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## Prince George's County Report

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### Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Prince George's County wraps around the eastern boundary of Washington D.C. and offers urban, suburban, and rural environments for employers and residents. The county is known for its friendly business climate, skilled workforce, and outstanding quality of life. Prince George's County upholds its business-friendly government by providing fast track permitting, tax incentives, and a foreign trade zone to make doing business in the county easy and efficient. The region is served by three international airports and the Port of Baltimore. The county also has significant federal facilities including Joint Base Andrews, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, FDA, NOAA, USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services headquarters. Academic facilities in the county include the University of Maryland College Park, the state's flagship public university, and other major institutions.

Prince George's County has one of the largest technology and aerospace sectors in the state and growing hospitality and healthcare sectors. 90% of the county's companies are small businesses. The private sector industries generate \$25.6 billion in economic output. Top employers include Wegmans, UM Laurel Medical Center, Orndorff & Spaid Inc, and Maryland Neuroimaging Center. Prince George's County has a multitude of growing sectors which speaks to the county's commitment to business growth. The county's optimal location, dedicated workforce, and economic opportunity make Prince George's County a desirable place to live in Maryland.

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/ResearchDocument/PrGeorgesBef.pdf>  
<https://www.pgcedc.com/business-climate>  
<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/lmi/emplists/prgeorges.shtml>

### Child Population 2021

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	36,705
3-4 years	24,713
5 years	12,053
6-8 years	34,255
9-11 years	37,372
<b>Total Children in Households Aged 0-11</b>	<b>145,098</b>

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 Prince George's is \$101,564<sup>6</sup>. 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 <sup>1</sup>	\$12,748	
Preschooler <sup>2</sup>	\$11,980	
Food <sup>3</sup>	\$12,612	12.40%
Housing <sup>4</sup>	\$25,452	25.10%
Taxes <sup>5</sup>	\$11,919	11.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,712</b>	<b>73.60%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2022).  
<sup>2</sup> Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2022).  
<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 2022), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).  
<sup>4</sup> Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.  
<sup>5</sup> State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2022), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2022). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.  
<sup>6</sup> 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

Prince George's	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$245.16	\$314.90
2-4 years	\$209.75	\$230.39
5 years <sup>1</sup>	\$188.91	\$222.20
School Age Full <sup>2</sup>	\$168.91	\$196.24
School Age B/A <sup>3</sup>	\$121.63	\$144.98

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.  
<sup>2</sup> Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).  
<sup>3</sup> Average cost of before and after school child care.

### Population Information

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

	2011		2021	
	Prince George's	Maryland	Prince George's	Maryland
0-2 years	35,038	215,677	36,705	210,211
3-4 years	24,182	149,276	24,713	153,201
5 years	11,263	73,189	12,053	73,309
6-8 years	31,633	216,607	34,255	226,304
9-11 years	33,006	224,348	37,372	235,320
Total	135,122	879,097	145,098	898,345

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

#### Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2021
Aged 20-24	33,002	31,176
Aged 25-29	32,645	34,321
Aged 30-34	31,399	34,286
Total Aged 20-34	97,046	99,783

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

#### Work Force Information

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

	Prince George's	Maryland
<b>2011</b>		
Females	282,327	1,706,926
Males	272,804	1,772,418
<b>2021</b>		
Females	269,222	1,624,157
Males	273,412	1,706,122
<b>Change</b>		
Females	-4.6%	-4.8%
Males	0.2%	-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	67,236	69,360	3.2%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	53,314	53,119	-0.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	127,927	130,250	1.8%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	108,978	103,718	-4.8%

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

#### Total Population

	Prince George's	Maryland
2021	957,767	6,148,545
2011	858,539	5,736,545
2000	801,515	5,296,486
1990	728,553	4,780,753
1980	665,071	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	34,756	31,138
Aged 25-29	32,282	34,363
Aged 30-34	28,857	33,929
Total Aged 20-34	95,895	99,430

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

#### Households

	2011	2021
Total household population	836,521	939,343
Total number of households	302,091	337,366
Average household size	2.77	2.78

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	199,493		216,585		8.6%
Families Below Poverty Level	10,589	5.3%	13,040	6.0%	23.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	40,890		39,509		-3.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,944	9.6%	4,320	10.9%	9.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	109,031		103,330		-5.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	8,223	7.5%	9,813	9.5%	19.3%

