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Maryland Report

How much do Maryland families spend on child care? If you said, “a lot,” you’re correct. However, where you live, your children’s ages, your family income, type of care, population size, and other factors impact how much a parent spends on care. Some Maryland families are spending upwards of 30% of their income on child care.

Families need child care to be able to go to work. It is essential to Maryland’s economy. Experts have proven that children with access to quality early learning experiences do better in school, are healthier, and even earn more over a lifetime. Yet a growing cohort of economists has concluded that child care is a market failure. Parents can’t afford to pay and providers can’t afford to stay. Despite this, lawmakers in Maryland have shown a dedication to making our state a national leader when it comes to fixing child care. That is why Maryland Family Network (MFN) publishes *Child Care Demographics* annually to help policymakers understand the complexities facing families and propose common sense solutions.

Child Care Demographics is a desktop reference that provides data on population, income, workforce participation, and child care for the state of Maryland and for each of the local jurisdictions. MFN’s *Trends in Child Care* is a companion publication that offers a history of and predictions about the demand, supply, and cost of child care. Download *Trends in Child Care* here.

Maryland Family Network has also created a real-time map of Maryland’s child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts. Viewing this map will significantly enhance your Child Care Demographics experience.

If you have questions about the information on these pages, don’t hesitate to contact Beth Morrow, Director of Public Policy, at bmorrow@marylandfamilynetwork.org.

Access to quality child care is a major determinant of children’s success. Nobel Laureate James Heckman famously found a 13% return on investment when children lacking the advantages of their well-resourced peers have access to high-quality birth-to-five programs. Yet, child care is not equitable in Maryland. Many factors impact a family’s ability to afford and access care, but income is among the greatest.

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We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland’s youngest children and those who care for them.

Maryland Family Network, as the State Coordinating Entity of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network, publishes this Maryland Report for the Network’s Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland’s 23 counties, and the City of Baltimore.



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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Maryland has approximately 433,208 children from birth through age five, and 12.1 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Maryland is \$24,657 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$79,420 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes \$42,135 and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,777. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

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Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	\$207,705
3-4 years	\$151,635
5 years	\$73,868
6-8 years	\$224,060
9-11 years	\$235,994
Total Children	\$893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

County	Estimated Child Care Cost ¹	Median Family Income ²	% of Median Income Spent On Child Care	Child Care Cost Ranked w/Other Major Household Exp ³
Allegany	\$14,643	\$ 90,334	20.4%	1
Anne Arundel	\$24,925	\$96,307	17.7%	2
Baltimore City	\$22,968	\$48,651	31.2%	1
Baltimore County	\$21,538	\$73,060	19.0%	2
Calvert	\$19,822	\$105,556	13.2%	3
Caroline	\$14,796	\$67,252	18.5%	2
Carroll	\$21,815	\$93,010	15.6%	2
Cecil	\$20,089	\$71,306	18.6%	2
Charles	\$22,816	\$100,853	16.8%	3
Dorchester	\$15,900	\$52,326	19.7%	2
Frederick	\$23,808	\$96,109	16.9%	2
Garrett	\$13,234	\$50,929	15.7%	2
Harford	\$24,919	\$85,088	19.0%	2
Howard	\$29,250	\$119,780	16.8%	2
Kent	\$18,093	\$55,059	17.3%	2
Montgomery	\$33,317	\$111,240	21.0%	2
Prince George's	\$23,735	\$79,842	20.0%	2
Queen Anne's	\$17,321	\$97,520	13.3%	2
St. Mary's	\$20,001	\$94,279	15.0%	3
Somerset	\$14,255	\$45,003	20.3%	2
Talbot	\$16,161	\$76,553	15.2%	3
Washington	\$16,585	\$58,769	17.9%	2
Wicomico	\$16,752	\$57,865	18.5%	2
Worcester	\$18,078	\$65,147	20.0%	2
Maryland	\$24,657	\$73,538	27.8%	2

NOTE: Child Care and other household expenses are based on a family of 4 that included a couple and two children ages 0-23 months and 2-4 years. The household expenses considered include housing, income taxes, and food. ¹Combined average of full-time care for an infant in a family child care home and a preschooler in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ²Current income as shown in the American Community Survey 2022. ³Housing costs based on U.S. Bureau of the Census ACS 2022 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; ACS 2021 iTax from smartassess.com

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013	2023
0-2 years	214,524	207,705
3-4 years	151,773	151,635
5 years	75,351	73,868
6-8 years	217,506	224,060
9-11 years	225,975	235,994
Total	885,129	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	194,740	182,496
Aged 25-29	202,198	197,342
Aged 30-34	195,269	215,239
Total Aged 20-34	592,207	595,077

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Maryland
2023	
Females	1,622,793
Males	1,726,909
2013	
Females	1,581,677
Males	1,650,181
Change	
Females	2.6%
Males	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females (16+) with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	425,593	415,037	-2.5%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	303,745	305,213	0.5%
Total Children 6-17 years old	860,985	893,571	3.8%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	667,916	699,578	4.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Maryland
2023	6,170,738
2022	6,161,707
2021	6,148,545
2013	5,834,299
2011	5,736,545
2000	5,296,486
1990	4,780,753
1980	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	203,366	185,091
Aged 25-29	199,163	195,565
Aged 30-34	187,216	210,307
Total Aged 20-34	589,745	590,963

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	5,694,032	6,045,148
Total number of households	2,146,240	2,339,510
Average household size	2.65	2.58

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	587,102	600,567	2.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	453,276	446,618	-1.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	1,438,269		1,529,098		6.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	97,433	6.8%	96,111	6.3%	-1.4%
All Families with Children Under 5	270,735		253,400		-6.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	37,086	13.7%	28,791	11.4%	-22.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	719,431		715,525		-0.5%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	75,188	10.5%	67,492	9.4%	-10.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	1,328,595		1,353,842		1.9%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	171,260	12.9%	156,046	11.5%	-8.9%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	55,257	15.3%	42,656	12.1%	-22.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	116,003	12.0%	113,390	11.3%	-2.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

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

Housing Information

	2023	%
Owner-Occupied housing	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	\$760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Maryland) ²	\$31,040
Child Care Center Director (Maryland) ³	\$41,131
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland) ³	\$26,877
Center Aide (Maryland) ³	\$17,854

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income	2023
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:	2023
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households Maryland
Under \$25,000	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.2%
\$75,000 +	62.9%
Total Households	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Programs	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$293.85	\$438.61
2-4 Years	\$257.01	\$314.16
5 years ¹	\$237.17	\$293.54
School Age Full ²	\$210.86	\$251.68
School Age B/A ³	\$149.90	\$167.94

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

¹Average 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. ²Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).

³Average cost of before and after school child care.

Unemployment Rate

Maryland	
2000	3.4%
2001	4.0%
2002	3.9%
2003	4.1%
2004	3.9%
2005	3.9%
2006	3.7%
2007	3.6%
2008	4.5%
2009	7.1%
2010	7.3%
2011	7.2%
2012	6.5%
2013	6.2%
2014	5.6%
2015	5.0%
2016	4.5%
2017	4.3%
2018	4.5%
2019	3.9%
2020	8.3%
2021	6.2%
2022	3.7%
2023	1.7%
2024	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	4,110	32,220
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	2,608	172,592
Public Pre-Kindergarten"	377	N/A
Head Start	124	4,503
Early Head Start	17	1,421

Of the child care providers in the Maryland**

4,403 are licensed to accept infants with 16,602 total infant capacity
 29 are Head Start programs***
 147 are Early Head Start programs***
 413 are nursery schools
 287 offer Part Day
 1,710 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 117,754

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	783	68
Middle Schools	213	N/A
Combined Elementary and Middle	94	435

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	31,381	13,407
Kindergarten	60,514	8,187
Grades 1-6	388,458	45,817
Total	480,353	67,411

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Jurisdiction

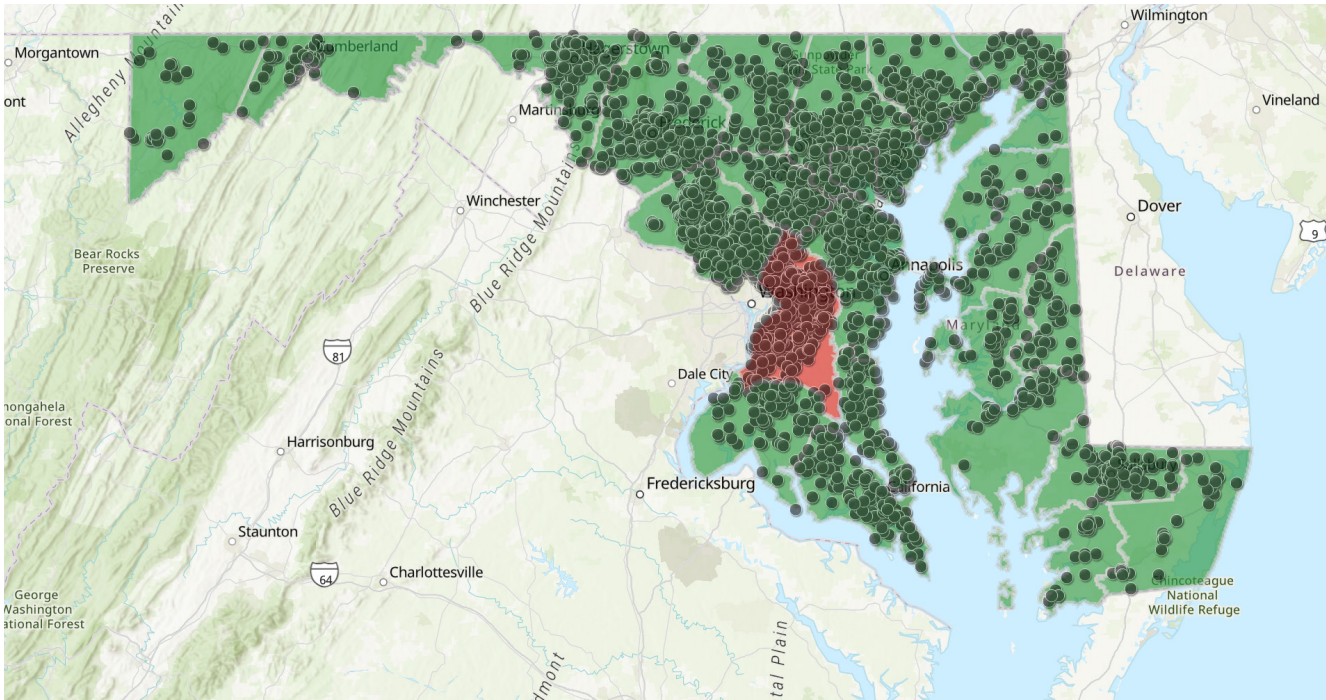
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Maryland as of June 30, 2024.

Jurisdiction	Family Child Care Providers	Child Care Centers
Allegany	37	18
Anne Arundel	307	238
Baltimore City	383	276
Baltimore Co.	510	373
Calvert	70	47
Caroline	47	8
Carroll	85	88
Cecil	59	36
Charles	147	73
Dorchester	41	13
Frederick	260	116
Garrett	13	11
Harford	189	97
Howard	247	185
Kent	13	7
Montgomery	698	489
Prince George's	569	347
Queen Anne's	55	16
St. Mary's	109	36
Somerset	20	8
Talbot	29	20
Washington	118	56
Wicomico	85	32
Worcester	19	18
Totals	4,110	2,608

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

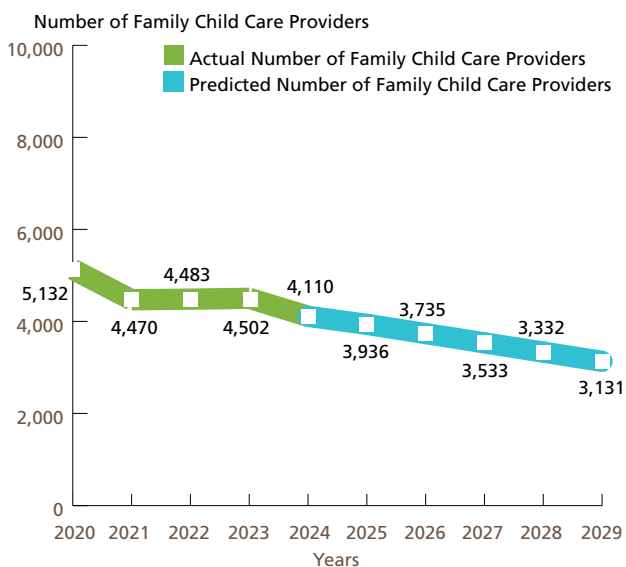
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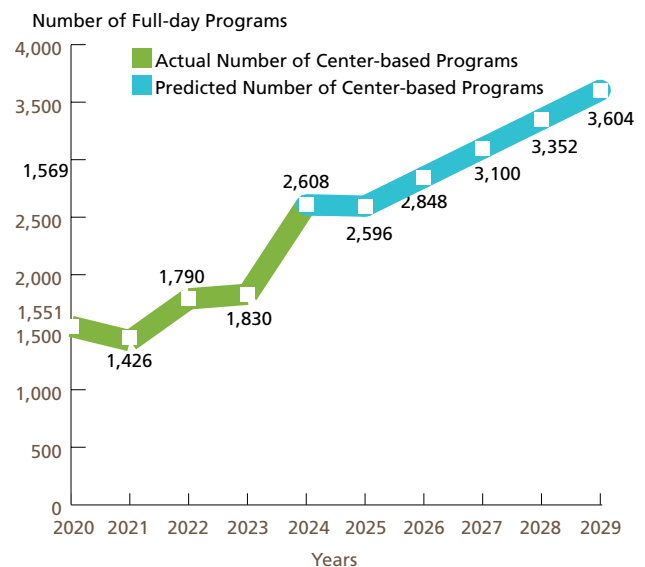


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Maryland 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Maryland 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

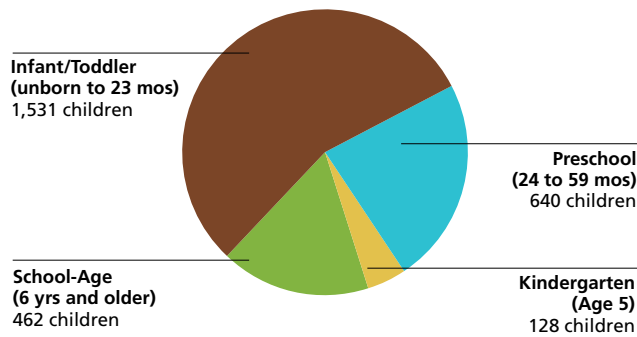


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

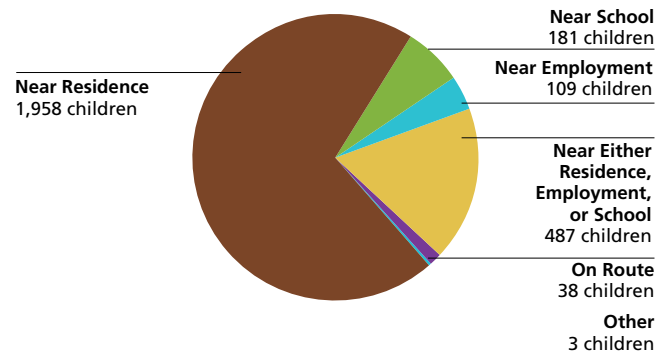
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

