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Maryland Child Care Resource Network

Child Care Demographics

2022

St. Mary's County Report

St. Mary's County is a world-class center for research, development, testing and evaluation of aviation and unmanned and autonomous systems (UAS), and the advanced manufacturing and aircraft modification industries. The county is situated on a peninsula in Southern Maryland with over 500 miles of shoreline on the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. The abundance of shoreline allows the county to offer high-tech jobs in a coastal setting. The Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, home to the U.S. Navy's Naval Air System Command (NAVAIR) and the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD), employs approximately 25,000 military, civilian, and contract personnel.St. Mary's County's private sector industries generate $3.6 billion in economic output. Major employers in the county include BAE Systems, DynCorp International, SAIC, Booz Allen Hamilton, and MedStar St Mary's Hospital. The county's location allows for easy access to major metropolitan areas and the regulatory center of Washington D.C. while offering residents an affordable and exceptionally unique quality of life. St. Mary's has one the youngest populations in Maryland, one of the fastest growing economies, and many outdoor sports and recreational activities.

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.dllr.state.md.us/lmi/emplists/ Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Major Employers List- Workforce Information & Performance, 2020

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Child Population 2010

Age Group	Number in age group
0-1	2,920
2-4	4,660
5-9	7,628
10-11	3,112
Total	18,320

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 St. Mary's is $102,283[6]. 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		$21,098	20.63%
Infant[1]	$10,492		
Preschooler[2]	$10,607		
Food[3]		$11,396	11.14%
Housing[4]		$23,832	23.30%
Taxes[5]		$20,675	20.21%
Total		$77,001	75.28%

[1] Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2021). [2] Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2021). [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 2021), 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 (2021), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2021). Taxes do not refl[e]ct Earned Income Credit. 6Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2021. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

St. Mary's County

	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	$201.76	$ 285.50
2-4 years	$174.17	$ 203.98
5 years[1]	$157.06	$ 200.85
School Age Full[2]	$146.18	$ 171.60
School Age B/A[3]	$111.90	$ 122.85

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/21.
[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 St. Mary's Children under 12 with Mothers in the Work Force[1]

17,756 – 74.2%[2] of total 2021 child population under 12 (23,931).

[1]Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care. [2]Percent based on 2010 census data. Total population number based on GeoLytics, Inc. report, 2021.

Population Information

Child Population[1]

	2000		2010	
	St. Mary's	Maryland	St. Mary's	Maryland
0-3 years	3,693	209,218	4,426	217,560
3-4 years	2,544	144,175	3,154	146,928
5 years	1,415	74,546	1,529	72,700
6-9 years	5,553	316,772	6,099	294,168
10-11 years	2,917	162,481	3,112	151,023
Total	16,122	907,192	18,320	882,379

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

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2000	2010
20-24	2,563	3,634
25-29	2,721	3,398
30-34	3,449	3,240
Total	8,733	10,272

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

Work Force Information
Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2010		
Female	25,984	1,570,193
Male	31,353	1,623,215
2000		
Female	20,671	1,351,034
Male	25,361	1,418,491
Change		
Female	25.7 (+)	16.2% (+)
Male	23.6% (+)	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	2,540	9,088	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children under 6 in the work force	1,764	N/A*	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children 6-17	6,551	18,013	N/A*
Total females (16+) with children 6-17 in the work force	5,509	N/A*	N/A*

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.
* Comparable data not available for 2010 census.

