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Baltimore County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Baltimore County is in the heart of Maryland and surrounds Baltimore City on the north, east, and west. The county is the second largest job center in the state with 21,317 business establishments. Over 500 of those businesses employ over 100 workers. Baltimore County has a diverse economy, highly educated workforce, and an attractive standard of living. The Baltimore County business community is balanced across sectors with corporate or divisional headquarters for McCormick & Co., Stanley Black & Decker Global Tools & Storage, and Textron Systems, and major operations for T. Rowe Price, Lockheed Martin, BD Diagnostics, Middle River Aerostructure Systems, and Bank of America.

Baltimore County's private sector industries generate \$42.5 billion in economic output. Top industries include trade/transportation, education, information technology, construction, healthcare, and financial services. Major business environments range from bwtech@UMBC, a research and technology park affiliated with University of Maryland Baltimore County, to heavy industrial properties in Dundalk/ Sparrows Point with rail, interstate, and deep-water port access. The I-83 corridor in Hunt Valley and direct access to I-95 is a major benefit for many corporate facilities. Top employers in the county include Whiting-Turner Construction, UM St Joseph Medical Center, Textron Systems, Sheppard Pratt Health Systems, and Centric Business Systems Inc.

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/ResearchDocument/BaltCountyBef.pdf>
<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/lmi/emplists/baltocounty.shtml>
<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/economicdev/meet-baltimore-county/index.html>

Child Population 2021

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	28,126
3-4 years	21,463
5 years	9,114
6-8 years	31,571
9-11 years	32,058
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	122,332

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2021

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Baltimore Co. is \$97,332⁶. 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	\$23,773	24.40%
Infant ¹	\$11,825	
Preschooler ²	\$11,949	
Food ³	\$12,612	13.00%
Housing ⁴	\$21,420	22.00%
Taxes ⁵	\$11,276	11.60%
Total	\$69,081	71.00%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2022).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2022). 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 2022), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2022), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2022). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2022. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Baltimore County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$ 227.40	\$ 320.48
2-4 years	\$ 195.25	\$ 229.78
5 years ¹	\$ 176.76	\$ 216.92
School Age Full ²	\$ 165.11	\$ 205.71
School Age B/A ³	\$ 112.27	\$ 132.05

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/22.

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.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2021	
	Baltimore Co.	Maryland	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
0-2 years	28,284	215,677	28,126	210,211
3-4 years	19,577	149,276	21,463	153,201
5 years	9,756	73,189	9,114	73,309
6-8 years	28,439	216,607	31,571	226,304
9-11 years	28,002	224,348	32,058	235,320
Total	114,058	879,097	122,332	898,345

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2021
Aged 20-24	29,214	26,029
Aged 25-29	28,362	28,780
Aged 30-34	25,384	30,339
Total Aged 20-34	82,960	85,148

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2011		
Females	241,156	1,706,926
Males	242,922	1,772,418
2021		
Females	227,774	1,624,157
Males	226,463	1,706,122
Change		
Females	-5.5%	-4.8%
Males	-6.8%	-3.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2021	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	55,734	55,613	-0.2%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	40,608	40,598	0.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	112,512	121,015	7.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	87,521	95,515	9.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Total Population

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2021	850,702	6,148,545
2011	802,487	5,736,545
2000	754,292	5,296,486
1990	692,134	4,780,753
1980	655,615	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American community Survey 2011, 2021

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2021
Aged 20-24	27,886	25,240
Aged 25-29	25,778	26,945
Aged 30-34	23,530	27,961
Total Aged 20-34	77,194	80,146

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Households

	2011	2021
Total household population	783,504	830,423
Total number of households	315,127	326,932
Average household size	2.49	2.54

