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Montgomery County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Montgomery County is Maryland's most populous jurisdiction and one of its most affluent. It has a stable and significant office market and is a major economic engine for the state. The county is home to an array of groundbreaking innovations such as mapping the human genome, developing life-saving therapies, building premier cybersecurity defenses, and driving world-class IT advancements. Educational and research organizations such as the John Hopkins University's Montgomery County Campus, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, and the Universities at Shady Grove are located in Montgomery County. Federal facilities in the county include the National Institute of Health, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Food and Drug Administration.

Montgomery County is home to a diversified economy motivating the county to support economic growth that emphasizes racial equity, social justice, innovation, and the environment. The Montgomery County Council is working towards creating 41,000 new housing units by 2030 with an emphasis on affordable housing. Montgomery County is also dedicated to growing businesses and generating jobs. The County Council has created legislation that will create clear target metrics, strategies, and concrete measures for increasing business activities. Successful industries in Montgomery County include information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, software development, aerospace engineering, professional and scientific services, and government/federal contractors. The county's private sector industries generate \$75.1 billion in economic output and continue to be a major economic contributor to the state of Maryland. Major employers include USSI Inc, ABT Associates Inc, Adventist, GEICO, Safeway, Integrated Service Mgmt LLC, and Lockheed Martin.

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/ResearchDocument/MontgomeryBef.pdf>
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/resources/EconomicDevelopment/index.html>
<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/lmi/emplists/montgomery.shtml>

Child Population 2021

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	37,627
3-4 years	26,531
5 years	11,906
6-8 years	40,741
9-11 years	42,485
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	159,290

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 Montgomery is \$133,556⁶. 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	\$ 15,958	
Preschooler ²	\$ 19,755	
Food ³	\$ 12,612	9.40%
Housing ⁴	\$ 31,056	23.30%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 19,192	14.40%
Total	\$ 98,573	73.80%

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

Montgomery County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$ 306.88	\$ 449.47
2-4 years	\$ 280.39	\$ 379.91
5 years ¹	\$ 260.68	\$ 342.77
School Age Full ²	\$ 242.50	\$ 298.79
School Age B/A ³	\$ 151.38	\$ 160.74

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 Population

	2011		2021	
	Montgomery	Maryland	Montgomery	Maryland
0-2 years	37,827	215,677	37,627	210,211
3-4 years	25,945	149,276	26,531	153,201
5 years	11,820	73,189	11,906	73,309
6-8 years	38,603	216,607	40,741	226,304
9-11 years	38,629	224,348	42,485	235,320
Total	152,824	879,097	159,290	898,345

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

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2021
Aged 20-24	26,358	29,384
Aged 25-29	32,898	31,041
Aged 30-34	33,557	35,270
Total Aged 20-34	92,813	95,695

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

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Montgomery	Maryland
2011		
Females	295,864	1,706,926
Males	314,040	1,772,418
2021		
Females	288,258	1,624,157
Males	306,841	1,706,122
Change		
Females	-2.6%	-4.8%
Males	-2.3%	-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	74,020	73,647	-0.5%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	51,734	54,855	6.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	150,678	164,482	9.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	115,136	129,186	12.2%

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

Total Population

	Montgomery	Maryland
2021	1,057,201	6,148,545
2011	959,738	5,736,545
2000	873,341	5,296,486
1990	757,027	4,780,753
1980	579,053	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	27,111	29,340
Aged 25-29	31,701	30,974
Aged 30-34	30,949	33,716
Total Aged 20-34	89,761	94,030

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

Households

	2011	2021
Total household population	951,562	1,049,014
Total number of households	355,434	383,308
Average household size	2.68	2.74

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	242,848		267,285		10.1%
Families Below Poverty Level	10,155	4.2%	12,844	4.8%	26.5%
All Families with Children Under 5	48,544		45,702		-5.9%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,830	7.9%	3,694	8.1%	-3.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	125,465		131,902		5.1%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	8,102	6.5%	9,045	6.9%	11.6%