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	203,943		208,774		2.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	19,905	9.8%	26,537	12.7%	33.3%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	6,271	10.8%	6,827	11.4%	8.9%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	13,634	9.3%	19,710	13.2%	44.6%

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

#### Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Prince George's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	653,179		4,240,795	
High School Graduate or Higher	569,766	87.2%	3,849,442	90.8%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	228,098	34.9%	1,762,482	41.6%

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

#### Families

Prince George's	2011	2021	% Change
Total Families	199,493	216,585	8.6%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	37,951	37,065	-2.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	94,283	87,175	-7.5%

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 (Prince George's County) <sup>1</sup>	\$67,146
Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD) <sup>1</sup>	\$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

<sup>1</sup>Maximum 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

Prince George's	\$106,626
Maryland	\$111,378

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

##### Median Household Income<sup>1</sup>:

Prince George's	\$91,124
Maryland	\$91,431

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Prince George's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	11%	12.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	14%	14.6%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16%	14.7%
\$75,000 +	59%	58.5%
Total Households	337,366	2,294,270

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

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

#### Housing Information

	Prince George's	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	209,794	62.2%	1,543,719	67.3%
Renter-Occupied housing	127,572	37.8%	750,551	32.7%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$337,800		\$338,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,212		\$2,111	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,593		\$1,485	

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

#### Unemployment Rate

	Prince George's	Maryland
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%
2021	8.3%	6.7%
2022	4.6%	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 <sup>1</sup>
Family Child Care Providers	628	4,992
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	367	22,311
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	247	17,158
Infant/Toddler	139	1,753
Part-Day	27	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	273	17,698
Employer-Sponsored Centers	7	415
Nursery Schools	37	N/A
Private Kindergarten	13	N/A
**Head Start	15	570
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	103	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	745	3,086
Youth Camp	5	N/A

<sup>1</sup>Some 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	121	3
Middle Schools	24	0
Combined	12	44

##### Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	4,106	525
Kindergarten	9,336	708
Grades 1 - 6	57,534	3,938
Total	70,976	5,171

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 Child Care

#### Supply of Family Child Care

City	# of Providers	Number Providing Services to			Mean Weekly Cost of Care			
		Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School	
ACCOKEEK	11	11	11	7		224.33	185.88	117.14
ADELPHI	5	5	5	5		224.00	194.17	92.50
BELTSVILLE	15	15	15	13		242.96	198.22	125.71
BERWYN HEIGHTS	6	6	6	5		237.50	183.61	111.67
BOWIE	80	75	71	60		247.62	202.83	112.45
BRANDYWINE	9	8	8	7		244.17	197.71	86.67
BROCK HALL	1	1	1	1				
CAMP SPRINGS	1	1	1	1		185.00	165.00	100.00
CAPITOL HEIGHTS	35	31	33	32		207.18	174.02	109.09
CHELTENHAM	4	3	3	2		267.50	227.86	180.00
CHEVERLY	1	1	1	1		200.00	185.00	95.00
CLINTON	43	40	43	35		218.92	180.82	102.07
COLLEGE PARK	10	5	10	5		366.28	232.60	147.50
DISTRICT HEIGHTS	21	18	18	17		211.36	173.12	101.00
FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	1	1	1	0		200.00	143.75	
FORESTVILLE	7	6	7	6		206.25	184.64	120.33
FORT WASHINGTON	15	8	14	13		322.57	214.10	134.20
GLENARDEN	4	4	4	4		211.00	177.00	96.67
GLENN DALE	5	5	5	5		191.00	166.00	122.00
GREENBELT	9	9	8	6		233.33	184.83	92.00
HYATTSVILLE	38	37	35	32		220.75	192.35	108.33
LANDOVER	10	10	10	10		208.55	177.13	110.00
LANDOVER HILLS	2	2	2	2		200.00	173.33	95.00
LANHAM	32	32	32	30		235.46	199.56	117.75
LARGO	2	1	2	2		235.00	180.00	85.00
LAUREL	52	48	46	38		247.17	201.55	123.59
MARLOW HEIGHTS	1	1	1	0		160.00	150.00	
MITCHELLVILLE	12	12	12	10		228.75	195.89	115.00
MORNINGSIDE	1	1	1	1		250.00	195.00	125.00
MOUNT RAINIER	4	4	4	4		312.50	267.81	162.50
NEW CARROLLTON	6	6	4	4		204.00	172.75	120.00
OXON HILL	12	10	10	9		221.18	190.40	140.56
RIVERDALE	10	10	10	8		253.00	224.43	157.50
SEAT PLEASANT	4	4	4	4		247.50	182.50	111.25
SILVER SPRING	3	3	3	1		193.75	161.43	
SPRINGDALE	3	3	3	3		201.67	192.08	110.00
SUITLAND	22	20	22	19		218.95	175.39	111.25
TEMPLE HILLS	29	28	28	25		208.70	167.14	112.05
UPPER MARLBORO	83	77	80	69		238.38	201.89	121.67