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2021	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	203,641		210,223		3.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	10,925	5.4%	13,080	6.2%	19.7%
All Families with Children Under 5	37,840		34,822		-8.0%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,790	10.0%	4,349	12.5%	14.7%
All Families w Children Under 18	99,586		96,367		-3.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	7,900	7.9%	9,670	10.0%	22.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2021	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	174,240		182,746		4.9%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	16,938	9.7%	22,217	12.2%	31.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	5,336	11.3%	6,380	13.2%	19.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	11,602	9.1%	15,837	11.8%	36.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Baltimore Co.	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	590,247		4,240,795	
High School Graduate or Higher	540,670	91.6%	3,849,442	90.8%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	238,633	40.4%	1,762,482	41.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Families

Baltimore Co.	2011	2021	% Change
Total Families	203,641	210,223	3.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	37,185	35,334	-5.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	89,328	85,471	-4.3%

Maryland	2011	2021	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,516,689	6.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	269,284	260,117	-3.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	656,740	638,539	-2.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

*Includes Families with children under 6 AND Families with children under 6 and aged 6-17

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Baltimore County) ¹	\$58,899
Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD) ¹	\$64,259
Nonpublic School Teacher Average (Maryland)	\$60,500
Family Child Care Provider (Maryland)	\$41,753
Child Care Center Director (Maryland)	\$41,372
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland)	\$25,905
Center Aide (Maryland)	\$17,491

¹Maximum teacher salary with Bachelor's and Standard Professional Certificate (SPC). Sources: MSDE, Sept 2022, Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), 2021-22 school year, and MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income, 2021

Baltimore County	\$102,411
Maryland	\$111,378

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

Median Household Income¹:

Baltimore County	\$81,846
Maryland	\$91,431

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Baltimore Co	Maryland
Under \$25,000	13%	12.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	17%	14.6%
\$50,000-\$74,999	17%	14.7%
\$75,000 +	54%	58.5%
Total Households	326,932	2,294,270

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Unemployment Rate

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2001	4.4%	4.0%
2002	4.4%	3.9%
2003	4.8%	4.1%
2004	4.3%	3.9%
2005	4.1%	3.9%
2006	3.9%	3.7%
2007	3.7%	3.6%
2008	4.7%	4.5%
2009	7.7%	7.1%
2010	8.0%	7.3%
2011	7.8%	7.2%
2012	7.2%	6.5%
2013	6.6%	6.2%
2014	5.8%	5.6%
2015	5.3%	5.0%
2016	4.8%	4.5%
2017	4.4%	4.3%
2018	4.6%	4.5%
2019	4.1%	3.9%
2020	8.3%	8.3%
2021	6.5%	6.7%
2022	3.7%	3.7%

Maryland Department of Labor, 6/2022.

Housing Information

	Baltimore Co.	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	217,247	66.5%	1,543,719	67.3%
Renter-Occupied housing	109,685	33.5%	750,551	32.7%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$277,500		\$338,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,841		\$2,111	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,387		\$1,485	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2021

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	558	4,376
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	399	26,907
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	273	20,471
Infant/Toddler	140	1,371
Part-Day	37	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	249	15,755
Employer-Sponsored Centers	9	623
Nursery Schools	69	N/A
Public Kindergarten	28	N/A
**Head Start	12	356
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	79	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	681	2,563
Youth Camp	7	N/A

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.

*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, 6/22; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	108	13
Middle Schools	26	0
Combined	1	65

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	3,514	1,930
Kindergarten	7,788	1,541
Grades 1 - 6	48,474	8,907
Total	59,776	12,378

Source: MSDE, 2021-22 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2021. 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 Early Childhood Programs and Education

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 Baltimore Co. as of June 30, 2022.