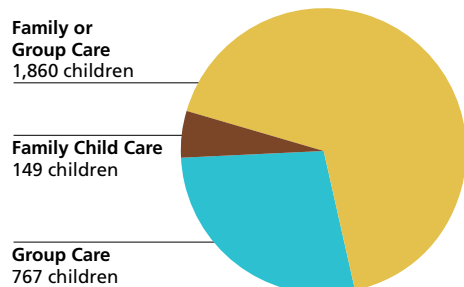
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

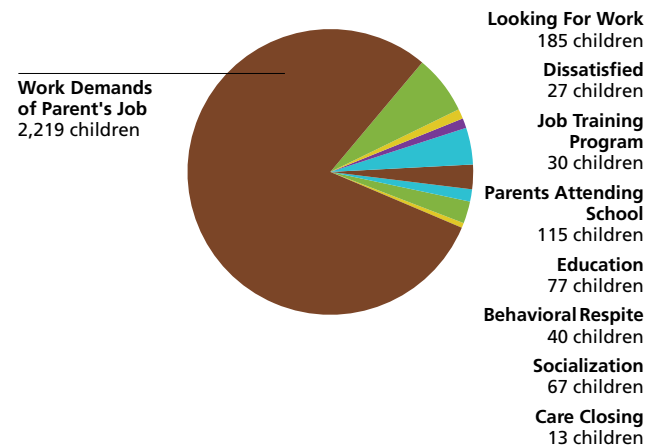
N=2,776



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=2,776



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
2,776 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=2,776

Full-time: 2,221 children

Part-time: 482 children

Other*: 73 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
1,008 (36% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
829 (30% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Maryland
1,666 (41% of all family providers in Maryland)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Maryland
1,040 (40% of all 8-12 hour centers in Maryland)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$414,733,772

CCS Children Served
51,175

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
1,972 (48% of all family providers in Maryland)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
1,021 (39% of all 8-12 hour centers in Maryland)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Allegany County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Allegany County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Allegany County has approximately 3,930 children from birth through age five, and 21.5 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Allegany County is \$14,643 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$71,236 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$16,920, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,568. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,711
3-4 years	1,389
5 years	830
6-8 years	1,869
9-11 years	2,048
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	7,847

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Allegany is \$71,767⁶. 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	\$ 14,642	20.4%
Infant ¹	\$6,950	
Preschooler ²	\$7,692	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	17.9%
Housing ⁴	\$ 14,232	19.8%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 7,154	10.0%
Total	\$ 48,879	68.1%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Allegany County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$161.50	\$150.00
2-4 Years	\$152.67	\$150.00
5 Years ¹	\$151.00	\$150.00
School Age Full ²	\$151.00	\$150.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$106.00	\$41.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Allegany	Maryland	Allegany	Maryland
0-2 years	1,997	214,524	1,711	207,705
3-4 years	1,402	151,773	1,389	151,635
5 years	675	75,351	830	73,868
6-8 years	2,002	217,506	1,869	224,060
9-11 years	2,243	225,975	2,048	235,994
Total	8,319	885,129	7,847	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	2,852	2,563
Aged 25-29	1,856	1,704
Aged 30-34	1,693	1,682
Total Aged 20-34	6,401	5,949

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Allegany	Maryland
2023		
Females	12,742	1,622,793
Males	15,745	1,726,909
2013		
Females	15,928	1,581,677
Males	18,430	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-20.0%	2.6%
Males	-14.6%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females (16+) with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	3,759	3855	2.6%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	2,703	2276	-15.8%
Total Children 6-17 years old	8,427	7551	-10.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	5,963	4888	-18.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Allegany	Maryland
2023	67,762	6,170,738
2022	68,161	6,161,707
2021	68,684	6,148,545
2013	74,394	5,834,299
2011	74,788	5,736,545
2000	74,930	5,296,486
1990	74,946	4,780,753
1980	80,548	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	3,620	3,080
Aged 25-29	2,747	2,360
Aged 30-34	2,614	2,520
Total Aged 20-34	8,981	7,960

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	66,525	60,973
Total number of households	28,433	27,436
Average household size	2.34	2.22

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	5989	5284	-11.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	4313	3378	-21.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	17349		15724		-9.4%
Families Below Poverty Level	1912	11.0%	1759	11.2%	-8.0%
All Families with Children Under 5	2607		2435		-6.6%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	673	25.8%	516	21.2%	-23.3%
All Families w Children Under 18	7156		6723		-6.1%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1454	20.3%	1177	17.5%	-19.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	12,711		11,860		-6.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,110	24.5%	2,413	20.3%	-22.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	958	29.5%	667	21.5%	-30.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,152	22.7%	1,746	19.9%	-18.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Allegany	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	47,932		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	43,007	89.7%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	10,125	21.1%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Allegany	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	17349	15724	-9.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	2620	2664	1.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	6488	6052	-6.7%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Allegany County) ¹	\$71,236
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Allegany County) ²	\$16,920
Child Care Center Director (Allegany County) ³	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Allegany County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (Maryland) ⁴	\$17,854

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors. ⁴County salary not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Allegany	\$71,767
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Allegany	\$57,393
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Allegany	Maryland
Under \$25,000	22.3%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	22.3%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.4%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	37.1%	62.9%
Total Households	27,436	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Allegany	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	19,294	70.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	8,142	29.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$149,200		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,186		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$786		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Allegany	Maryland
2001	6.6%	3.4%
2002	6.3%	4.0%
2003	5.3%	4.1%
2004	5.6%	3.9%
2005	6.2%	3.9%
2006	5.0%	3.7%
2007	4.9%	3.6%
2008	5.6%	4.5%
2009	7.5%	7.1%
2010	8.7%	7.3%
2011	8.4%	7.2%
2012	7.5%	6.5%
2013	7.5%	6.2%
2014	6.5%	5.6%
2015	6.1%	5.0%
2016	6.3%	4.5%
2017	5.9%	4.3%
2018	6.1%	4.5%
2019	5.8%	3.9%
2020	9.7%	8.3%
2021	7.4%	6.7%
2022	4.6%	3.7%
2023	2.1%	1.7%
2024	4.0%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	37	308
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	18	963
Public Pre-Kindergarten	12	N/A
Head Start	4	187
Early Head Start	2	40

Of the providers in the county**

- 5 are licensed to accept infants with 99 total infant capacity
- 6 are Head Start programs
- 1 is an Early Head Start program
- 5 are nursery schools
- 2 offer Part Day
- 9 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 532

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by School District

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Allegany as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Beall	3	8.1%	3	16.7%
Bel Air	1	2.7%	1	5.6%
Cash Valley	1	2.7%	1	5.6%
Cresaptown	4	10.8%	1	5.6%
Flintstone	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
Frost	1	2.7%	1	5.6%
Frostburg	0	0.0%	1	5.6%
George's Creek	1	2.7%	1	5.6%
John Humbird	4	10.8%	0	0.0%
Northeast	7	18.9%	1	5.6%
Parkside	3	8.1%	1	5.6%
South Penn	8	21.6%	2	11.1%
West Side	3	8.1%	4	22.2%
Westernport	0	0.0%	1	5.6%
Totals	37	100.0%	18	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	14	1
Middle Schools	4	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	3

Elementary School Enrollment

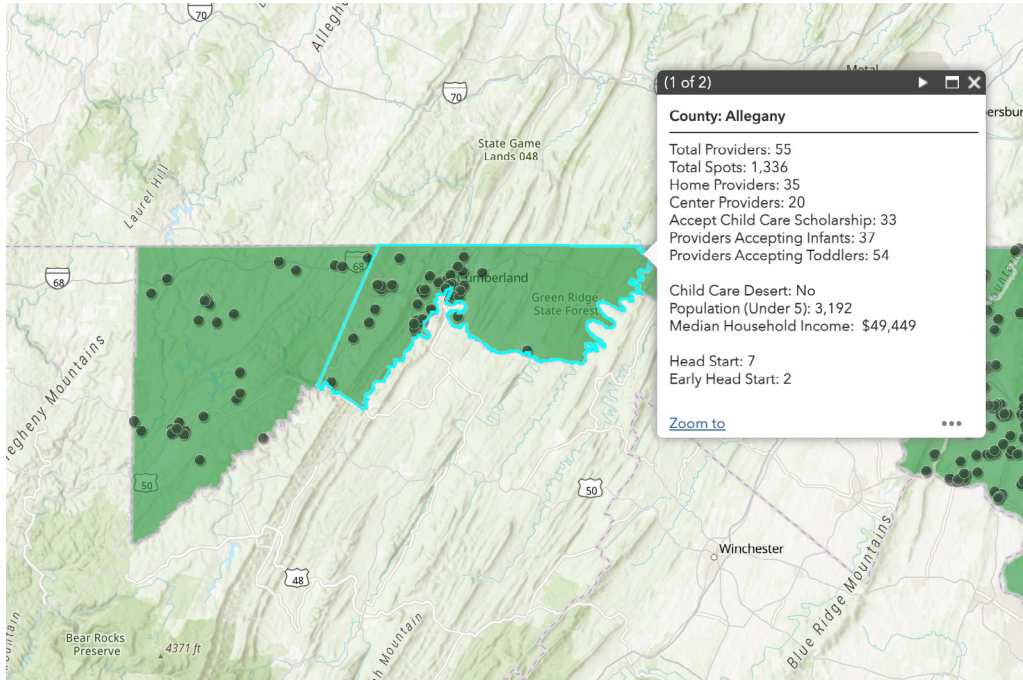
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	501	81
Kindergarten	571	41
Grades 1-5	3,473	274
Total	4,545	396

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

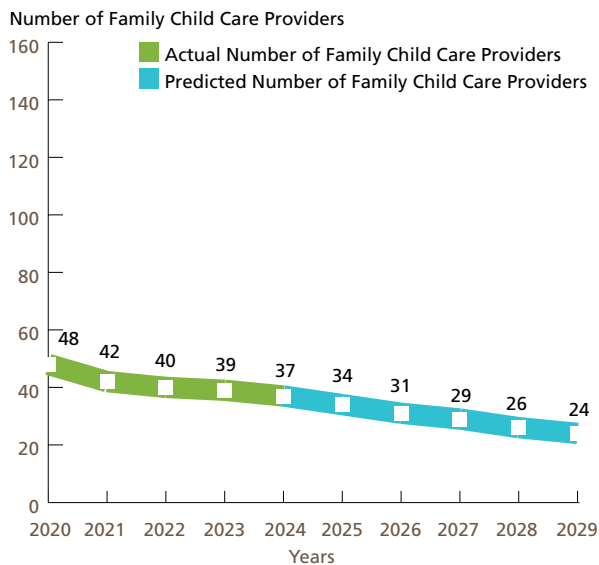
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

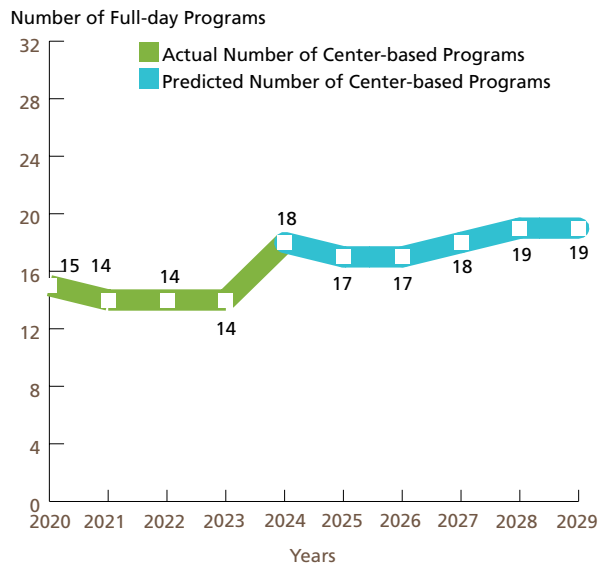


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Allegany 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Allegany 2020-2029 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

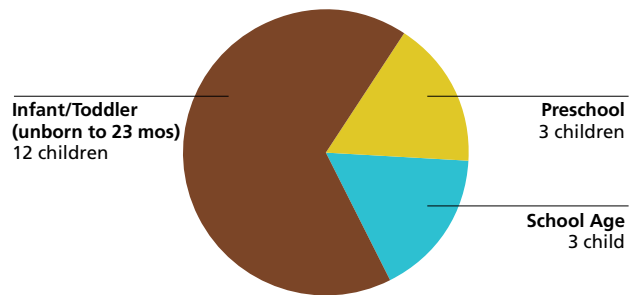


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

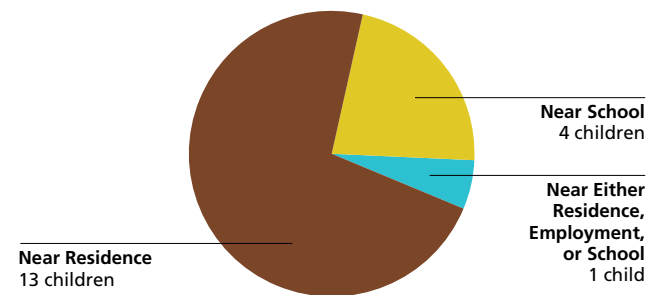
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

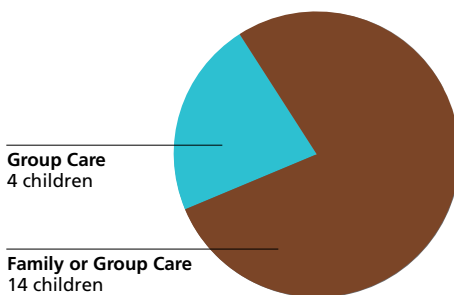
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

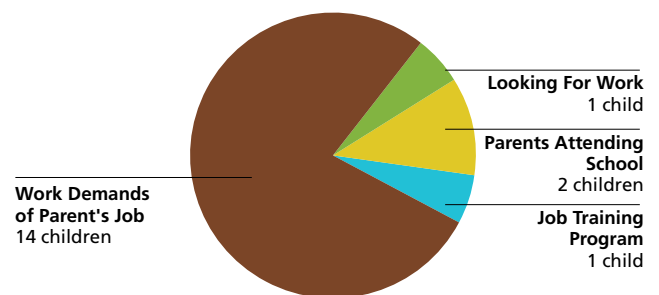
N=18



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=18



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
18 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=18

Full-time: 12 children

Part-time: 6 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
6 (33% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
7 (39% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Allegany County
23 (62% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Allegany County
8 (44% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$1,962,719

CCS Children Served
653

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
19 (51% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
8 (44% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	19,936
3-4 years	15,810
5 years	7,040
6-8 years	22,526
9-11 years	23,131
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	88,443

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Anne Arundel is \$141,201⁶. 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	\$24,925	17.7%
Infant ¹	\$12,209	
Preschooler ²	\$12,716	
Food ³	\$12,851	9.1%
Housing ⁴	\$28,908	20.5%
Taxes ⁵	\$21,621	15.3%
Total	\$88,305	62.5%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care, 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Anne Arundel County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$ 314.05	\$467.93
2-4 Years	\$ 274.04	\$350.45
5 Years ¹	\$ 260.35	\$327.99
School Age Full ²	\$ 224.64	\$345.42
Before/After School Care ³	\$ 51.25	\$226.52