Total Population

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2010	105,151	5,773,552
2000	86,211	5,296,486
1995	80,898	5,046,079
1990	75,974	4,780,753
1980	59,895	4,216,975

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

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2000	2010
20-24	2,601	3,594
25-29	2,755	3,575
30-34	3,528	3,143
Total	8,884	10,312

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

Households

	2000	2010
Total household population	83,429	102,225
Total # of households	30,642	37,604
Average household size	2.72	2.72

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

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St. Mary's County

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2000	%	2010	%	%Change
All Families	22,306	100%	27,084	100%	21.4%(+)
Families Below Poverty Level	1,164	5.2%	975	3.6%	16.2%(-)
All Families w/Children Under 6**	2,671	N/A*	2,940	100%	N/A*
Families w/Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	450	N/A*	N/A*	7.3%	N/A*
All Families w/Children Under 18	11,747	100%	13,136	100%	11.8%(+)
Families w/Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	952	8.1%	762	5.8%	20.0%(-)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.
*Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

Educational Attainment

	St. Mary's	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs	Maryland	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs
High School Grad or Higher	61,577	90.7%	3,410,847	88.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19,995	29.5%	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	21,963	100%	24,881	100%	13.2%(+)
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	5,557	25.3%	1,592	6.4%	71.4%(-)
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	555	10.0%	N/A*	8.6%	N/A*
Total Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,543	9.4%	N/A*	5.5%	N/A*

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.
*Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

Families

St. Mary's

	Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
2000	22,306	2,671	11,747
2010	27,084	3,381	14,264
Change	21.4%(+)	26.6%(+)	21.4%(+)

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.

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Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (St. Mary's County)[1]	$78,982
Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD)[1]	$63,849
Nonpublic School Teacher Average (Maryland)	$60,500
Family Child Care Provider (Maryland)	$41,177
Child Care Center Director (Maryland)	$40,539
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland)	$25,537
Center Aide (Maryland)	$17,889

[1]Maximum teacher salary with Bachelor's and Standard Professional Certificate (SPC). Sources: MSDE, Sept 2021, Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), 2020-21 school year, and MFN's 2021 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income, 2010 Census

St. Mary's	$80,032
Maryland	$83,137

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

Median Household Income[1]:

St. Mary's	$91,746
Maryland	$85,454

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	St. Mary's	Maryland
under $25,000	11.3%	13.2%
$25,000 - $49,999	14.4%	16.0%
$50,000 - $74,999	14.3%	15.3%
$75,000 +	59.9%	55.5%

Source: [1]GeoLytics, Inc. report, 2021. U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2015-2019 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

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2000	2.7%	3.4%
2001	2.7%	4.0%
2002	2.7%	3.9%
2003	2.7%	4.1%
2004	2.5%	3.9%
2005	3.0%	3.9%
2006	3.1%	3.7%
2007	3.0%	3.6%
2008	3.7%	4.5%
2009	5.6%	7.1%
2010	6.0%	7.3%
2011	6.1%	7.2%
2012	5.6%	6.5%
2013	5.6%	6.2%
2014	5.1%	5.6%
2015	4.8%	5.0%
2016	4.7%	4.5%
2017	4.0%	4.3%
2018	4.4%	4.5%
2019	3.7%	3.9%
2020	5.9%	8.3%
2021	5.3%	6.7%

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) 6/2021.

Housing Information

	St. Mary's	Maryland
Owner-Occupied housing	26,740 (72%)	1,426,267 (67%)
Renter-Occupied housing	10,311 (28%)	701,172 (33%)

Note: Percentage is based on total occupied housing units.

	St. Mary's	Maryland
Mean value of Owner-Occupied Housing	$299,600	$301,400
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs With a Mortgage	$1,986	$2,016
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	$1,207	$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	Capacity[1]
Family Child Care Providers	131	1,021
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	31	1,812
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	18	1,295
Infant/Toddler	11	66
Part-Day	8	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	18	1,362
Employer-Sponsored Centers	2	75
Nursery Schools	11	N/A
Private Kindergarten	3	N/A
**Head Start	0	165
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	2	N/A

[1]Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
[2]Public Pre K Closure due to COVID-19.
*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, 6/21; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	18	2
Middle Schools	4	0
Combined	0	13

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	522	330
Kindergarten	1,143	164
Grades 1 - 6	7,551	800
Total	9,216	1,294

Source: MSDE, 2020-21 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2020. 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.