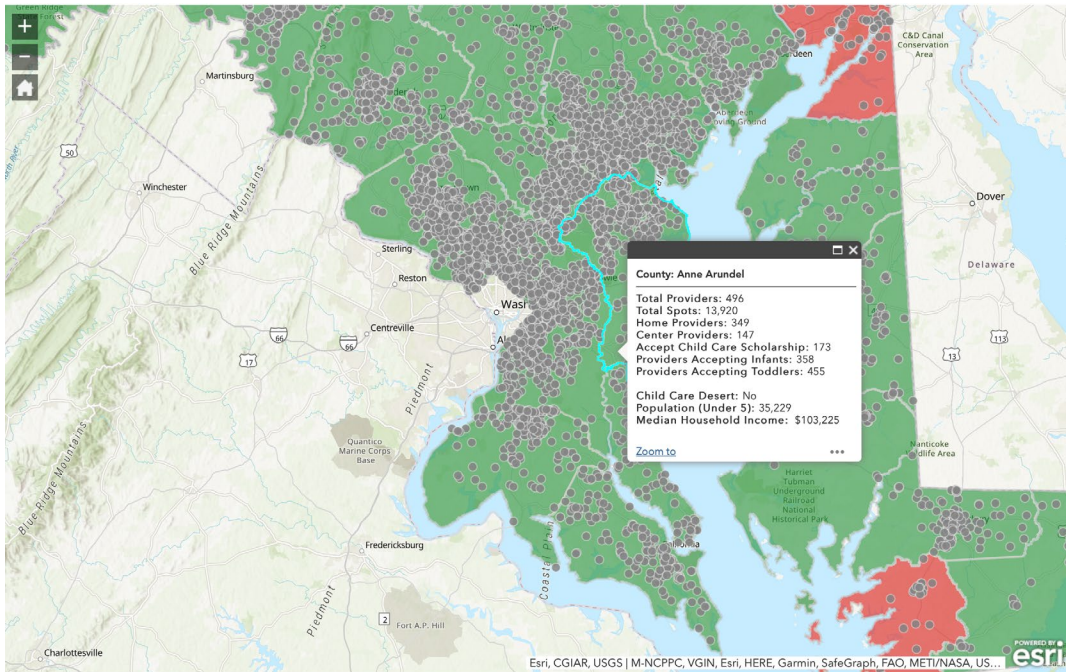
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Arbutus 21227	1	0.20	0	0
Baldwin 21013	1	0.20	0	0
Baltimore 21051	0	0	1	0.4
Baltimore 21204	2	0.40	7	2.6
Baltimore 21206	12	2.10	1	0.4
Baltimore 21207	50	8.90	9	3.3
Baltimore 21208	11	2	7	2.6
Baltimore 21209	2	0.40	4	1.5
Baltimore 21212	4	0.70	2	0.7
Baltimore 21215	1	0.20	0	0
Baltimore 21219	5	0.90	3	1.1
Baltimore 21220	19	3.40	10	3.7
Baltimore 21221	16	2.90	4	1.5
Baltimore 21222	25	4.50	11	4
Baltimore 21224	2	0.40	2	0.7
Baltimore 21225	0	0	1	0.4
Baltimore 21227	25	4.50	10	3.7
Baltimore 21228	37	6.60	11	4
Baltimore 21229	6	1.10	2	0.7
Baltimore 21234	28	5	8	2.9
Baltimore 21235	0	0	1	0.4
Baltimore 21236	11	2	10	3.7
Baltimore 21237	16	2.90	5	1.8
Baltimore 21239	5	0.90	0	0
Baltimore 21244	26	4.70	15	5.5
Baltimore 21250	0	0	1	0.4
Baltimore 21252	0	0	1	0.4
Baltimore 21286	1	0.20	7	2.6
Brooklandville 21022	0	0	2	0.7
Catonsville 21228	15	2.70	1	0.4
Cockeysville 21030	7	1.30	11	4
Dundalk 21222	5	0.90	4	1.5
Essex 21221	3	0.50	5	1.8
Glen Arm 21057	1	0.20	1	0.4
Glyndon 21071	0	0.0	2	0.7
Gwynn Oak 21207	10	1.8	1	0.4
Halethorpe 21227	3	0.5	3	1.1
Hampstead 21074	1	0.2	0	0
Hunt Valley 21030	0	0.0	1	0.4
Hunt Valley 21031	0	0.0	2	0.7