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	228,975		243,159		6.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	17,610	7.7%	21,328	8.8%	21.1%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	5,292	8.4%	6,029	9.6%	13.9%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	12,318	7.4%	15,299	8.5%	24.2%

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

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Montgomery	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	729,167		4,240,795	
High School Graduate or Higher	665,229	91.2%	3,849,442	90.8%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	435,904	59.8%	1,762,482	41.6%

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

Families

Montgomery	2011	2021	% Change
Total Families	242,848	267,285	10.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	50,320	46,972	-6.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	118,235	122,699	3.8%
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 (Montgomery County) ¹	\$68,185
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

Montgomery	\$140,347
Maryland	\$111,378

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

Median Household Income¹:

Montgomery	\$117,345
Maryland	\$91,431

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Montgomery	Maryland
Under \$25,000	9%	12.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	11%	14.6%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12%	14.7%
\$75,000 +	68%	58.5%
Total Households	383,308	2,294,270

Housing Information

	Montgomery	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	250,746	65.4%	1,543,719	67.3%
Renter-Occupied housing	132,562	34.6%	750,551	32.7%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$508,600		\$338,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,679		\$2,111	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,844		\$1,485	

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

Unemployment Rate

	Montgomery	Maryland
2001	2.6%	4.0%
2002	2.5%	3.9%
2003	2.5%	4.1%
2004	2.2%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	2.7%	3.7%
2007	2.7%	3.6%
2008	3.3%	4.5%
2009	5.3%	7.1%
2010	5.5%	7.3%
2011	5.5%	7.2%
2012	4.9%	6.5%
2013	4.9%	6.2%
2014	4.5%	5.6%
2015	4.0%	5.0%
2016	3.6%	4.5%
2017	3.2%	4.3%
2018	3.8%	4.5%
2019	3.4%	3.9%
2020	8.1%	8.3%
2021	6.4%	6.7%
2022	3.3%	3.7%

Maryland Department of Labor, 6/2022.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	772	6,121
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	497	38,830
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	355	28,661
Infant/Toddler	165	2,756
Part-Day	59	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	296	23,633
Employer-Sponsored Centers	8	928
Nursery Schools	125	N/A
Private Kindergarten	55	N/A
**Head Start	10	856
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	64	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	904	4,775
Youth Camps	0	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	135	28
Middle Schools	40	1
Combined	0	79

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	3,639	2,907
Kindergarten	10,787	1,975
Grades 1 - 6	68,576	10,213
Total	83,002	15,095

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 Montgomery as of June 30, 2022.