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 St. Mary's as of June 30, 2021.

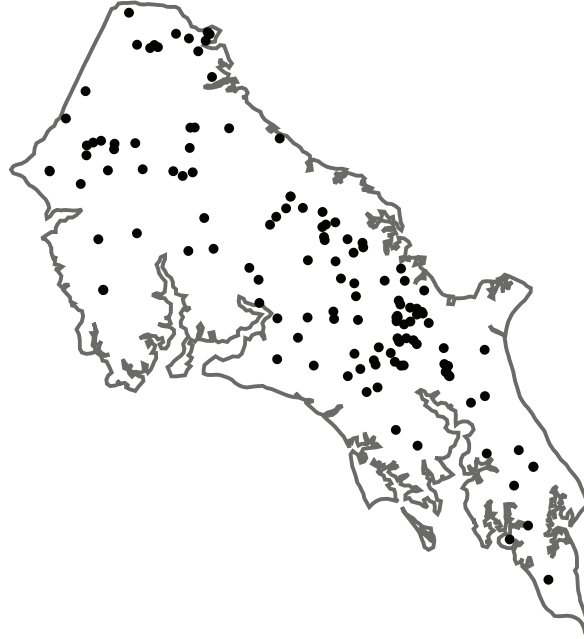| Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
Bushwood 20618	2	1.5	0	0.0
California 20619	11	8.4	3	16.7
Callaway 20620	4	3.1	1	5.6
Chaptico 20621	1	0.8	0	0.0
Charlotte Hall 20622	1	0.8	1	5.6
Clements 20624	1	0.8	0	0.0
Great Mills 20634	14	10.7	1	5.6
Helen 20635	0	0.0	1	5.6
Hollywood 20636	18	13.7	3	16.7
Leonardtown 20650	15	11.6	2	11.1
Lexington Park 20653	23	17.6	3	16.7
Mechanicsville 20659	34	26.0	3	16.7
Park Hall 20667	1	0.8	0	0.0
Ridge 20680	2	1.5	0	0.0
Saint Inigoes 20684	1	0.8	0	0.0
Scotland 20687	1	0.8	0	0.0
Valley Lee 20692	2	1.5	0	0.0
Totals	131	100.0%	18	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/21.
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Supply of Regulated Child Care

Density of Regulated Family Child Care Homes in St. Mary's County

1 dot = 1 home

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/21.

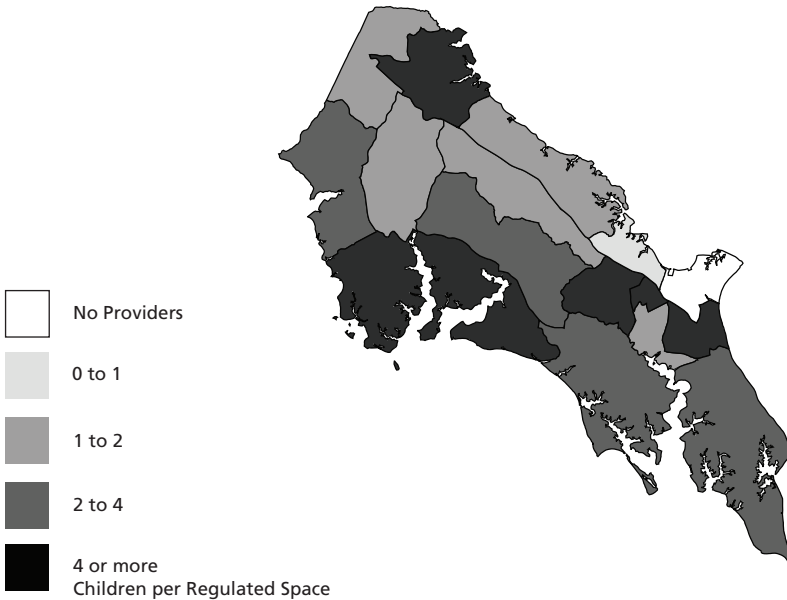**Density of Licensed 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers in St. Mary's County**

1 dot = 1 center

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/21.