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, 6/22.

## Supply of Child Care

### Supply of Full-Day Center 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	2	1	2	2		350.00	228.13	195.00
ADELPHI	3	2	3	3		278.75	230.00	130.00
BELTSVILLE	7	5	7	6		360.70	255.56	197.80
BLADENSBURG	2	2	2	1		175.00	145.00	100.00
BOWIE	23	15	20	9		339.54	247.93	173.18
BRANDYWINE	3	2	3	3		256.25	177.19	101.25
BRENTWOOD	1	1	1	1		220.00	167.50	110.00
CAMP SPRINGS	4	1	4	2		232.13	165.97	125.00
CAPITOL HEIGHTS	12	7	12	10		255.00	179.86	96.57
CHEVERLY	4	1	3	2		300.00	225.00	115.00
CLINTON	11	3	10	8		275.00	186.14	145.00
COLLEGE	1	0	1	0		N/A		
COLLEGE PARK	9	5	9	5		366.28	232.60	147.50
DISTRICT HEIGHTS	8	3	6	5		242.50	188.75	151.30
FORESTVILLE	3	3	3	3		250.00	190.83	145.00
FORT WASHINGTON	14	8	14	14		295.14	209.44	138.40
GLENARDEN	1	0	1	1			262.50	125.00
GLENN DALE	3	1	3	2		380.00	259.96	
GREENBELT	6	1	6	1		350.00	244.69	149.00
HYATTSVILLE	16	11	16	10		328.60	218.73	122.50
LANDOVER	16	7	15	9		264.83	188.92	141.88
LANDOVER HILLS	3	1	3	2		189.00	237.17	
LANHAM	10	8	10	5		337.93	243.42	163.43
LARGO	3	2	2	2		341.67	241.25	177.50
LAUREL	20	10	19	12		334.24	236.45	141.83
MITCHELLVILLE	4	2	4	2		306.67	268.83	184.00
MOUNT RAINIER	1	0	1	1			225.00	125.00
NEW CARROLLTON	1	0	1	1			235.00	150.00
OXON HILL	6	3	4	3		261.03	197.67	127.50
RIVERDALE	5	3	5	1		368.33	223.65	85.00
SEABROOK	1	0	1	1		196.25	100.00	
SPRINGDALE	1	0	1	1		230.00	168.75	125.00
SUITLAND	9	5	9	5		318.94	196.81	86.67
TEMPLE HILLS	17	8	15	14		255.12	180.96	126.67
UPPER MARLBORO	16	6	14	13		284.62	202.64	127.50