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Anne Arundel	Maryland	Anne Arundel	Maryland
0-2 years	20,329	214,524	19,936	207,705
3-4 years	14,474	151,773	15,810	151,635
5 years	7,979	75,351	7,040	73,868
6-8 years	20,629	217,506	22,526	224,060
9-11 years	21,271	225,975	23,131	235,994
Total	84,682	885,129	88,443	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	16,225	15,814
Aged 25-29	18,594	18,590
Aged 30-34	18,222	21,822
Total Aged 20-34	53,041	56,226

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Anne Arundel	Maryland
2023		
Females	154,405	1,622,793
Males	174,743	1,726,909
2013		
Females	145,484	1,581,677
Males	162,805	1,650,181
Change		
Females	6.1%	2.6%
Males	7.3%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	41,760	41,519	-0.6%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	28,045	30,678	9.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	78,677	87,041	10.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	59,157	68,633	16.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Anne Arundel	Maryland
2023	590,936	6,170,738
2022	588,109	6,161,707
2021	584,064	6,148,545
2013	544,426	5,834,299
2011	532,369	5,736,545
2000	489,656	5,296,486
1990	427,239	4,780,753
1980	370,775	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	20,097	17,660
Aged 25-29	19,052	19,594
Aged 30-34	18,152	21,566
Total Aged 20-34	57,301	58,820

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	528,838	580,552
Total number of households	199,904	223,602
Average household size	2.65	2.60

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	57,707	60,204	4.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	42,262	46,772	10.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	138,458		153,236		10.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	5,898	4.3%	5,722	3.7%	-3.0%
All Families with Children Under 5	27,272		25,700		-5.8%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	2,326	8.5%	1,456	5.7%	-37.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	67,858		71,394		5.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	4,398	6.5%	3,741	5.2%	-14.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	123,947		132,429		6.8%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	9,966	8.0%	7,726	5.8%	-22.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,109	9.1%	1,888	5.4%	-39.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	6,857	7.6%	5,838	6.0%	-14.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Anne Arundel	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	411,412		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	385,820	93.8%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	186,124	45.2%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Anne Arundel	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	138,458	153,236	10.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	27,782	27,489	-1.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	61,633	65,505	6.3%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	a0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Anne Arundel County) ¹	\$75,294
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Anne Arundel County) ²	\$38,172
Child Care Center Director (Anne Arundel County) ³	\$42,456
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Anne Arundel County) ³	\$32,270
Center Aide (Anne Arundel County) ³	\$23,737

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Anne Arundel	141,201
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Anne Arundel	120,324
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households Anne Arundel	Maryland
Under \$25,000	7.0%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	9.4%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.5%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	72.0%	62.9%
Total Households	223,602	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Anne Arundel	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	167,618	75.0%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	55,984	25.0%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$450,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,409		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,990		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Anne Arundel	Maryland
2001	3.3%	4.0%
2002	3.2%	3.9%
2003	3.4%	4.1%
2004	3.2%	3.9%
2005	3.2%	3.9%
2006	3.2%	3.7%
2007	3.1%	3.6%
2008	4.0%	4.5%
2009	6.5%	7.1%
2010	6.6%	7.3%
2011	6.6%	7.2%
2012	5.9%	6.5%
2013	5.7%	6.2%
2014	5.0%	5.6%
2015	4.5%	5.0%
2016	4.0%	4.5%
2017	3.6%	4.3%
2018	3.9%	4.5%
2019	3.4%	3.9%
2020	7.4%	8.3%
2021	5.6%	6.7%
2020	3.1%	3.7%
2023	1.5%	1.7%
2024	2.8%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	307	2,364
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	238	17,440
Public Pre-Kindergarten	58	N/A
Head Start	1	105
Early Head Start	4	76

Of the providers in the county**

- 66 are licensed to accept infants with 850 total infant capacity
- 4 are Head Start programs
- 1 is an Early Head Start program
- 41 are nursery schools
- 35 offer Part Day
- 153 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 11,918

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	81	7
Middle Schools	19	N/A
Combined Elementary and Middle	2	35

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	2,504	1,830
Kindergarten	5,851	830
Grades 1-6	37,478	4,841
Total	45,833	7,501

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Community/Zip Code

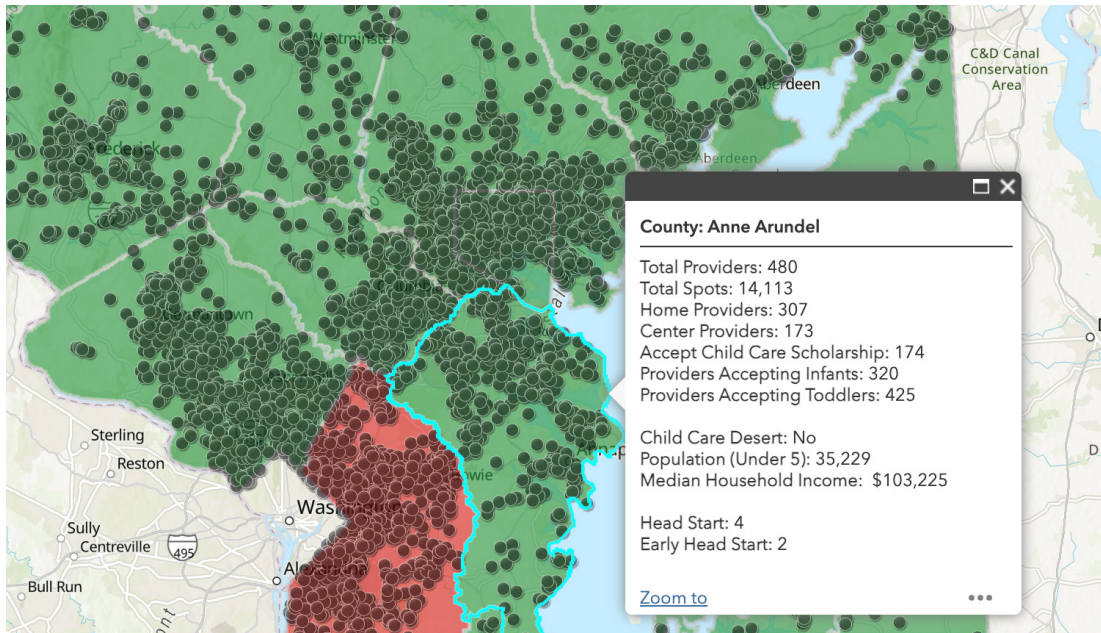
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Anne Arundel as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Annapolis 21401	10	3.3%	1	0.4%
Annapolis 21403	5	1.6%	26	10.9%
Annapolis 21409	13	4.2%	6	2.5%
Annapolis 21409	0	0.0%	7	2.9%
Annapolis Junction 20701	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Arnold 21012	11	3.6%	11	4.6%
Baltimore 21225	0	0.0%	4	1.7%
Brooklyn Park 21225	4	1.3%	1	0.4%
Churchton 20733	2	0.7%	1	0.4%
Crofton 21114	10	3.3%	0	0.0%
Crownsville 21032	3	1.0%	7	2.9%
Davidsonville 21035	2	0.7%	5	2.1%
Davidsonville 21035	0	0.0%	7	2.9%
Dunkirk 20754	2	0.7%	2	0.8%
Edgewater 21037	6	2.0%	9	3.8%
Edgewater 21401	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Friendship 20758	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Galesville 20765	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Gambrills 21054	7	2.3%	13	5.5%
Glen Burnie 21060	22	7.2%	11	4.6%
Glen Burnie 21061	40	13.0%	20	8.4%
Hanover 21076	13	4.2%	11	4.6%
Harwood 20776	2	0.7%	1	0.4%
Jessup 20794	3	1.0%	2	0.8%
Laurel 20724	17	5.5%	5	2.1%
Linthicum 21090	7	2.3%	6	2.5%
Linthicum Heights 21090	1	0.3%	1	0.4%
Lothian 20711	1	0.3%	3	1.3%
Millersville 21108	13	4.2%	6	2.5%
Odenton 21113	19	6.2%	14	5.9%
Orchard Beach 21226	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Pasadena 21122	36	11.7%	28	11.8%
Riva 21140	3	1.0%	0	0.0%
Severn 21144	33	10.7%	8	3.4%
Severna Park 21146	14	4.6%	17	7.1%
Shady Side 20764	6	2.0%	1	0.4%
Tracys Landing 20779	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Totals	307	100.0%	238	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

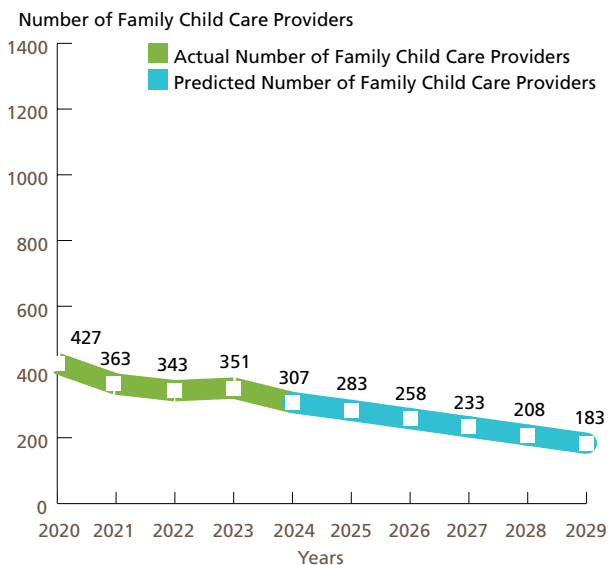
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

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.

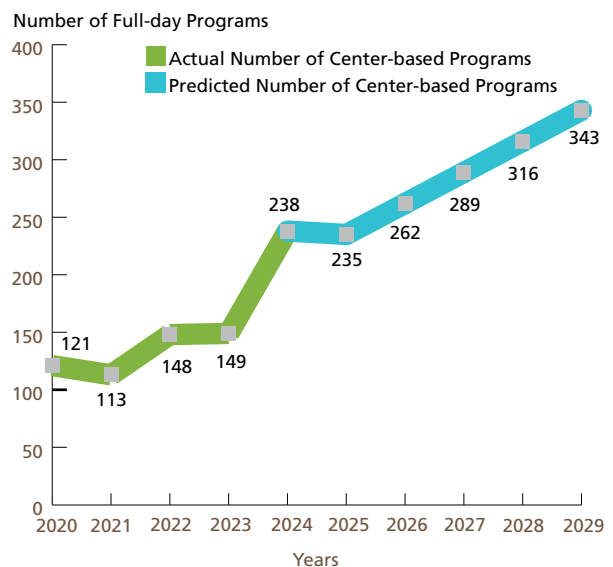


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Anne Arundel 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Anne Arundel 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

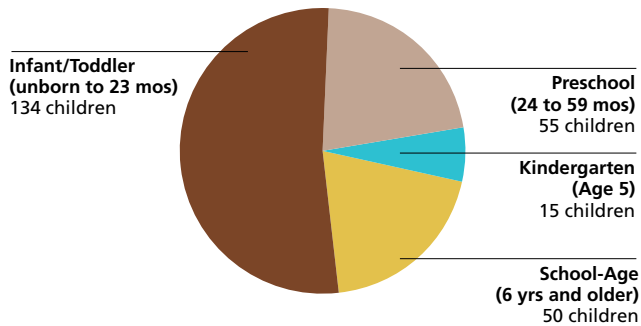


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

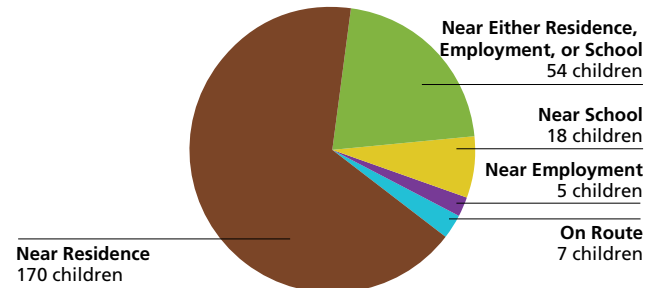
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

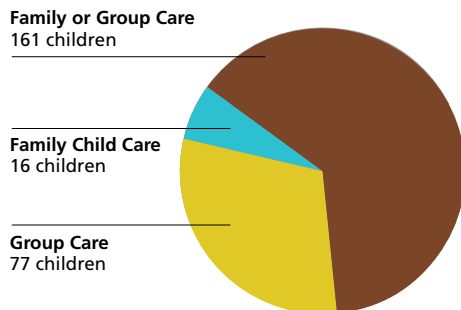
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

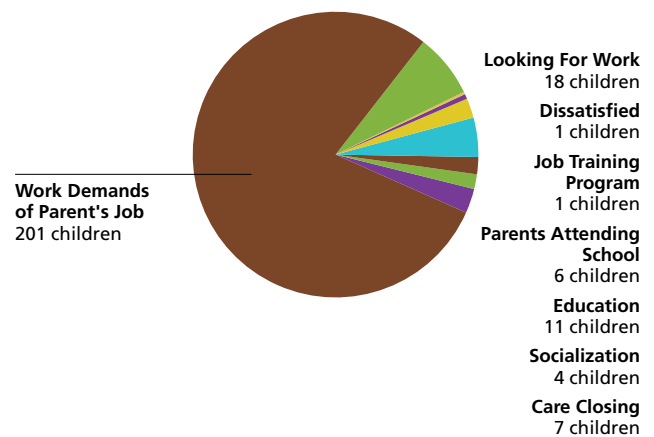
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=254



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
254 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=254

Full-time: 194 children

Part-time: 51 children

Other*: 9 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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
101 (40% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
46 (18% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24)

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Anne Arundel County
95 (31% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Anne Arundel County
75 (32% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$18,892,822

CCS Children Served
2,875

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
155 (50% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
87 (37% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Baltimore City Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Baltimore City Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Baltimore City has approximately 42,293 children from birth through age five, and 25.5 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Baltimore City is \$22,968 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$77,769 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$29,696, and a child care center teacher earns only \$22,039. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	21,171
3-4 years	14,134
5 years	6,988
6-8 years	17,283
9-11 years	20,438
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	80,014

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Baltimore City is \$73,681⁶. 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	\$ 22,968	31.2%
Infant ¹	\$10,483.20	
Preschooler ²	\$12,499.76	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	17.4%
Housing ⁴	\$ 20,916	28.4%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 9,059	12.3%
Total	\$ 65,794	89.3%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Baltimore City	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$267.83	\$365.92
2-4 years	\$224.20	\$302.22
5 years ¹	\$198.01	\$287.11
School Age Full ²	\$178.76	\$250.67
Before/After School Care ³	\$135.30	\$191.15

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Baltimore City	Maryland	Baltimore City	Maryland
0-2 years	25,747	214,524	21,171	207,705
3-4 years	15,797	151,773	14,134	151,635
5 years	7,805	75,351	6,988	73,868
6-8 years	20,442	217,506	17,283	224,060
9-11 years	20,791	225,975	20,438	235,994
Total	90,582	885,129	80,014	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
Age breakdowns in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	28,640	19,423
Aged 25-29	31,182	26,978
Aged 30-34	25,207	28,422
Total Aged 20-34	85,029	74,823