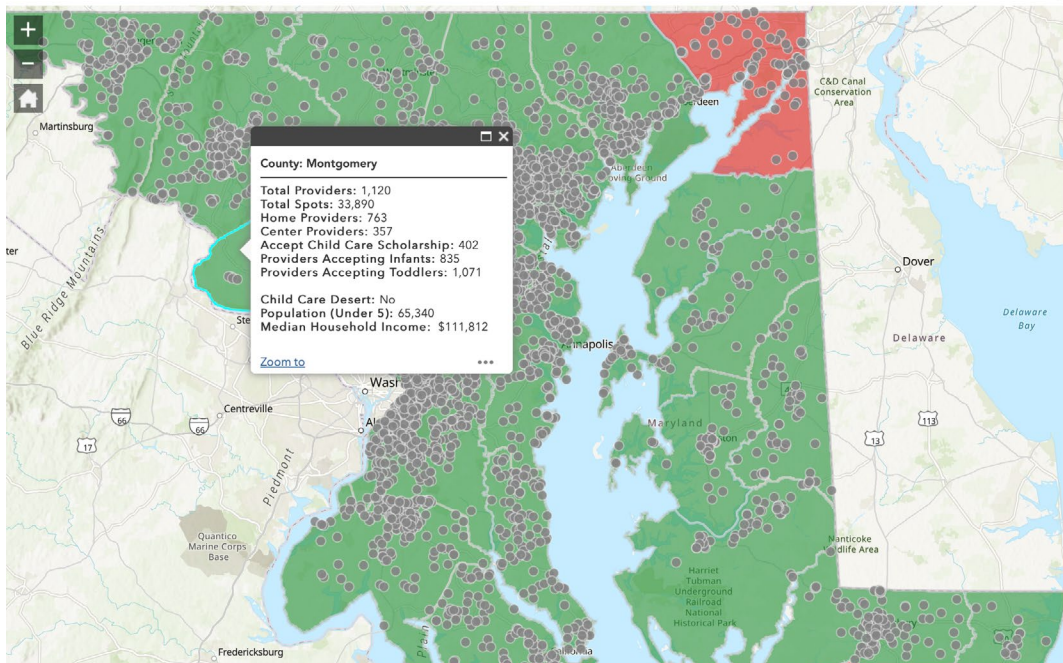
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
Ashton 20861	2	0.3%	1	0.3%
Bethesda 20814	8	1.0%	21	5.9%
Bethesda 20816	3	0.4%	8	2.3%
Bethesda 20817	28	3.6%	19	5.4%
Bethesda 20892	0	0.0%	2	0.6%
Boyd's 20841	8	1.0%	3	0.8%
Brookeville 20833	4	0.5%	0	0.0%
Burtonsville 20866	18	2.3%	2	0.6%
Cabin John 20818	1	0.1%	1	0.3%
Chevy Chase 20815	1	0.1%	10	2.8%
Clarksburg 20871	40	5.2%	2	0.6%
Damascus 20872	16	2.1%	5	1.4%
Darnestown 20874	3	0.4%	2	0.6%
Darnestown 20878	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Derwood 20855	7	0.9%	3	0.8%
Dickerson 20838	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Gaithersburg 20877	22	2.9%	12	3.4%
Gaithersburg 20878	35	4.5%	12	3.4%
Gaithersburg 20879	26	3.4%	6	1.7%
Gaithersburg 20882	8	1.0%	1	0.3%
Gaithersburg 20886	7	0.9%	1	0.3%
Gaithersburg 20899	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Garrett Park 20896	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Germantown 20874	61	7.9%	16	4.5%
Germantown 20876	36	4.7%	11	3.1%
Germantown 20879	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Kensington 20895	6	0.8%	8	2.3%
Laytonsville 20882	1	0.1%	0	0.0%

Montgomery Village 20886	21	2.7%	4	1.1%
North Bethesda 20852	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
North Potomac 20878	14	1.8%	5	1.4%
Olney 20832	28	3.6%	12	3.4%
Poolesville 20837	2	0.3%	3	0.8%
Potomac 20850	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Potomac 20854	18	2.3%	20	5.6%
Rockville 20851	15	1.9%	6	1.7%
Rockville 20852	12	1.6%	17	4.8%
Rockville 20853	40	5.2%	11	3.1%
Rockville 20854	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Rockville 20855	9	1.2%	4	1.1%
Rockville 20845	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Rockville 20850	21	2.7%	25	7.0%
Sandy Spring 20860	1	0.1%	2	0.6%
Silver Spring 20901	43	5.6%	13	3.7%
Silver Spring 20902	62	8.0%	11	3.1%
Silver Spring 20903	15	1.9%	3	0.8%
Silver Spring 20904	36	4.7%	19	5.4%
Silver Spring 20905	14	1.8%	5	1.4%
Silver Spring 20906	58	7.5%	12	3.4%
Silver Spring 20910	5	0.6%	13	3.7%
Spencerville 20868	1	0.1%	2	0.6%
Takoma Park 20912	10	1.3%	8	2.3%
Wheaton 20902	3	0.4%	1	0.3%
Totals	772	100.0%	355	100.0%