Hydes 21082	0	0.0	1	0.4
Kingsville 21087	1	0.2	2	0.7
Long Green 21057	0	0.0	1	0.4
Luthersville 21093	14	2.5	6	2.2
Middle River 21220	7	1.3	0	0
Monkton 21111	4	0.7	3	1.1
Nottingham 21236	13	2.3	4	1.5
Oella 21043	1	0.2	0	0
Owings Mills 21117	31	5.5	33	12.1
Parkville 21234	0	0.0	0	0
Parkton 21120	3	0.5	4	1.5
Baltimore 21234	11	2.0	2	0.7
Baltimore 21239	1	0.2	0	0
Perry Hall 21128	3	0.5	6	2.2
Phoenix 21131	2	0.4	2	0.7
Pikesville 21208	12	2.1	3	1.1
Randallstown 21133	42	7.5	11	4.0
Reistertown 21136	26	4.7	6	2.2
Rosedale 21237	8	1.4	2	0.7
Sparks 21152	0	0.0	3	1.1
Timonium 21093	4	0.7	4	1.5
Towson 21204	0	0.0	1	0.4
Towson 21286	4	0.7	2	0.7
Upperco 21155	1	0.2	1	0.4
White Hall 21161	2	0.4	1	0.4
White Marsh 21162	4	0.7	2	0.7
Windsor Mills 21244	13	2.3	5	1.8
Woodlawn 21207	0	0.0	1	0.4
Woodstock 21163	0	0.0	1	0.4
Totals	558	100.17	273	100.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/22. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

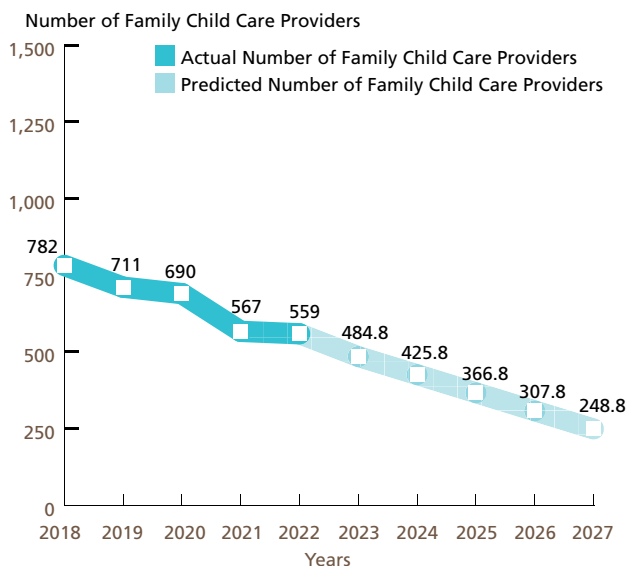
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a real-time map of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts. <https://locatesearch.marylandfamilynetwork.org/map>

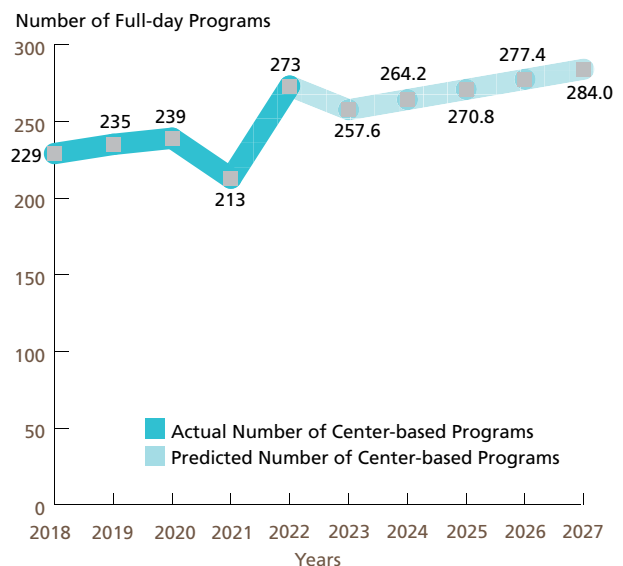


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Baltimore 2018-2027



Center-based Programs in Baltimore 2018-2027 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