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Baltimore City	Maryland
2023		
Females	154,433	1,622,793
Males	141,814	1,726,909
2013		
Females	165,335	1,581,677
Males	150,973	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-6.6%	2.6%
Males	-6.1%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	46,430	40,324	-13.2%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	32,838	29,832	-9.2%
Total Children 6-17 years old	74,770	70,519	-5.7%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	56,407	50,324	-10.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Baltimore City	Maryland
2023	577,193	6,170,738
2022	584,548	6,161,707
2021	592,211	6,148,545
2013	621,445	5,834,299
2011	620,210	5,736,545
2000	651,154	5,296,486
1990	736,014	4,780,753
1980	786,775	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	25,901	17,084
Aged 25-29	27,827	24,002
Aged 30-34	23,160	25,790
Total Aged 20-34	76,888	66,876

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	597,409	555,765
Total number of households	241,455	250,608
Average household size	2.47	2.22

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	47,183	42,119	-10.7%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	31,386	30,258	-3.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	125,055		118,149		-5.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	23,864	19.1%	18,062	15.3%	-24.3%
All Families with Children Under 5	27,607		21,623		-21.7%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	8,786	31.8%	5,479	25.3%	-37.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	64,622		55,836		-13.6%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	18,132	28.1%	12,839	23.0%	-29.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	129,677		118,316		-8.8%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	44,195	34.1%	31,274	26.4%	-29.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	14,675	36.0%	8,903	25.5%	-39.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	29,520	33.2%	22,371	26.8%	-24.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Baltimore City	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	404,300		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	352,561	87.2%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	143,233	35.4%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Baltimore City	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	125,055	118,149	-5.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	23,955	21,329	-11.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	51,869	47,300	-8.8%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Baltimore City) ¹	\$77,769
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Baltimore City) ²	\$29,696
Child Care Center Director (Baltimore City) ³	\$34,406
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Baltimore City) ³	\$22,039
Center Aide (Baltimore City) ³	\$17,963

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Baltimore City	\$59,623
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Baltimore City	\$73,681
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Baltimore City	Maryland
Under \$25,000	24.1%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.8%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.6%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	40.5%	62.9%
Total Households	250,608	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Baltimore City	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	119,077	47.5%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	131,531	52.5%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$219,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,743		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,290		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Baltimore City	Maryland
2001	8.0%	4.0%
2002	7.5%	3.9%
2003	8.4%	4.1%
2004	8.2%	3.9%
2005	7.1%	3.9%
2006	6.6%	3.7%
2007	6.0%	3.6%
2008	7.1%	4.5%
2009	10.6%	7.1%
2010	11.0%	7.3%
2011	10.4%	7.2%
2012	10.2%	6.5%
2013	9.4%	6.2%
2014	8.5%	5.6%
2015	7.4%	5.0%
2016	6.7%	4.5%
2017	6.2%	4.3%
2018	6.3%	4.5%
2019	5.5%	3.9%
2020	10.0%	8.3%
2021	8.5%	6.7%
2022	5.1%	3.7%
2023	2.3%	1.7%
2024	4.3%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	383	2,991
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	276	13,896
Public Pre-Kindergarten	101	N/A
Head Start	26	2,010
Early Head Start	N/A	501

Of the providers in the county**

- 121 are licensed to accept infants with 767 total infant capacity
- 38 are Head Start programs
- 9 are Early Head Start programs
- 22 are nursery schools
- 10 offer Part Day
- 146 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 7,095

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	34	11
Middle Schools	3	N/A
Combined Elementary and Middle	59	46

Elementary School Enrollment

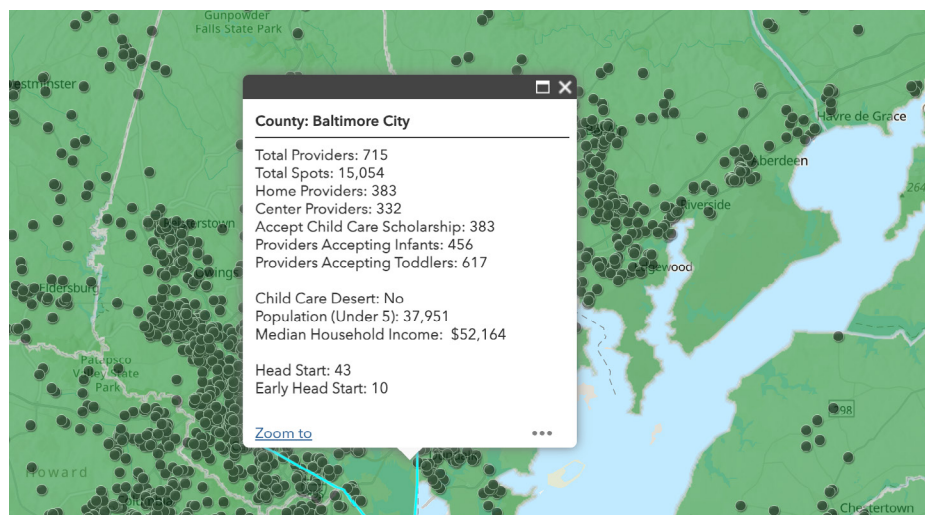
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	3,917	654
Kindergarten	5,408	734
Grades 1-5	33,800	4,610
Total	43,125	5,998

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

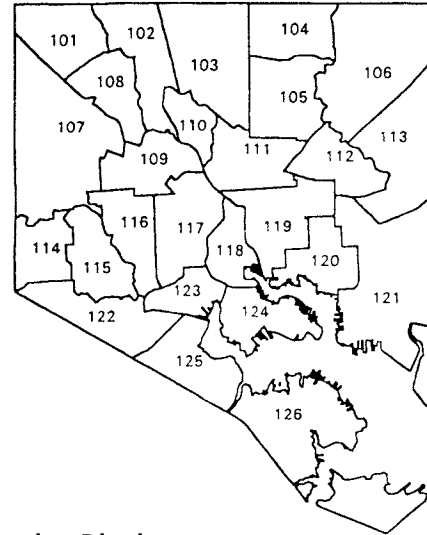
Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.



Supply of Child Care

Regional Planning Districts

101 Upper Park Heights	115 Irvington
102 Mount Washington	116 Rosemont
103 Roland Park	117 West Baltimore
104 Chinquapin	118 Metrocenter
105 Govans-Northwood	119 East Baltimore
106 Hamilton	120 Highlandtown
107 Forest Park	121 Canton
108 Lower Park Heights	122 Morrell Park
109 Druid Hill	123 Carroll Park
110 Hampden	124 South Baltimore
111 Waverly	125 Cherry Hill
112 Clifton	126 Brooklyn
113 Gardenville	
114 Ten Hills	



Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Regional Planning District

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Baltimore City as of June 30, 2024.

	Family Child Care		Center Child Care	
		% of Total		% of Total
101 Upper Park Heights	15	3.9%	10	3.6%
102 Mount Washington	4	1.0%	5	1.8%
103 Roland Park	3	0.8%	20	7.2%
104 Chinquapin	36	9.4%	8	2.9%
105 Govans-Northwood	26	6.8%	11	4.0%
106 Hamilton	41	10.7%	17	6.2%
107 Forest Park	23	6.0%	17	6.2%
108 Lower Park Heights	16	4.2%	12	4.3%
109 Druid Hill	14	3.7%	8	2.9%
110 Hampden	1	0.3%	4	1.4%
111 Waverly	9	2.3%	10	3.6%
112 Clifton	23	6.0%	6	2.2%
113 Gardenville	38	9.9%	22	8.0%
114 Ten Hills	16	4.2%	6	2.2%
115 Irvington	16	4.2%	10	3.6%
116 Rosemont	18	4.7%	18	6.5%
117 West Baltimore	24	6.3%	18	6.5%
118 Metro Center	0	0.0%	13	4.7%
119 East Baltimore	22	5.7%	17	6.2%
120 Highlandtown	13	3.4%	15	5.4%
121 Canton	4	1.0%	7	2.5%
122 Morrell Park	8	2.1%	2	0.7%
123 Carroll Park	2	0.5%	2	0.7%
124 South Baltimore	2	0.5%	9	3.3%
125 Cherry Hill	8	2.1%	6	2.2%
126 Brooklyn	1	0.3%	3	1.1%
Totals	383	100.0%	276	100.0%

Supply of Regulated Child Care

Overview of Child Care in Baltimore

Family Child Care

Programs willing to accept infants (0-11 months):	341
Providers willing to accept infants (12-23 months):	344
Providers willing to accept school-age children before and/or after school:	287
Providers willing to accept half-day children before and/or after preschool or kindergarten:	286
Providers willing to accept Child Care Scholarship from the Maryland State Department of Education	268
Providers willing to offer evening, overnight and/or weekend care:	187
Providers who serve meals:	310
Providers who have experience caring for a child with special needs:	75

Group Child Care

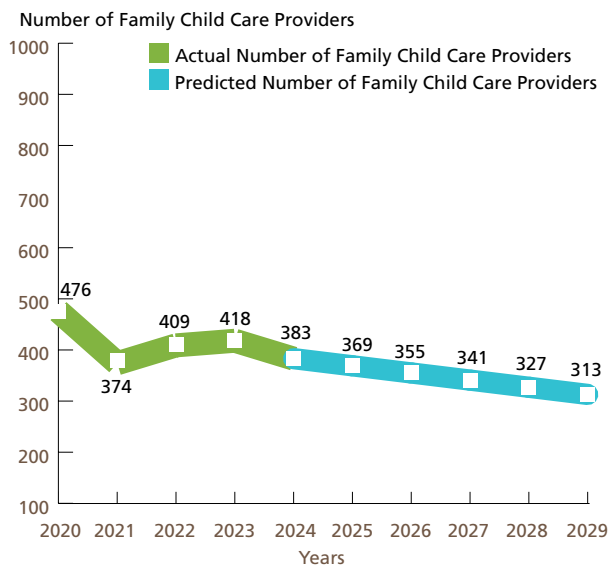
Programs willing to accept infants (0-11 months):	117
Programs willing to accept infants (12-23 months):	121
Programs willing to accept school-age children before and/or after school:	123
Programs willing to accept half-day children before and/or after preschool or kindergarten:	106
Programs willing to accept(CCS) care scholarship from Maryland State Department of Education.:	13
Programs willing to offer evening, overnight and/or weekend care:	38
Programs who serve meals:	140
Programs who have experience caring for a child with special needs:	56

¹Child Care Scholarship

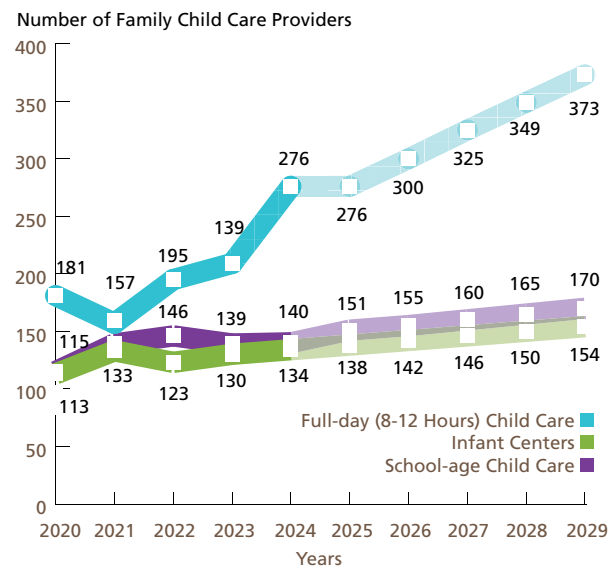
*Numbers do not total because providers may offer more than one type of service. Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Baltimore 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Baltimore 2020-2029 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

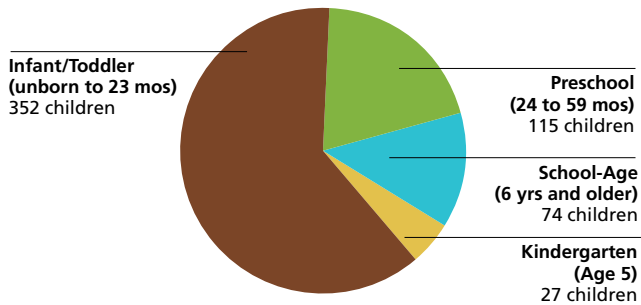


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand of Regulated Child Care

Children Served by Age

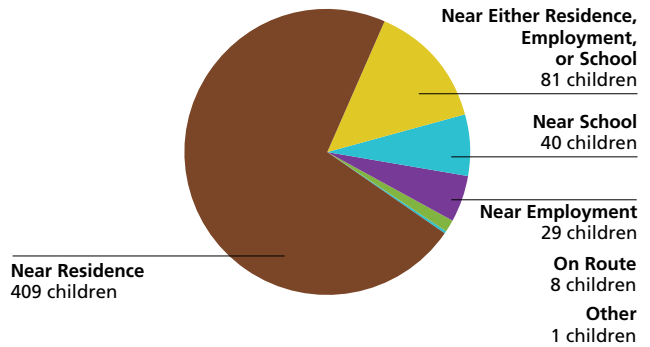
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

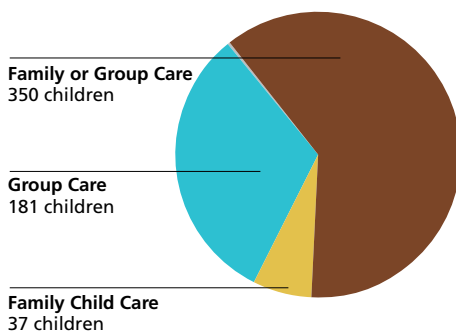
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

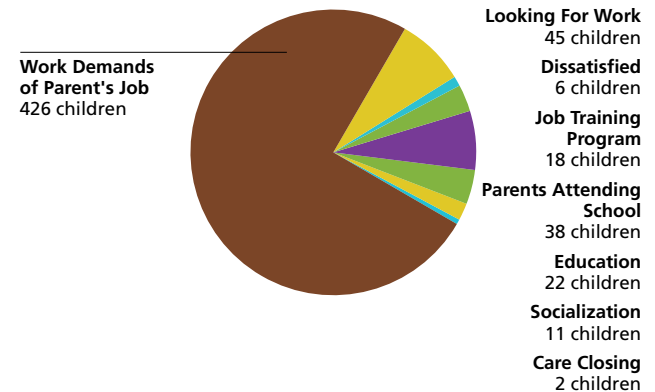
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=568



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
568 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=568

Full-time: 462 children

Part-time: 99 children

Other*: 7 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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
201 (35% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
181 (32% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore City
268 (70% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore City
122 (44% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$55,292,741

CCS Children Served
7,856

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
234 (61% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
112 (41% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Income and Child Care Rates