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

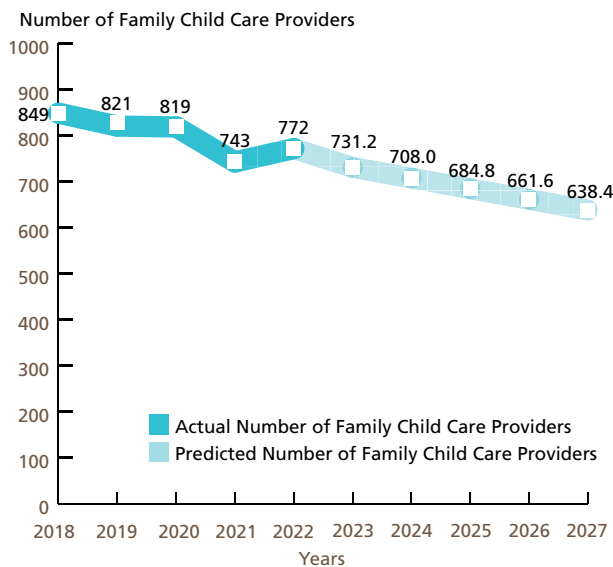
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a real-time map of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts. <https://locatesearch.marylandfamilynetwork.org/map>

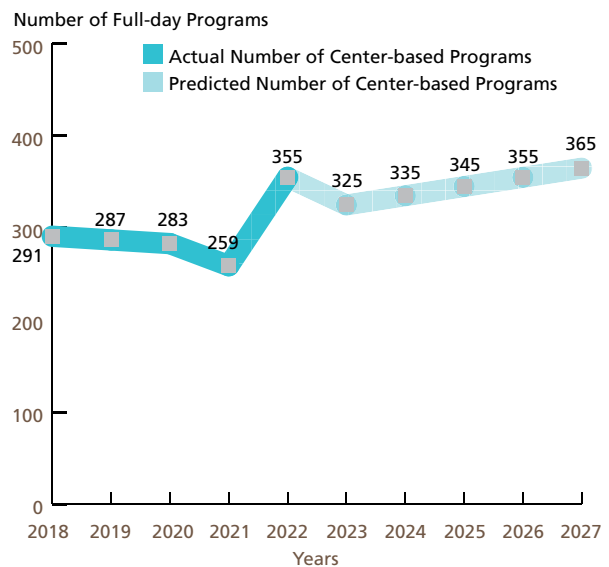


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Montgomery 2018-2027



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

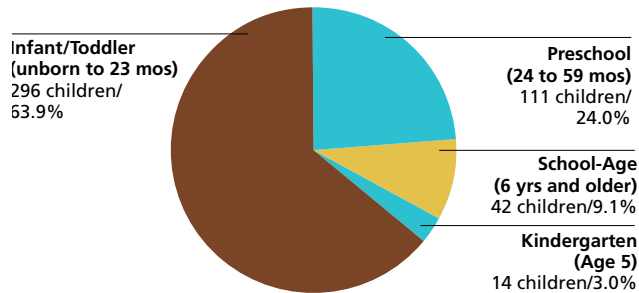


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/22.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

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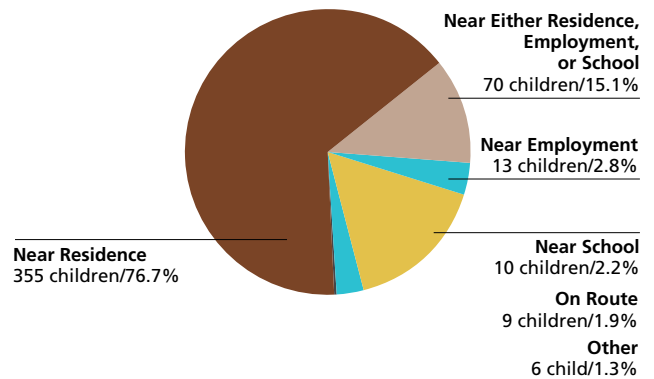


Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

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

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

N=463

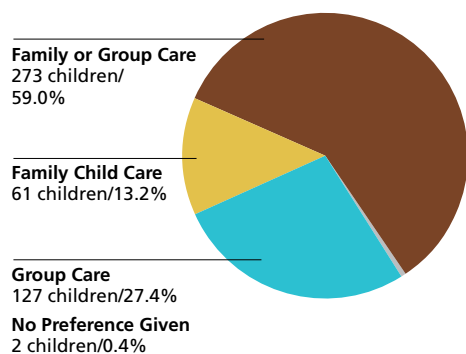


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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

N=463

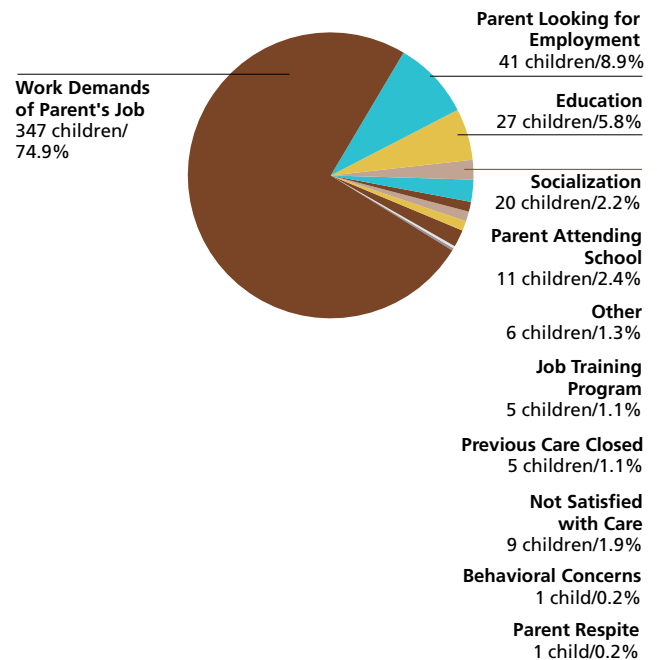


Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).

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

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=463



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
463 children (7/1/21-6/30/22)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N= 463

Full-time: 367 children (79.3%)

Part-time: 80 children (17.3%)

Other*: 16 children (3.4%)

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

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

Note: Percentage may not total 100% because of rounding.

Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Montgomery County

Reason	Count
No vacancies for Infant	1
No vacancies for School-Age	1
Schedule	1
Special Needs	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 Montgomery County

Factor	Count
Caregiver	17
Educational program	17
Environment	13
Proximity to home, work, school	12
Cost	8
Hours of operation/part time	4
Transportation	2
Only program/provider with vacancy	1

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

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

July 2021 Children Receiving Child Care Scholarship
2,003

Source: Maryland State Department of Education 2020.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Fiscal Year 2020 Monthly Average Number of Children Receiving WPA

259

NOTE: ¹Child Care Scholarship Program (formerly Child CCS Program) is a statewide program funded with federal and state dollars and administered by the Maryland Department of Human Resources*. ²WPA, The Working Parents Assistance Program is a County-funded subsidy program. Source: WPA Automated System, 2020. WPA implemented the new subsidy tables on September 1, 2019 and the new income guidelines on November 9, 2019 in response to the changes of the State's income levels in August 1, 2019 and new subsidy rates in September 1, 2019.

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Number of Family Child Care Providers serving WPA Children in Montgomery County
23

Number of Child Care Centers serving WPA Children in Montgomery County
63

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Source: WPA Automated System, 2020. WPA implemented the new subsidy tables on September 1, 2019 and the new income guidelines on November 9, 2019 in response to the changes of the State's income levels in August 1, 2019 and new subsidy rates in September 1, 2019.

Number of Family Child Care Providers Serving SCCSP Children in Montgomery County
237 (30.7% of total family providers)

Number of Child Care Centers Serving SCCSP Children in Montgomery County
177 (49.9% of total centers)

Montgomery County FY22 Allocation (estimated)
\$26,459,371 = 2,247 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
283 (36.7% of total family child care providers in Montgomery)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
196 (55.2% of total child care centers in Montgomery)

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 the value shown in a Geolytics Report dated July 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, 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 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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