St. Mary's County

Supply of Regulated Child Care

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

No Providers

0 to 1

1 to 2

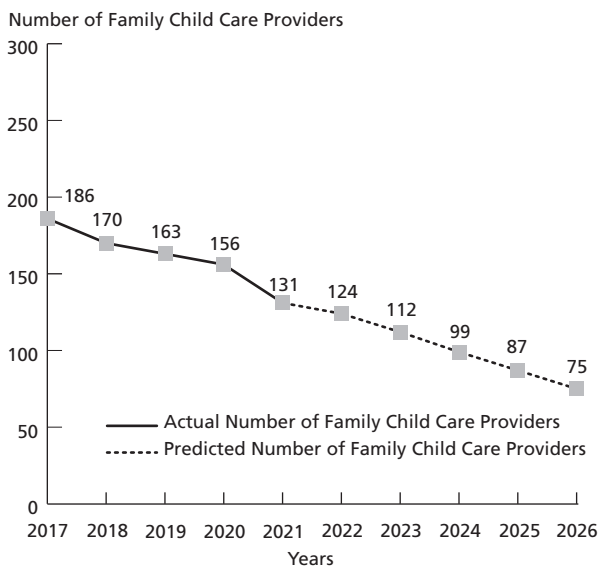2 to 4

4 or more
Children per Regulated Space

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, 6/21.
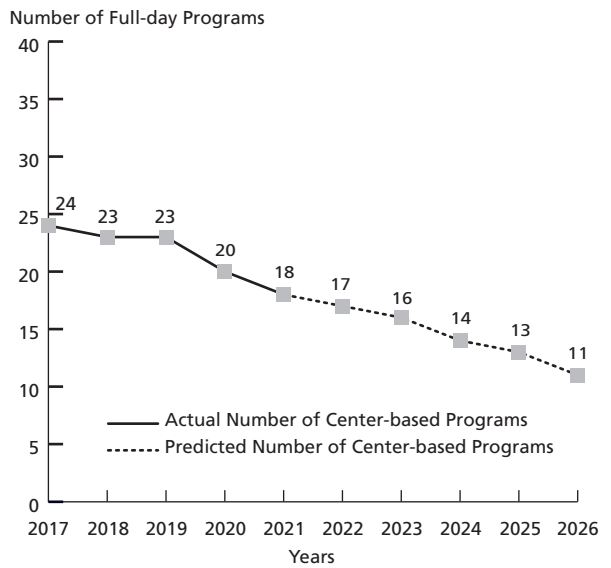
Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in St. Mary's 2017-2026

Number of Family Child Care Providers

186, 170, 163, 156, 131, 124, 112, 99, 87, 75

—— Actual Number of Family Child Care Providers
······ Predicted Number of Family Child Care Providers

Years

Center-based Programs in St. Mary's 2017-2026
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

Number of Full-day Programs

24, 23, 23, 20, 18, 17, 16, 14, 13, 11

—— Actual Number of Center-based Programs
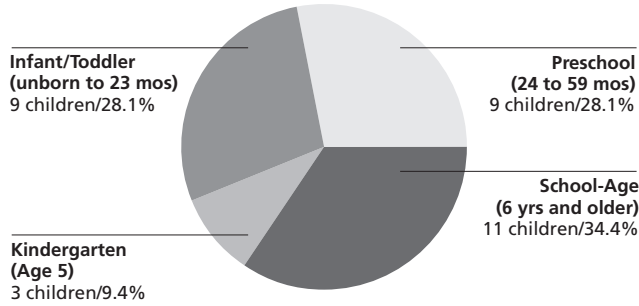······ Predicted Number of Center-based Programs

Years

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, 6/21.