Median Family Income and Family Child Care Rates by Regional Planning District

Average Full-Time Weekly Rates and Percentage of Median Income Spent on Child Care													
Regional Planning District	Median Family Income	0-11 Mos.	%	12-23 Mos.	%	2 Years	%	3-4 Years	%	B/A PreK	%	B/A Schl.	%
Baltimore City	\$48,651	283.44	30%	269.33	29%	245	26%	232.74	25%	144.38	15%	141.88	15%
Upper Park Heights	\$35,317	223	33%	214.55	32%	189.09	28%	184.32	27%	125	18%	115.63	17%
Mount Washington	\$53,816	217.5	21%	217.5	21%	205	20%	156	15%	87.5	8%	87.5	8%
Roland Park	\$89,153	375	22%	375	22%	375	22%	220	13%	80	5%	80	5%
Chinquapin	\$73,940	234.43	16%	228.6	16%	199.77	14%	189.08	13%	112.17	8%	109.58	8%
Govans/Northwood	\$39,313	206.96	27%	197.61	26%	174.57	23%	163.48	22%	115.53	15%	111.32	15%
Hamilton	\$66,566	200.96	16%	197.22	15%	173.33	14%	162.59	13%	97.31	8%	100.77	8%
Forest Park	\$35,546	202.11	30%	195.83	29%	171.32	25%	163.38	24%	107.92	16%	107.86	16%
Lower Park Heights	\$37,253	195.45	27%	190.91	27%	159.36	22%	155.95	22%	107.14	15%	97.5	14%
Druid Hill	\$45,573	196.5	22%	186.25	21%	181.67	21%	174.17	20%	105	12%	115.56	13%
Hampden	\$62,059	275	23%	275	23%	250	21%	250	21%	0	0%	0	0%
Waverly	\$62,059	186.5	16%	178.38	15%	158.75	13%	156.25	13%	96	8%	96	8%
Clifton	\$36,788	188.75	27%	183.13	26%	161.38	23%	152.16	22%	88.93	13%	94	13%
Gardenville	\$48,878	184.63	20%	176.61	19%	163.83	17%	155.17	17%	100.54	11%	98.83	11%
Ten Hills	\$40,627	210.33	27%	209.06	27%	190	24%	183.44	23%	97.08	12%	93.67	12%
Irvington	\$40,627	207.31	27%	199.62	26%	170.64	22%	159.32	20%	101.82	13%	100.77	13%
Rosemont	\$44,613	185.71	22%	181.79	21%	154.79	18%	147.11	17%	94.17	11%	90.83	11%
West Baltimore	\$72,808	205.7	15%	200.5	14%	176.91	13%	159.32	11%	103.16	7%	97.75	7%
East Baltimore	\$54,665	232.88	22%	228.59	22%	201.5	19%	183.94	17%	117.33	11%	111.88	11%
Highlandtown	\$67,524	206.82	16%	192.73	15%	169.09	13%	167.92	13%	91	7%	97.5	8%
Canton	\$67,524	205	16%	180	14%	158.33	12%	158.33	12%	100	8%	80	6%
Morrell Park	\$74,176	205	14%	200	14%	207.5	15%	190	13%	141.67	10%	120	8%
Carroll Park	\$48,651	366.67	39%	350	37%	299.67	32%	273.33	29%	210	22%	178.33	19%
South Baltimore	\$74,176	400	28%	400	28%	287.5	20%	277.5	19%	125	9%	150	11%
Cherry Hill	\$55,309	208.75	20%	188.13	18%	177.5	17%	170	16%	99.38	9%	98.13	9%
Brooklyn	\$39,313	200	26%	200	26%	115	15%	115	15%	60	8%	60	8%

*Note: The percent of income is the child fee times 52, divided by the median family income for that regional planning district. "B/A PreK" is care provided before and/or after a prek program or other half-day program. "B/A Schl" is the care provided before and/or after school. Other rates reflect full-time child care. "NP" indicates that there are no programs for that age group in that area.

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. U.S. Bureau of the Census 2010. Median Income by Regional Planning Districts prepared by LOCATE.

Income and Child Care Rates

Median Family Income and Child Care Center Rates by Regional Planning District

Average Full-Time Weekly Rates and Percentage of Median Income Spent on Child Care													
Regional Planning District	Median Family Income	0-11 Mos.	%	12-23 Mos.	%	2 Years	%	3-4 Years	%	B/A PreK	%	B/A Schl.	%
ALL REGIONS	\$48,651	324.01	35%	311.42	33%	252.3	27%	226.06	24%	124.87	13%	127.06	14%
Upper Park Heights	\$35,317	256.41	38%	239.69	35%	217.98	32%	208.72	31%	74.29	11%	57.22	8%
Mount Washington	\$53,816	449	43%	449	43%	413.72	40%	321	31%	100	10%	100	10%
Roland Park	\$89,153	559.33	33%	559.33	33%	337.12	20%	330.87	19%	70	4%	156.67	9%
Chinquapin	\$73,940	300	21%	300	21%	300	21%	200	14%	69	5%	97	7%
Govans/Northwood	\$39,313	265	35%	265	35%	180.5	24%	171.75	23%	105	14%	60	8%
Hamilton	\$66,566	237.6	19%	215.2	17%	187.25	15%	174.69	14%	106.5	8%	106.5	8%
Forest Park	\$35,546	292.86	43%	280.25	41%	208.85	31%	189.81	28%	123	18%	124	18%
Lower Park Heights	\$37,253	323.8	45%	323.8	45%	243	34%	233.08	33%	140	20%	144.6	20%
Druid Hill	\$45,573	285	33%	272.5	31%	252.5	29%	222.5	25%	105	12%	140	16%
Hampden	\$62,059	393	33%	393	33%	295	25%	295	25%	0	0%	0	NA
Waverly	\$62,059	399.83	34%	356.51	30%	276.59	23%	253.37	21%	154.5	13%	134.5	11%
Clifton	\$36,788	328.33	46%	295	42%	207.25	29%	190.15	27%	98.81	14%	105.25	15%
Gardenville	\$48,878	267.78	28%	262.22	28%	205.52	22%	197.25	21%	142.82	15%	137.5	15%
Ten Hills	\$40,627	0	0%	0	0%	185	24%	177.5	23%	0	0%	100	13%
Irvington	\$40,627	280.83	36%	268.33	34%	213.57	27%	181.07	23%	129.14	17%	132	17%
Rosemont	\$44,613	286.11	33%	263.89	31%	218.33	25%	174.17	20%	119.29	14%	125.83	15%
West Baltimore	\$72,808	297.5	21%	295.83	21%	271.71	19%	245.5	18%	165.25	12%	170.33	12%
Metro Center	#N/A	344.8	#N/A	341.23	#N/A	282.65	#N/A	237.77	#N/A	135	#N/A	180.5	#N/A
East Baltimore	\$54,665	353.73	34%	325.53	31%	286.01	27%	242.02	23%	83.33	8%	88.63	8%
Highlandtown	\$67,524	406.33	31%	411.2	32%	318.32	25%	257.88	20%	61	5%	61	5%
Canton	\$67,524	250	19%	250	19%	230	18%	226.67	17%	150	12%	125	10%
Morrell Park	\$74,176	275	19%	275	19%	217.5	15%	191.25	13%	172.5	12%	172.5	12%
South Baltimore	\$74,176	528.25	37%	494.1	35%	393.32	28%	301.49	21%	0	0%	0	0%
Cherry Hill	\$55,309	395	37%	395	37%	345	32%	272.5	26%	250	24%	250	24%
Brooklyn	\$26,443	225	44%	225	44%	200	39%	187.5	37%	130	26%	130	26%

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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. U.S. Bureau of the Census 2010. Median Income by Regional Planning Districts prepared by LOCATE.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Baltimore County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Baltimore County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Baltimore County has approximately 58,969 children from birth through age five, and 13.9 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Baltimore County is \$21,538 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$75,841 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$44,554, and a child care center teacher earns only \$22,788. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	28,157
3-4 years	21,097
5 years	9,715
6-8 years	31,632
9-11 years	31,094
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	121,695

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Baltimore Co. is \$113,535⁶. 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	\$ 21,538	19.0%
Infant ¹	\$9,736	
Preschooler ²	\$11,801	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	11.3%
Housing ⁴	\$ 23,868	21.0%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 15,532	13.7%
Total	\$ 73,789	65.0%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Baltimore County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$280.39	\$391.15
2-4 Years	\$242.69	\$286.54
5 years ¹	\$225.09	\$273.92
School Age Full ²	\$210.24	\$232.77
Before/After School Care ³	\$157.38	\$159.47

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Baltimore Co.	Maryland	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
0-2 years	28,218	214,524	28,157	207,705
3-4 years	20,669	151,773	21,097	151,635
5 years	9,803	75,351	9,715	73,868
6-8 years	28,875	217,506	31,632	224,060
9-11 years	28,701	225,975	31,094	235,994
Total	116,266	885,129	121,695	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	29,446	26,208
Aged 25-29	28,886	27,580
Aged 30-34	26,807	30,363
Total Aged 20-34	85,139	84,151

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2023		
Females	225,792	1,622,793
Males	228,214	1,726,909
2013		
Females	221,931	1,581,677
Males	223,309	1,650,181
Change		
Females	1.7%	2.6%
Males	2.2%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	56,884	55,938	-1.7%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	41,724	39,694	-4.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	112,570	121,132	7.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	88,265	95,490	8.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2023	849,586	6,170,738
2022	850,737	6,161,707
2021	850,702	6,148,545
2013	812,261	5,834,299
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, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	28,235	25,255
Aged 25-29	26,786	25,744
Aged 30-34	24,705	27,864
Total Aged 20-34	79,726	78,863

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	791,718	829,901
Total number of households	313,912	330,151
Average household size	2.52	2.51

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	81,291	77,286	-4.9%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	62,420	60,127	-3.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	204,449		209,958		2.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	12,208	6.0%	14,460	6.9%	18.4%
All Families with Children Under 5	37,156		32,822		-11.7%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	4,304	11.6%	4,136	12.6%	-3.9%
All Families w Children Under 18	97,838		95,361		-2.5%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	9,187	9.4%	10,259	10.8%	11.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	174,164		183,301		5.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	19,733	11.3%	23,667	12.9%	19.9%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	6,068	12.6%	6,716	13.9%	10.7%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	13,665	10.8%	16,951	12.6%	24.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Baltimore Co.	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	588,072		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	539,254	91.7%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	243,592	41.4%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Baltimore Co.	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	204,449	209,958	2.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	36,400	33,598	-7.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	87,801	84,964	-3.2%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Baltimore County) ¹	\$75,841
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Baltimore County) ²	\$44,554
Child Care Center Director (Baltimore County) ³	\$39,029
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Baltimore County) ³	\$22,788
Center Aide (Baltimore County) ³	\$16,508

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Baltimore	\$113,535
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Baltimore	\$90,904
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Baltimore Co	Maryland
Under \$25,000	11.6%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	14.9%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.6%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	58.9%	62.9%
Total Households	330,151	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Baltimore Co.	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	218,994	66.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	111,157	33.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$330,000		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,989		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,566		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

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%
2023	1.7%	1.7%
2024	3.2%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	510	4,003
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	373	24,885
Public Pre-Kindergarten	90	N/A
Head Start	9	302
Early Head Start	1	170

Of the providers in the county**

- 148 are licensed to accept infants with 1388 total infant capacity
- 11 are Head Start programs
- 2 are Early Head Start programs
- 61 are nursery schools
- 36 offer Part Day
- 231 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 16,003

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	109	15
Middle Schools	6	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	1	70

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	3,748	2,082
Kindergarten	7,506	1,468
Grades 1-5	48,316	9,396
Total	59,570	12,946

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools 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, 2024.

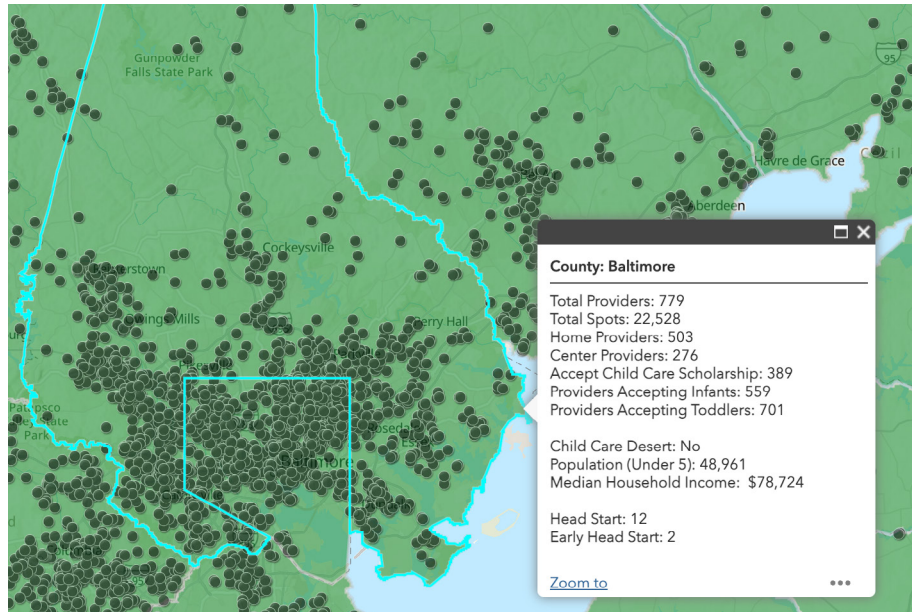
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Arbutus 21227	3	0.6%	2	0.5%
Baldwin 21013	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21117	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21128	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21162	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Baltimore 21206	11	2.2%	2	0.5%
Baltimore 21207	33	6.5%	11	2.9%
Baltimore 21208	5	1.0%	12	3.2%
Baltimore 21209	4	0.8%	5	1.3%
Baltimore 21212	4	0.8%	4	1.1%
Baltimore 21213	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Baltimore 21215	1	0.2%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21219	5	1.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21220	14	2.7%	10	2.7%
Baltimore 21221	10	2.0%	7	1.9%
Baltimore 21222	19	3.7%	12	3.2%
Baltimore 21224	2	0.4%	3	0.8%
Baltimore 21227	11	2.2%	13	3.5%
Baltimore 21228	24	4.7%	13	3.5%
Baltimore 21229	8	1.6%	2	0.5%
Baltimore 21234	18	3.5%	15	4.0%
Baltimore 21235	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21236	5	1.0%	17	4.6%
Baltimore 21237	10	2.0%	5	1.3%
Baltimore 21239	5	1.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21244	18	3.5%	18	4.8%
Baltimore 21250	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Baltimore 21286	0	0.0%	4	1.1%
Brooklandville 21022	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Carney 21234	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Catonsville 21228	21	4.1%	8	2.1%
Catonsville 21229	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Cockeysville 21030	7	1.4%	11	2.9%
Dundalk 21222	10	2.0%	9	2.4%
Edgemere 21219	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Ellicott City 21043	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Essex 21221	6	1.2%	5	1.3%
Fork 21051	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Fort Washington 20744	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Freeland 21053	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Glen Arm 21057	0	0.0%	1	0.3%

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Glyndon 21071	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Gwynn Oak 21207	16	3.1%	2	0.5%
Halethorpe 21227	7	1.4%	1	0.3%
Hampstead 21074	1	0.2%	1	0.3%
Hunt Valley 21030	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
Hunt Valley 21031	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
Hydes 21082	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Kingsville 21087	1	0.2%	5	1.3%
Lutherville 21093	11	2.2%	8	2.1%
Lutherville-Timonium 21093	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Middle River 21220	9	1.8%	1	0.3%
Monkton 21111	4	0.8%	3	0.8%
Nottingham 21236	13	2.5%	3	0.8%
Oella 21043	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Owings Mills 21117	32	6.3%	36	9.7%
Parkton 21120	3	0.6%	3	0.8%
Parkville 21234	18	3.5%	5	1.3%
Perry Hall 21128	2	0.4%	6	1.6%
Phoenix 21131	2	0.4%	3	0.8%
Pikesville 21208	17	3.3%	5	1.3%
Randallstown 21133	41	8.0%	14	3.8%
Reisterstown 21136	18	3.5%	9	2.4%
Rosedale 21237	17	3.3%	4	1.1%
Rossville 21237	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Sparks 21152	0	0.0%	4	1.1%
Sparrows Point 21219	2	0.4%	0	0.0%
Timonium 21093	4	0.8%	10	2.7%
Towson 21204	1	0.2%	10	2.7%
Towson 21252	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Towson 21286	7	1.4%	8	2.1%
Upperco 21155	1	0.2%	1	0.3%
White Hall 21161	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
White Marsh 21128	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
White Marsh 21162	2	0.4%	3	0.8%
Windsor Mill 21244	0	0.0%	8	2.1%
Woodlawn 21207	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Windsor Mill 21244	21	4.1%	1	0.3%
Totals	510	100.0%	373	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

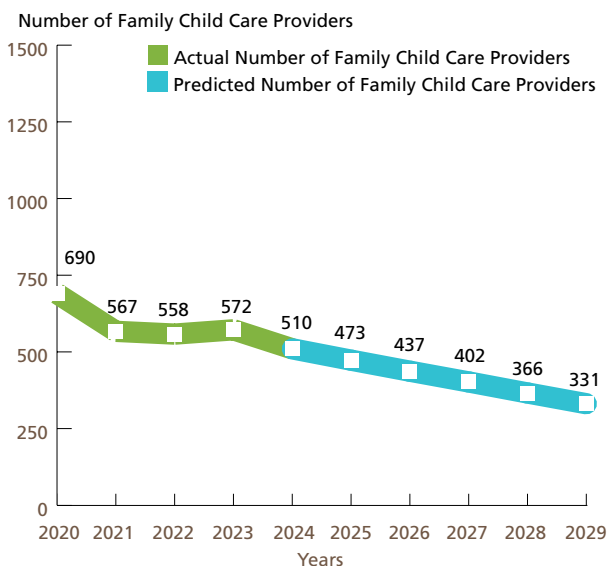
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

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.