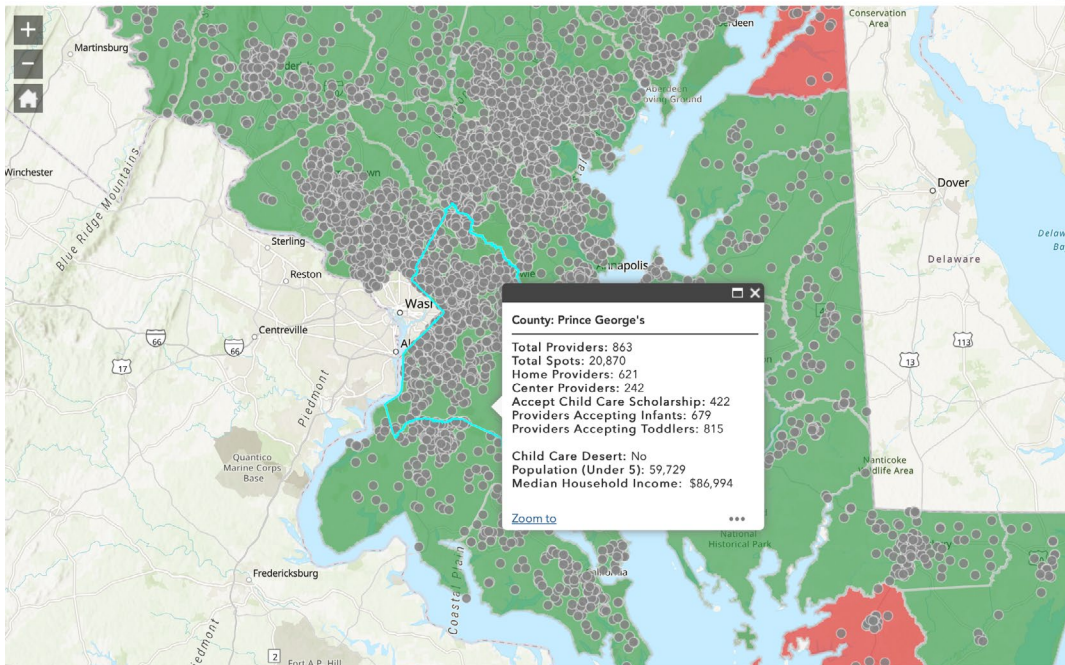
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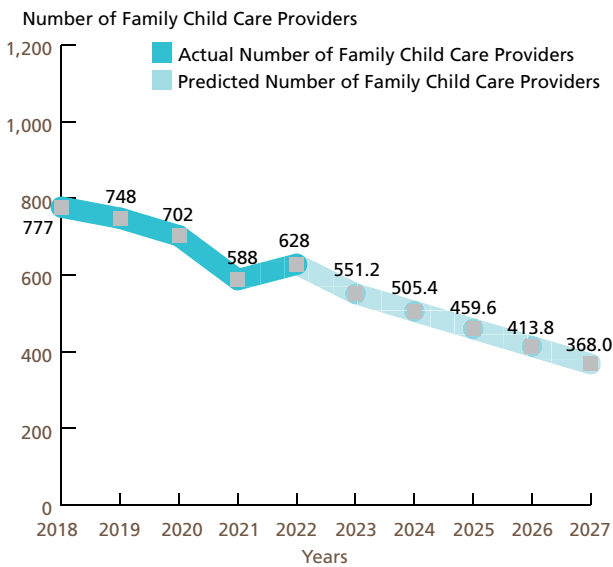
# Supply of Regulated Child Care

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>

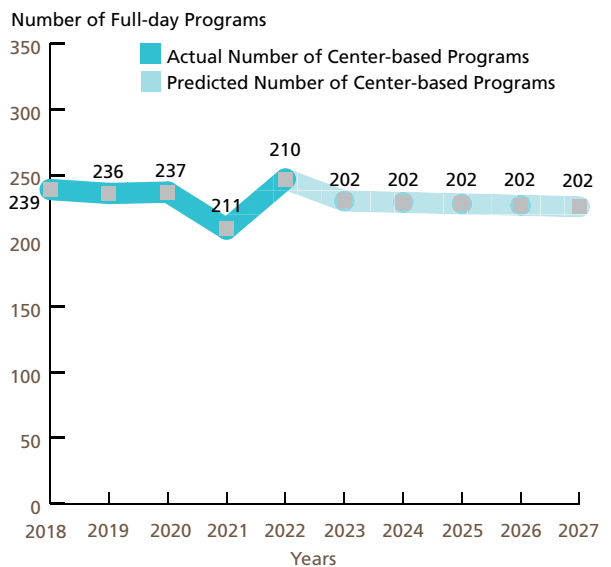


## Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Prince George's 2018-2027



Center-based Programs in Prince George's 2018-2027 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

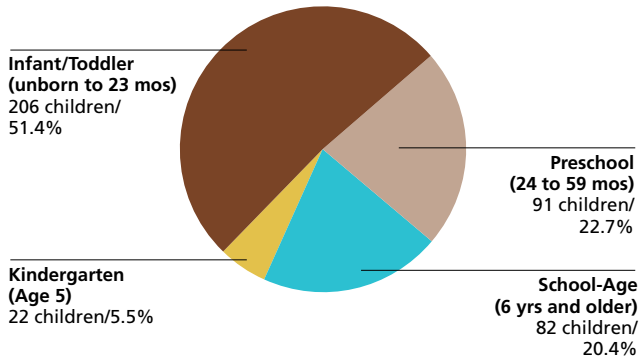


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.  
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/22.