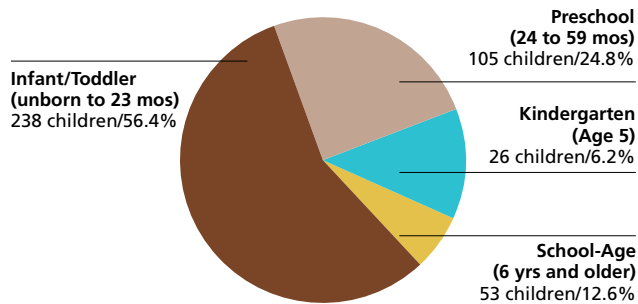
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/22.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

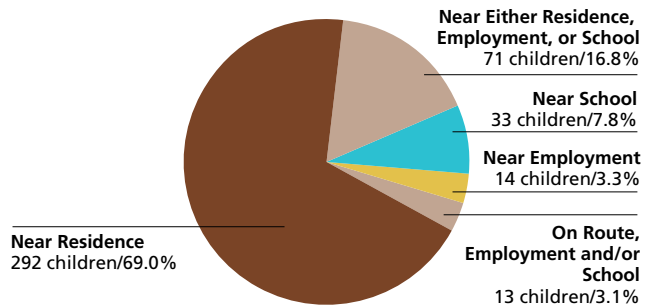
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

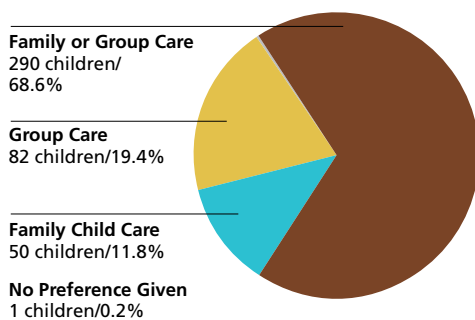
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

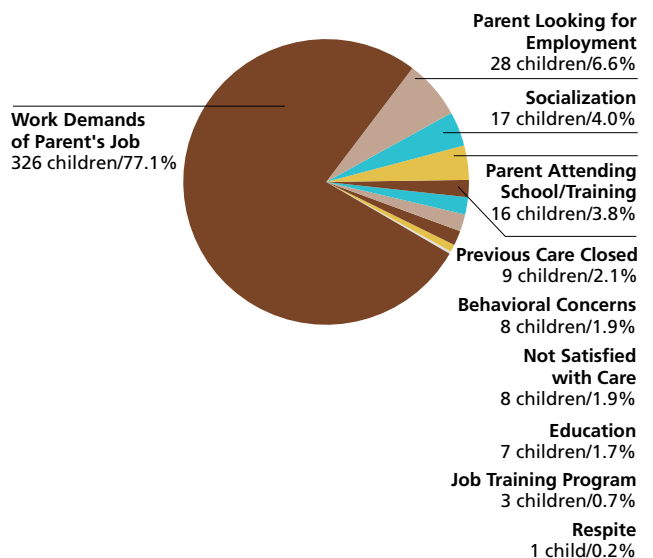
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=423



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
423 children (7/1/21-6/30/22)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=423

Full-time: 337 children (79.7%)

Part-time: 72 children (17.0%)

Other*: 14 children (3.3%)

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
136 (36.1% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
77 (20.4% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Baltimore County

Reason	Count
No Vacancies for Infant	2
Special Needs	2
No Vacancies for Preschool	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

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

Factor	Count
Environment	33
Caregiver	29
Proximity to home, school, work	21
Educational program	20
Cost	19
Hours of operation/part time	8
Only program/provider with vacancy	7
Escort	1
Transportation	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore County
233 (41.7% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore County
172 (63.0% of total child care centers)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2022.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Baltimore County FY22 Allocation (estimated)
\$27,788,683 = 3,415 full-time 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
343 (61.4% of total family child care providers in Baltimore)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
175 (64.1% of total child care centers in Baltimore)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): An ongoing survey that provides vital information on a yearly basis about our nation and its people. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year. (Census.gov)

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 from the American Community Survey 2017 to 2021.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2017 to 2021.

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 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.

Income of Households – This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

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 \$27,750 in 2022. (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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