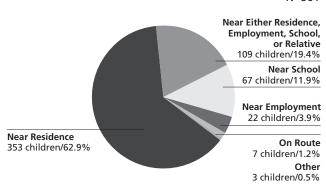
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/19-6/30/20). NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

## **Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care**

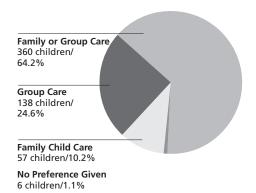
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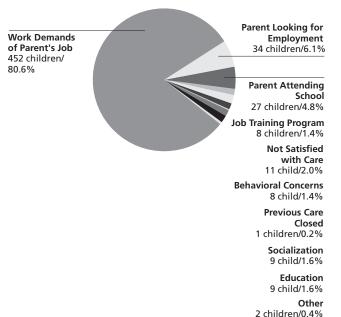
## Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

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### **Reason Child Care is Needed**

N=561



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

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## Demand for Child Care

# Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care 561 children (7/1/19-6/30/20)

# Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N = 561

Full-time: 423 children (75.4%)
Part-time: 109 children (19.4%)

Other\*: 29 children (5.2%)

\* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care. Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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

130 (23.2% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship 164 (29.2% of all calls)

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

\* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

## Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Prince George's

Reason	Count
Schedule	4
No vacancies for infant	1
Quality of care	1
Special Needs	1

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

# Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in Prince George's

Factor	Count
Educational program	65
Environment	55
Proximity to home, work, school	49
Caregiver	44
Cost	42
Hours of operation/part time	35
Only program/provider with vacancy	10
Escort	5
Transportation	4

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 Prince George's

124 (17.7% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's County

75 (31.6% of total child care centers)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2020. \* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Prince George's FY20 Allocation (estimated) \$25,058,242 = 3,358 full-time children

Additional Expenditures due to COVID-19 (actual) \$9,243,142 = April, May & June 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

431 (61.4% of total family child care providers in Prince George's)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs

154 (65.0% of total child care centers in Prince George's)

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

# Demographics

## **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, cont.

**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 prekindergarten 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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