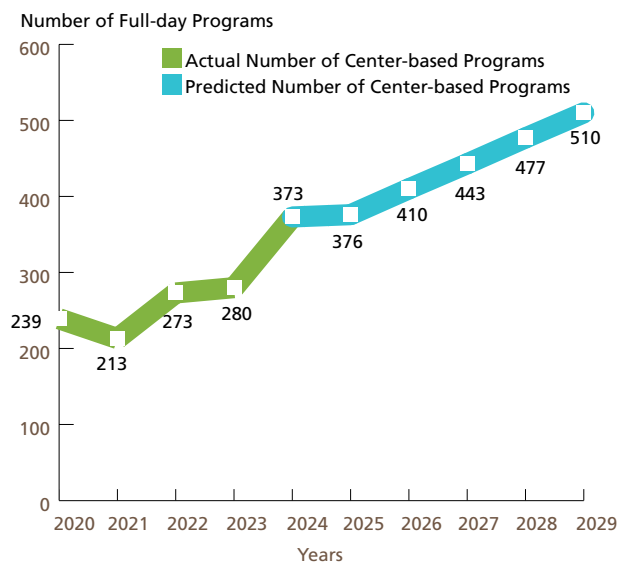


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Baltimore 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Baltimore 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

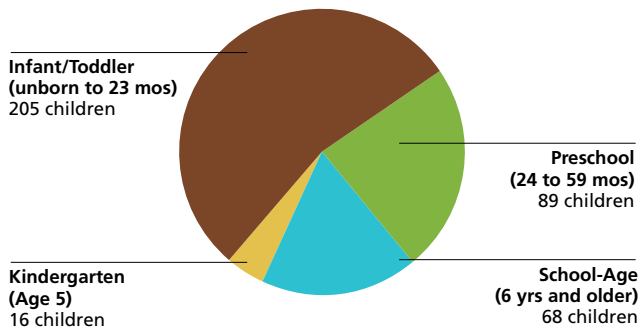


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

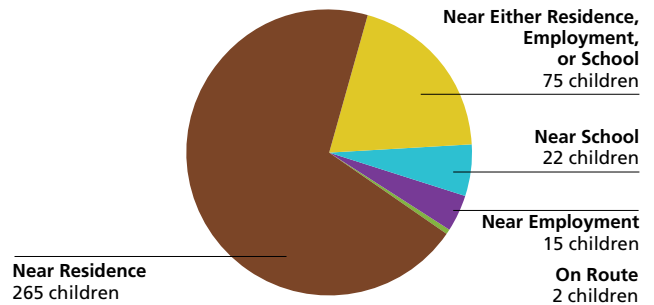
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

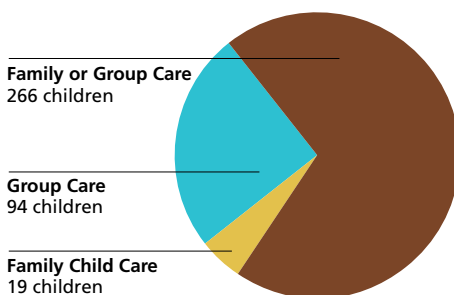
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

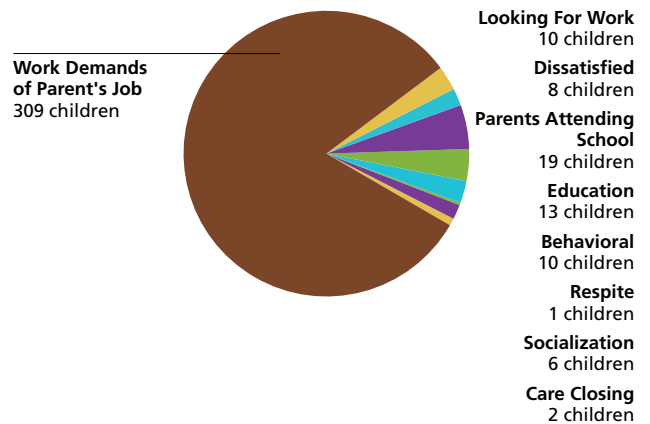
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=379



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
359 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=359

Full-time: 317 children

Part-time: 35 children

Other*: 7 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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
170 (47% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
108 (30% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore County
235 (46% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore County
166 (45% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$86,704,672

CCS Children Served
10,056

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
286 (56% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
164 (44% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Calvert County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Calvert County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Calvert County has approximately 6,089 children from birth through age five, and 2.8 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Calvert County is \$19,822 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$80,185 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$29,191, and a child care center teacher earns only \$38,500. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	2,918
3-4 years	2,007
5 years	1,164
6-8 years	3,887
9-11 years	3,697
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	13,673

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Calvert is \$150,587⁶. 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	\$19,822	13.2%
Infant ¹	\$9,899	
Preschooler ²	\$9,923	
Food ³	\$12,851	8.5%
Housing ⁴	\$28,308	18.8%
Taxes ⁵	\$24,351	16.2%
Total	\$85,332	56.7%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care, 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Calvert County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$305.77	\$290.00
2-4 Years	\$216.19	\$214.33
5 years ¹	\$180.71	\$198.00
School Age Full ²	\$181.43	\$172.50
Before/After School Care ³	\$132.33	\$126.67

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Calvert	Maryland	Calvert	Maryland
0-2 years	2,647	214,524	2,918	207,705
3-4 years	2,221	151,773	2,007	151,635
5 years	1,120	75,351	1,164	73,868
6-8 years	3,404	217,506	3,887	224,060
9-11 years	4,304	225,975	3,697	235,994
Total	13,696	885,129	13,673	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	2,361	2,651
Aged 25-29	2,279	2,377
Aged 30-34	2,404	2,834
Total Aged 20-34	7,044	7,862

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Calvert	Maryland
2023		
Females	23,060	1,622,793
Males	27,541	1,726,909
2013		
Females	23,930	1,581,677
Males	26,072	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-3.6%	2.6%
Males	5.6%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	5,709	5,969	4.6%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	4,087	4,369	6.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	16,206	15,296	-5.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	12,078	11,385	-5.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Calvert	Maryland
2023	93,791	6,170,738
2022	93,244	6,161,707
2021	92,515	6,148,545
2013	89,332	5,834,299
2011	88,329	5,736,545
2000	74,563	5,296,486
1990	51,372	4,780,753
1980	34,638	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	2,633	2,717
Aged 25-29	2,310	2,692
Aged 30-34	2,159	2,770
Total Aged 20-34	7,102	8,179

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2010	2022
Total household population	88,657	93,248
Total number of households	30,923	33,485
Average household size	2.87	2.78

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	10,272	9,830	-4.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	7,764	7,412	-4.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	23,573		25,028		6.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	731	3.1%	592	2.4%	-19.0%
All Families with Children Under 5	3,496		3,962		13.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	274	7.8%	78	2.0%	-71.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	11,913		11,511		-3.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	649	5.4%	422	3.7%	-35.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	22,495		21,707		-3.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,502	6.7%	944	4.3%	-37.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	290	6.1%	135	2.8%	-53.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,212	6.8%	809	4.8%	-33.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Calvert	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	64,751		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	61,454	94.9%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	22,833	35.3%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Calvert	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	23,573	25,028	6.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	3,169	4,234	33.6%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	10,847	10,660	-1.7%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Calvert County) ¹	\$80,185
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Calvert County) ²	\$29,191
Child Care Center Director (Calvert County) ³	\$57,500
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Calvert County) ³	\$38,500
Center Aide (Calvert County) ³	\$11,750

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Calvert	150,587
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Calvert	132,059
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Calvert	Maryland
Under \$25,000	6.6%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	8.3%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	9.5%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	75.5%	62.9%
Total Households	33,485	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Calvert	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	29,184	87.2%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	4,301	12.8%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	440,200		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	2,359		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	1,701		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Calvert	Maryland
2001	2.3%	4.0%
2002	2.3%	3.9%
2003	2.7%	4.1%
2004	2.7%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	2.7%	3.7%
2007	2.8%	3.6%
2008	3.6%	4.5%
2009	5.9%	7.1%
2010	5.8%	7.3%
2011	6.0%	7.2%
2012	5.3%	6.5%
2013	5.3%	6.2%
2014	4.8%	5.6%
2015	4.65	5.05
2016	4.3%	4.5%
2017	3.7%	4.3%
2018	4.1%	4.5%
2019	3.7%	3.9%
2020	6.3%	8.3%
2021	5.6%	6.7%
2022	3.3%	3.7%
2023	1.5%	1.7%
2024	2.8%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	70	578
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	47	2,242
Public Pre-Kindergarten	9	N/A
Head Start	3	142
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the child care providers in the Maryland**

- 18 are licensed to accept infants with 111 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 7 are nursery schools
- 8 offer Part Day
- 40 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 2,047

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Calvert as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Chesapeake Beach 20732	7	10.0%	1	2.1%
Dunkirk 20754	1	1.4%	4	8.5%
Huntingtown 20639	16	22.9%	13	27.7%
Lusby 20657	14	20.0%	5	10.6%
Owings 20736	11	15.7%	9	19.1%
Port Republic 20676	2	2.9%	1	2.1%
Prince Frederick 20678	11	15.7%	8	17.0%
Saint Leonard 20685	6	8.6%	2	4.3%
Solomons 20688	1	1.4%	2	4.3%
Sunderland 20689	1	1.4%	2	4.3%
Totals	70	100.0%	47	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	12	2
Middle Schools	6	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	2

Elementary School Enrollment

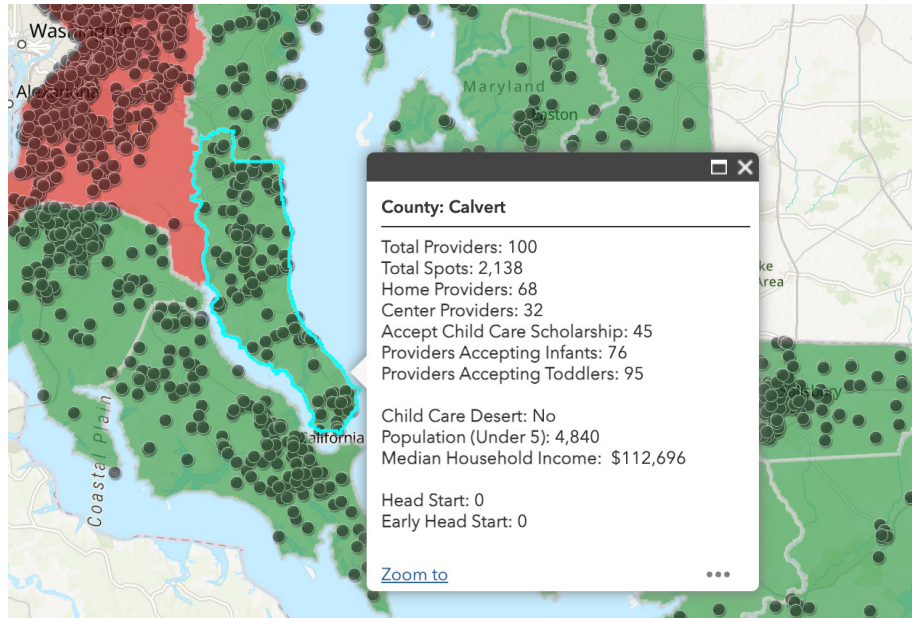
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	280	154
Kindergarten	976	88
Grades 1-5	6,533	430
Total	7,789	672

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

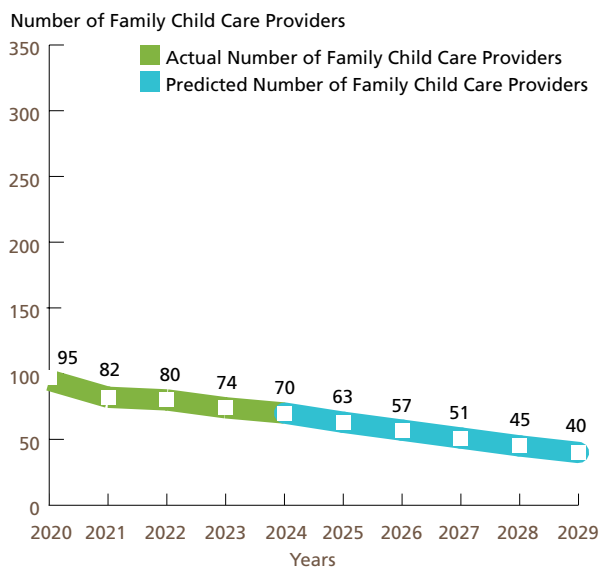
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

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.