### Demand for Child Care

#### Children Served by Age

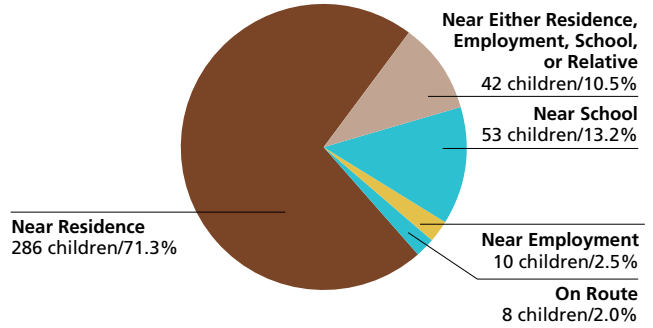
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).  
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

#### Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

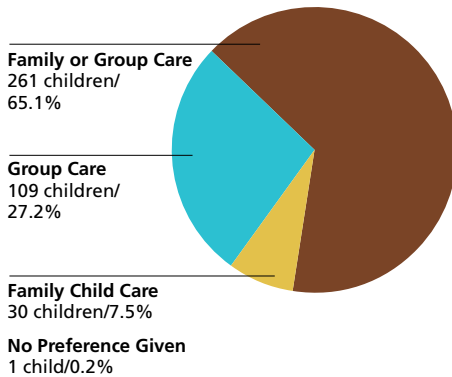
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#### Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

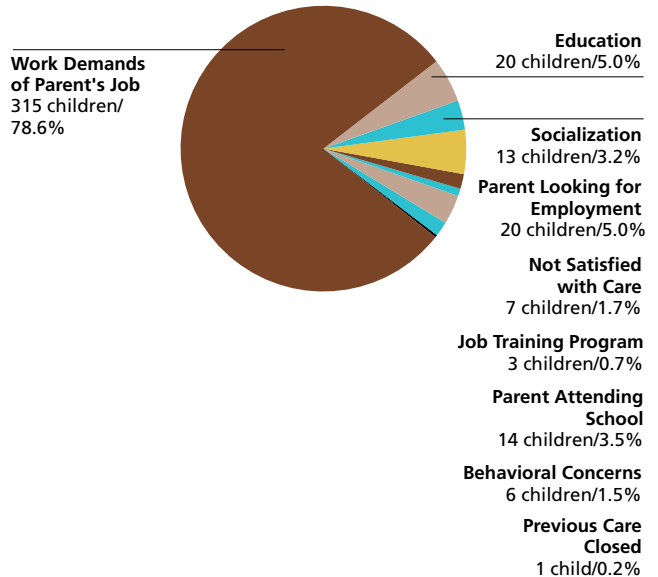
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/21-6/30/22).  
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#### Reason Child Care is Needed

N=401



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

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

**Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served** N=401

Full-time: 286 children (71.3%)  
Part-time: 95 children (23.7%)  
Other\*: 20 children (5.0%)

\* 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 (7/1/21-6/30/22).

**Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)\***

**LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship**  
146 (38.4% of all calls)

**LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship**  
88 (23.2% 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 Prince George's**

Reason	Count
Combination of ages	3
Other	3
No Vacancies for School Age	2
No Vacancies for Pre-School	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 Prince George's**

Factor	Count
Caregiver	27
Environment	24
Educational program	21
Proximity to home, work, school	12
Cost	9
Hours of operation/part time	4
Only program/provider with vacancy	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 Prince George's**  
266 (42.4% of total family child care providers)

**Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's County**  
170 (68.8% of total child care centers)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2022.  
\* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

**Prince George's FY22 Allocation (estimated)**  
\$22,241,084 = 2,749 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**  
362 (57.6% of total family child care providers in Prince George's)

**Centers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
164 (66.4% of total child care centers in Prince George's)

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, 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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