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Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

N=32

**Infant/Toddler
(unborn to 23 mos)**
9 children/28.1%

**Preschool
(24 to 59 mos)**
9 children/28.1%

**School-Age
(6 yrs and older)**
11 children/34.4%

**Kindergarten
(Age 5)**
3 children/9.4%

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

N=32

**Near EitherResidence,
Employment,
or School**
7 children/21.9%

Near Residence
20 children/62.5%

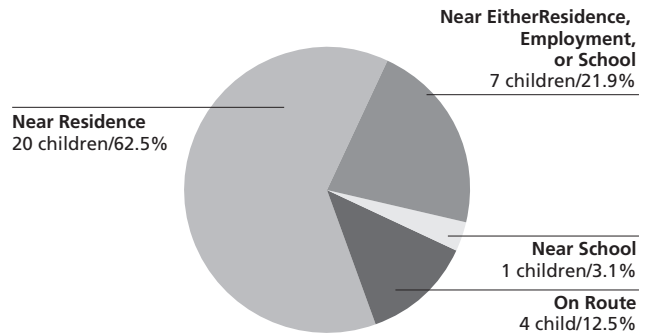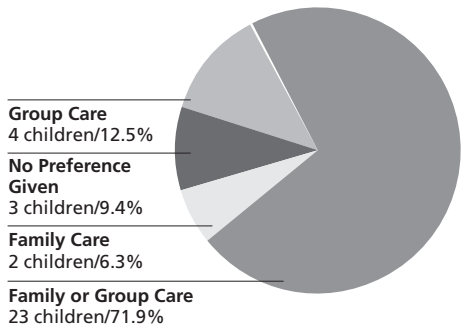**Near School**
1 children/3.1%

On Route
4 child/12.5%

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
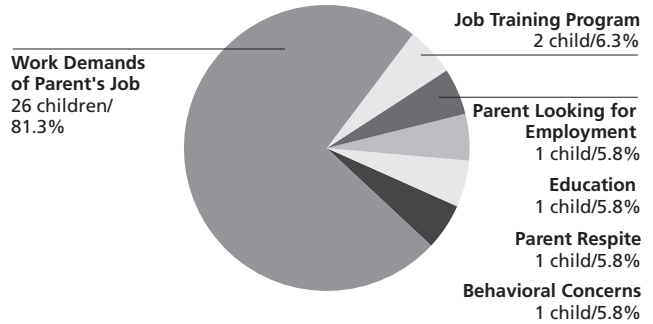
Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

N=32

Group Care
4 children/12.5%

**No Preference
Given**
3 children/9.4%

Family Care
2 children/6.3%

Family or Group Care
23 children/71.9%

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=32

Job Training Program
2 child/6.3%

**Work Demands
of Parent's Job**
26 children/
81.3%

**Parent Looking for
Employment**
1 child/5.8%

Education
1 child/5.8%

Parent Respite
1 child/5.8%

Behavioral Concerns
1 child/5.8%

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).
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
32 children (7/1/20-6/30/21)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served
N=32

Full-time: 23 children (71.9%)	
Part-time: 6 children (18.8%)	
Other*: 3 children (9.4%)	

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.
Note: Percentages do not total 100% because of rounding.
Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
8 (25.0% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
5 (15.6% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in St. Mary's County

Factor	Count
Caregiver	4
Environment	4
Cost	2
Proximity to work, home, school	2
Educational Program	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in St. Mary's County
17 (13.0% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in St. Mary's County
7 (38.9% of total child care centers)
LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2021.
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

St. Mary's County FY21 Allocation (estimated)
$869,585 = 165 estimated number of children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs
64 (48.9% of total family child care providers in St. Mary's)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
11 (61.1% of total child care centers in St. Mary's)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/20-6/30/21).

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 2021.

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 $26,500 in 2021. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

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)

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