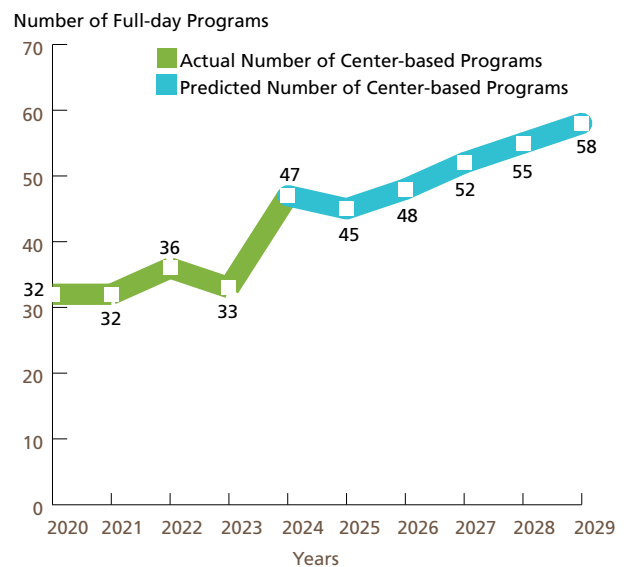


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Calvert 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Calvert 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

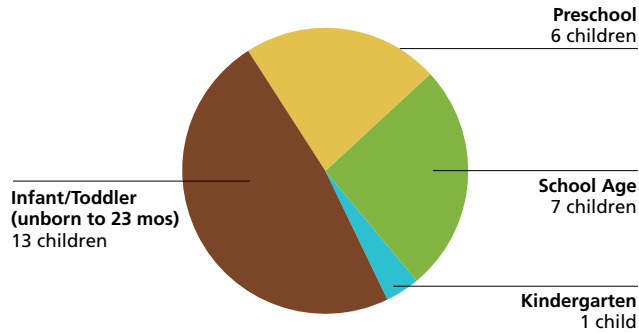


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

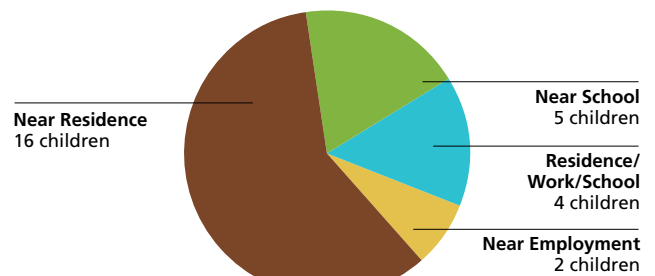
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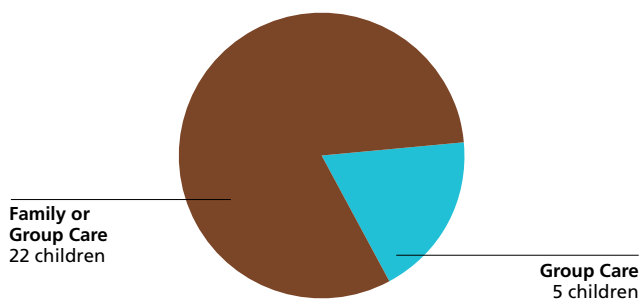
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

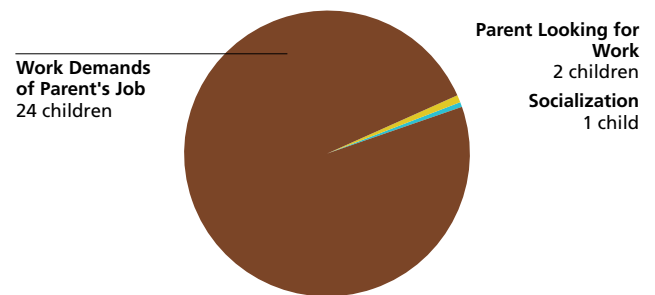
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=27



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
27 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=27

Full-time: 19 children

Part-time: 8 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
7 (26% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
7 (26% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Calvert County
29 (41% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Calvert County
19 (40% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$2,473,721

CCS Children Served
350

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
41 (59% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
15 (32% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Caroline County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Caroline County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Caroline County has approximately 2,554 children from birth through age five, and 25.2 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Caroline County is \$14,796 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$65,207 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$32,008, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,568. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

0-2 years	1,218
3-4 years	863
5 years	473
6-8 years	1,495
9-11 years	1,221
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	5,270

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Caroline is \$79,803⁶. 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	\$7,212	
Preschooler ²	\$7,583	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	16.1%
Housing ⁴	\$ 20,556	25.8%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 13,890	17.4%
Total	\$ 62,093	77.8%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Caroline County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$170.36	\$200.00
2-4 Years	\$138.75	\$166.67
5 years ¹	\$121.67	\$160.00
School Age Full ²	\$123.33	\$130.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$ 84.17	\$130.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Caroline	Maryland	Caroline	Maryland
0-2 years	1,268	214,524	1,218	207,705
3-4 years	912	151,773	863	151,635
5 years	451	75,351	473	73,868
6-8 years	1,770	217,506	1,495	224,060
9-11 years	1,029	225,975	1,221	235,994
Total	5,430	885,129	5,270	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	2,852	2,563
Aged 25-29	1,856	1,704
Aged 30-34	1,693	1,682
Total Aged 20-34	6,401	5,949

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Caroline	Maryland
2023		
Females	8,110	1,622,793
Males	8,760	1,726,909
2013		
Females	8,021	1,581,677
Males	8,844	1,650,181
Change		
Females	1.1%	2.6%
Males	-0.9%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under years old	3,759	3855	2.6%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	2,703	2276	-15.8%
Total Children 6-17 years old	8,427	7551	-10.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	5,963	4888	-18.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Caroline	Maryland
2023	33,406	6,170,738
2022	33,320	6,161,707
2021	33,234	6,148,545
2013	32,871	5,834,299
2011	32,955	5,736,545
2000	29,772	5,296,486
1990	27,035	4,780,753
1980	23,143	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	947	811
Aged 25-29	972	959
Aged 30-34	1,085	1,102
Total Aged 20-34	3,004	2,872

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	32,237	32,829
Total number of households	11,806	12,181
Average household size	2.73	2.70

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,344	3,196	-4.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,250	2,360	4.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	8,457		8,272		-2.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	948	11.2%	774	9.4%	-18.4%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,671		1,327		-20.6%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	375	22.4%	302	22.8%	-19.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	4,191		3,984		-4.9%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	742	17.7%	615	15.4%	-17.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	7,950		7,774		-2.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,595	20.1%	1,467	18.9%	-8.0%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	506	23.3%	493	25.2%	-2.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,089	18.9%	974	16.7%	-10.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Caroline	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	22,836		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	19,184	84.0%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	4,013	17.6%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Caroline	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	8,457	8,272	-2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	1,671	1,329	-20.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	3,670	3,488	-5.0%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Caroline County) ¹	\$65,207
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Caroline County) ²	\$32,008
Child Care Center Director (Caroline County) ³	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Caroline County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (Maryland) ⁴	\$17,854

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors. ⁴County salary not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Caroline	79,803
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Caroline	66,368
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Caroline	Maryland
Under \$25,000	16.0%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	21.0%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.5%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	44.5%	62.9%
Total Households	12,181	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Caroline	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	8,753	71.9%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	3,428	28.1%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	272,400		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	1,713		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	1,070		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Caroline	Maryland
2001	4.0%	4.0%
2002	3.8%	3.9%
2003	5.1%	4.1%
2004	3.8%	3.9%
2005	3.6%	3.9%
2006	4.0%	3.7%
2007	4.0%	3.6%
2008	5.2%	4.5%
2009	8.8%	7.1%
2010	8.8%	7.3%
2011	8.8%	7.2%
2012	7.6%	6.5%
2013	7.1%	6.2%
2014	6.2%	5.6%
2015	5.1%	5.0%
2016	4.8%	4.5%
2017	4.6%	4.3%
2018	4.3%	4.5%
2019	3.9%	3.9%
2020	6.4%	8.3%
2021	5.7%	6.7%
2022	3.2%	3.7%
2023	1.6%	1.7%
2024	2.8%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	47	369
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	8	399
Public Pre-Kindergarten	5	N/A
Head Start	2	N/A
Early Head Start	N/A	N/A

Of the providers in the county**

- 2 are licensed to accept infants with 14 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 1 is an Early Head Start program
- 2 are nursery schools
- 1 offer Part Day
- 4 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 261

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

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Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Caroline as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Denton 21629	13	27.7%	2	25%
Feddersburg 21632	9	19.1%	1	13%
Goldsboro 21636	3	6.4%	0	0%
Greensboro 21639	2	4.3%	3	38%
Henderson 21640	4	8.5%	0	0%
Preston 21655	12	25.5%	2	25%
Ridgely 21660	4	8.5%	0	0%
Totals	47	100.0%	8	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	5	0
Middle Schools	2	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	1

Elementary School Enrollment

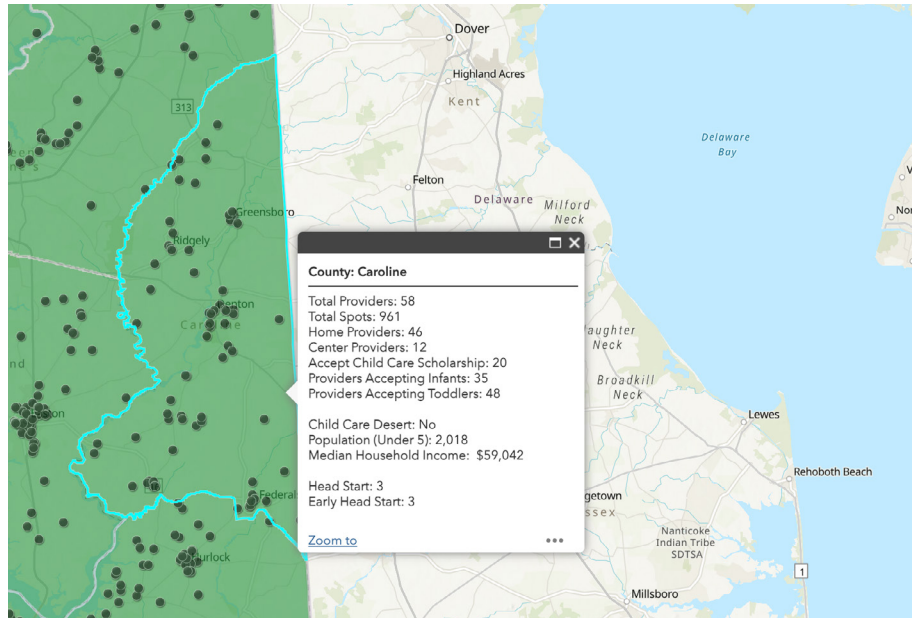
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	375	20
Kindergarten	380	0
Grades 1-5	2,233	1
Total	2,988	21

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

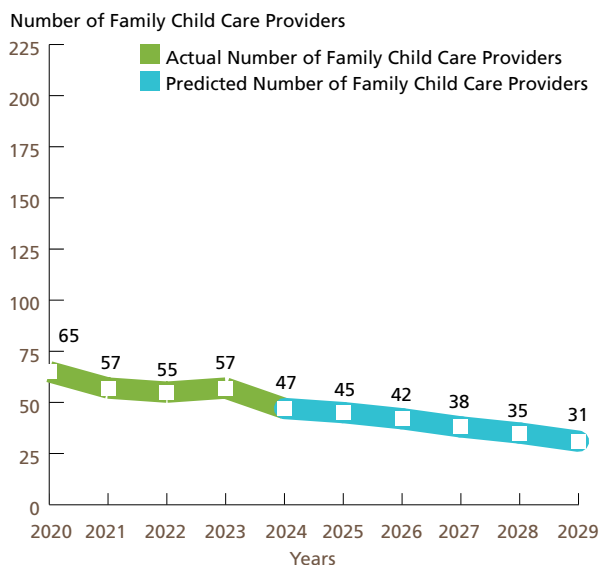
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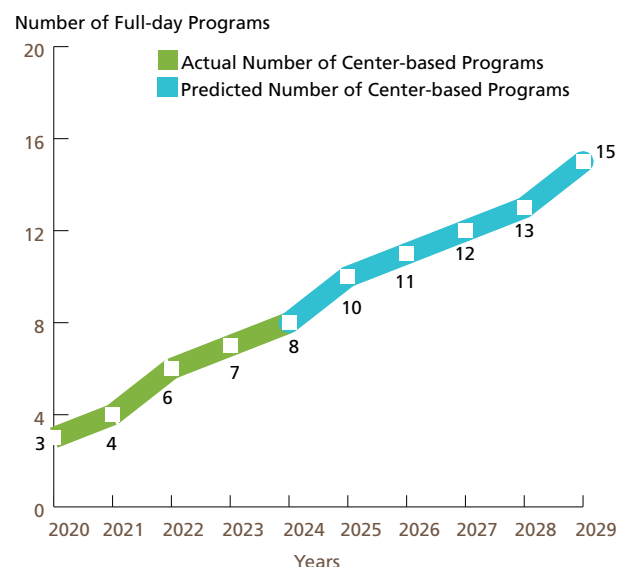


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Caroline 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Caroline 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

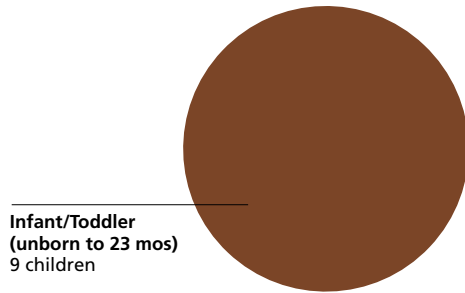


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

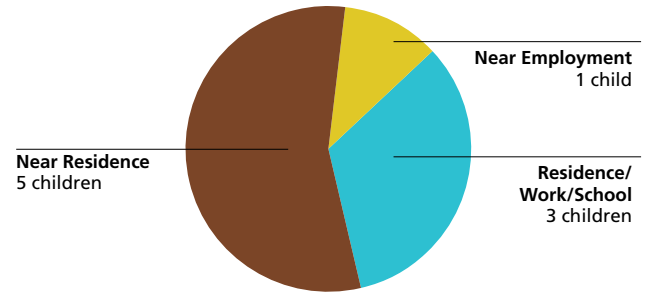
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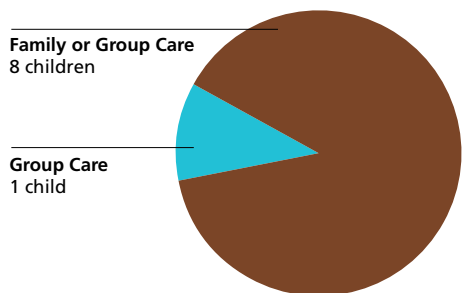
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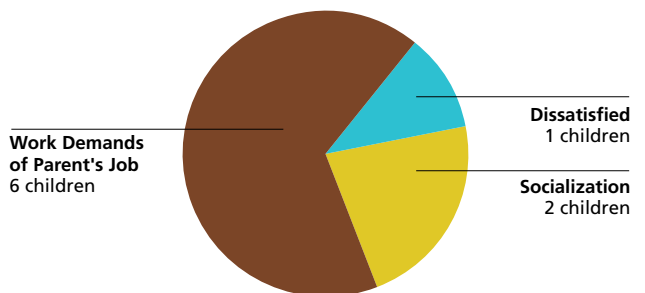
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NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=9



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
9 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=9

Full-time: 7 children

Part-time: 2 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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
2 (22% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
3 (33% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Caroline County
16 (28% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Caroline County
3 (43% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$861,748

CCS Children Served
199

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
18 (42% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
4 (50% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Carroll County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Carroll County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Carroll County has approximately 11,759 children from birth through age five, and 4.5 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Carroll County is \$21,815 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$72,281 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$30,209, and a child care center teacher earns only \$20,007. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	5,193
3-4 years	4,354
5 years	2,212
6-8 years	6,169
9-11 years	6,405
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	24,333

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Carroll is \$139,997⁶. 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	\$21,815	15.6%
Infant ¹	\$10,495	
Preschooler ²	\$11,319	
Food ³	\$12,851	9.2%
Housing ⁴	\$27,516	19.7%
Taxes ⁵	\$21,144	15.1%
Total	\$83,326	59.5%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Carroll County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$260.42	\$339.00
2-4 Years	\$222.78	\$246.01
5 years ¹	\$200.83	\$237.71
School Age Full ²	\$190.00	\$250.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$120.00	\$185.25

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Carroll	Maryland	Carroll	Maryland
0-2 years	4,802	214,524	5,193	207,705
3-4 years	3,882	151,773	4,354	151,635
5 years	2,021	75,351	2,212	73,868
6-8 years	6,464	217,506	6,169	224,060
9-11 years	7,440	225,975	6,405	235,994
Total	24,609	885,129	24,333	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	4,645	4,999
Aged 25-29	3,848	4,283
Aged 30-34	3,982	5,159
Total Aged 20-34	12,475	14,441

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Carroll	Maryland
2023		
Females	44,465	1,622,793
Males	51,349	1,726,909
2013		
Females	43,720	1,581,677
Males	49,432	1,650,181
Change		
Females	1.7%	2.6%
Males	3.9%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	10,209	11,429	12.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	7,114	8,607	21.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	28,378	25,768	-9.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	21,785	20,846	-4.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Carroll	Maryland
2023	174,318	6,170,738
2022	173,225	6,161,707
2021	172,148	6,148,545
2013	167,261	5,834,299
2011	167,277	5,736,545
2000	150,897	5,296,486
1990	123,372	4,780,753
1980	96,356	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	5,308	5,195
Aged 25-29	4,177	4,494
Aged 30-34	3,901	5,445
Total Aged 20-34	13,386	15,134

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	163,509	170,380
Total number of households	59,909	63,487
Average household size	2.73	2.68

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	18,225	18,149	-0.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	14,025	14,510	3.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	44,526		46,609		4.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,592	3.6%	1,702	3.7%	6.9%
All Families with Children Under 5	6,675		7,436		11.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	609	9.1%	486	6.5%	-20.2%
All Families w Children Under 18	21,047		20,929		-0.6%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,241	5.9%	1,114	5.3%	-10.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	39,563		37,941		-4.1%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,670	6.7%	1,873	4.9%	-29.9%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	847	9.8%	426	4.5%	-49.7%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,823	5.9%	1,447	5.1%	-20.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Caroline	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	121,441		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	115,216	94.9%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	48,262	39.7%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Carroll	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	44,526	46,609	4.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	6,480	7,808	20.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	19,264	19,435	0.9%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Carroll County) ¹	\$72,281
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Carroll County) ²	\$30,209
Child Care Center Director (Carroll County) ³	\$48,333
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Carroll County) ³	\$20,007
Center Aide (Carroll County) ³	\$12,000

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Carroll	\$139,997
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Carroll	\$115,876
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Carroll	Maryland
Under \$25,000	8.0%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	11.4%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.4%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	69.2%	62.9%
Total Households	63,487	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Carroll	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	53,237	83.9%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	10,250	16.1%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$406,400		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,293		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,370		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Carroll	Maryland
2001	2.8%	4.0%
2002	2.6%	3.9%
2003	2.7%	4.1%
2004	2.5%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	2.8%	3.7%
2007	2.9%	3.6%
2008	3.5%	4.5%
2009	6.0%	7.1%
2010	6.2%	7.3%
2011	6.2%	7.2%
2012	5.8%	6.5%
2013	5.2%	6.2%
2014	4.6%	5.6%
2015	4.1%	5.0%
2016	3.9%	4.5%
2017	3.4%	4.3%
2018	3.7%	4.5%
2019	3.3%	3.9%
2020	6.4%	8.3%
2021	5.1%	6.7%
2022	2.8%	3.7%
2023	1.4%	1.7%
2024	2.7%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

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Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	85	648
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	88	5,673
Public Pre-Kindergarten	19	N/A
Head Start	4	90
Early Head Start	2	38

Of the providers in the county**

- 28 are licensed to accept infants with 327 total infant capacity
- 6 are Head Start programs
- 4 are Early Head Start programs
- 10 are nursery schools
- 22 offer Part Day
- 62 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 4,255

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Carroll as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Eldersburg 21784	10	11.8%	6	6.8%
Finksburg 21048	5	5.9%	8	9.1%
Hampstead 21074	7	8.2%	9	10.2%
Keymar 21757	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
Lineboro 21102	0	0.0%	3	3.4%
Manchester 21102	6	7.1%	6	6.8%
Mount Airy 21771	10	11.8%	8	9.1%
New Windsor 21776	2	2.4%	0	0.0%
Reisterstown 21136	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
Sykesville 21784	10	11.8%	13	14.8%
Taneytown 21787	9	10.6%	4	4.5%
Union Bridge 21791	2	2.4%	1	1.1%
Union Bridge 21794	0	0.0%	1	1.1%
Westminster 21157	12	14.1%	20	22.7%
Westminster 21158	6	7.1%	9	10.2%
Woodbine 21797	4	4.7%	0	0.0%
Totals	85	100.0%	88	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	22	0
Middle Schools	8	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	11

Elementary School Enrollment

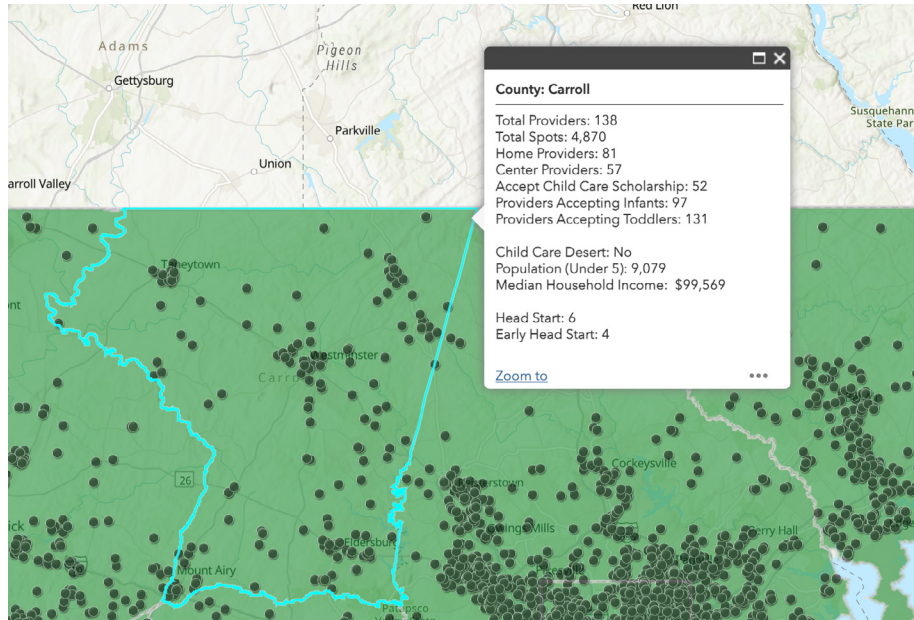
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	481	963
Kindergarten	1,846	133
Grades 1-5	11,793	680
Total	14,120	1,776

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

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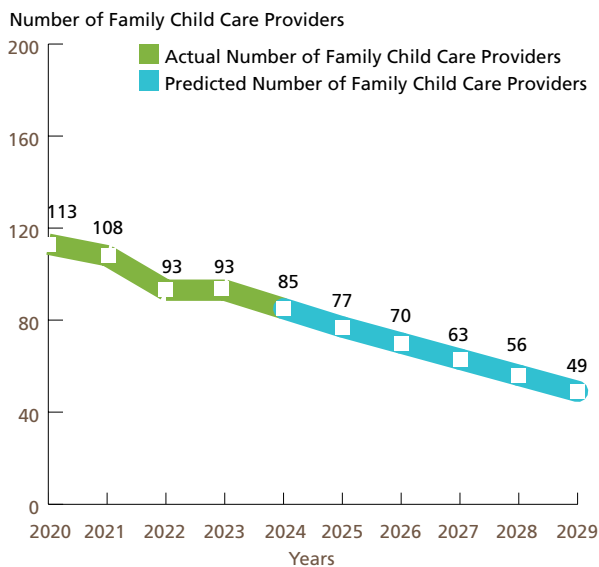
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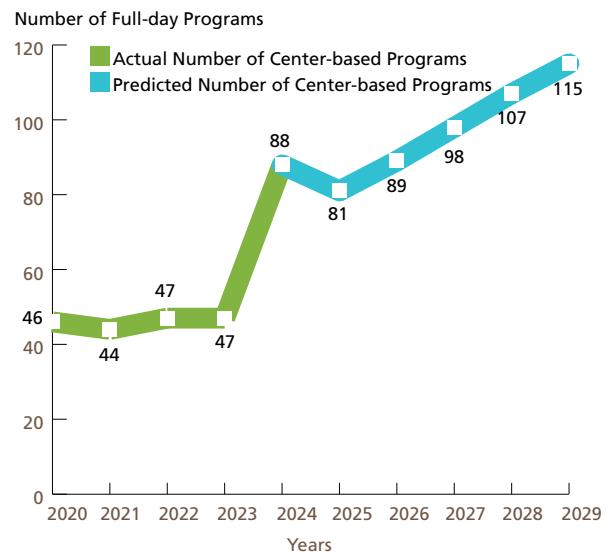


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Carroll 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Carroll 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

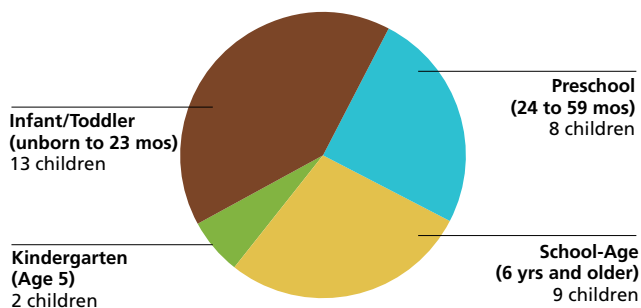


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

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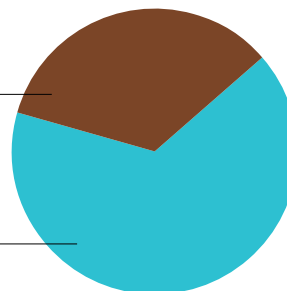
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

N=32

Near Either
Residence,
Employment,
or School
11 children

Near Residence
21 children

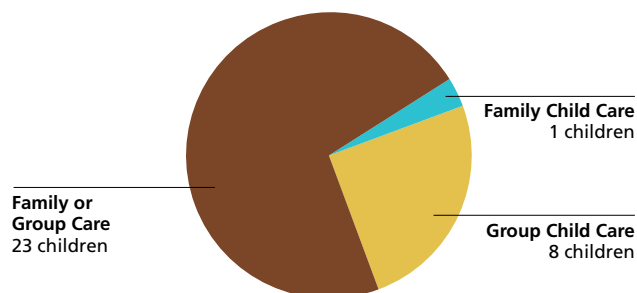


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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

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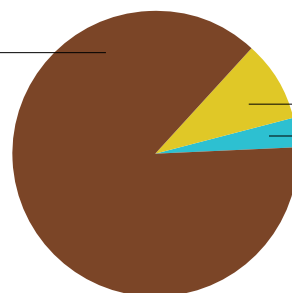
Reason Child Care is Needed

N=32

Work Demands
of Parent's Job
28 children

Parent Looking for
Employment
3 child

Behavioral
1 children



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
32 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

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

Full-time: 23 children

Part-time: 9 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
7 (22% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
17 (53% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Carroll County
16 (19% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Carroll County
35 (40% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$6,017,270

CCS Children Served
722

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
46 (54% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
34 (39% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Cecil County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Cecil County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Cecil County has approximately 7,113 children from birth through age five, and 18.5 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Cecil County is \$20,089 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$77,661 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$26,805, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,568. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	3,250
3-4 years	2,685
5 years	1,178
6-8 years	3,924
9-11 years	3,900
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	14,937

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Cecil is \$107,719⁶. 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	\$ 20,089	18.6%
Infant ¹	\$9,196	
Preschooler ²	\$10,893	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	11.9%
Housing ⁴	\$ 23,412	21.7%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 15,036	14.0%
Total	\$ 71,388	66.3%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Cecil County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$240.00	\$277.50
2-4 Years	\$220.85	\$200.19
5 years ¹	\$185.00	\$200.17
School Age Full ²	\$166.67	\$200.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$112.50	\$115.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Cecil	Maryland	Cecil	Maryland
0-2 years	3,982	214,524	3,250	207,705
3-4 years	2,304	151,773	2,685	151,635
5 years	1,454	75,351	1,178	73,868
6-8 years	4,054	217,506	3,924	224,060
9-11 years	4,334	225,975	3,900	235,994
Total	16,128	885,129	14,937	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	3,011	2,912
Aged 25-29	2,804	3,123
Aged 30-34	2,895	3,371
Total Aged 20-34	8,710	9,406

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Cecil	Maryland
2023		
Females	23,932	1,622,793
Males	28,470	1,726,909
2013		
Females	25,228	1,581,677
Males	28,343	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-5.1%	2.6%
Males	0.4%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	7,397	6,750	-8.7%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	4,995	4,071	-18.5%
Total Children 6-17 years old	16,459	15,212	-7.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	11,378	11,005	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Cecil	Maryland
2023	104,366	6,170,738
2022	103,876	6,161,707
2021	103,370	6,148,545
2013	101,435	5,834,299
2011	100,716	5,736,545
2000	85,951	5,296,486
1990	71,347	4,780,753
1980	60,430	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	3,290	2,886
Aged 25-29	2,744	3,153
Aged 30-34	2,903	3,452
Total Aged 20-34	8,937	9,491

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	99,741	102,715
Total number of households	36,394	40,172
Average household size	2.74	2.56

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	10,749	9,849	-8.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	7,269	6,857	-5.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	26,555		28,359		6.8%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,867	7.0%	2,225	7.8%	19.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	4,586		4,082		-11.0%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	913	19.9%	827	20.3%	-9.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	12,967		12,367		-4.6%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,614	12.4%	1,584	12.8%	-1.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	24,604		23,023		-6.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,396	13.8%	3,439	14.9%	1.3%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,324	21.6%	1,091	18.5%	-17.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,072	11.2%	2,348	13.7%	13.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Cecil	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	72,901		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	66,735	91.5%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	19,611	26.9%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Cecil	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	26,555	28,359	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	4,481	4,063	-9.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	11,596	10,940	-5.7%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Cecil County) ¹	\$77,661
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Cecil County) ²	\$26,805
Child Care Center Director (Cecil County) ³	\$28,800
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Cecil County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (Cecil County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Cecil	107,719
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Cecil	91,146
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Cecil	Maryland
Under \$25,000	12.3%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	15.8%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.4%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	58.5%	62.9%
Total Households	40,172	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Cecil	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	30,252	75.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	9,920	24.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	311,800		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	1,951		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	1,367		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Cecil	Maryland
2001	4.2%	4.0%
2002	4.9%	3.9%
2003	6.1%	4.1%
2004	7.5%	3.9%
2005	4.1%	3.9%
2006	4.4%	3.7%
2007	4.2%	3.6%
2008	5.3%	4.5%
2009	8.6%	7.1%
2010	9.0%	7.3%
2011	8.2%	7.2%
2012	7.6%	6.5%
2013	6.9%	6.2%
2014	5.2%	5.6%
2015	5.6%	5.0%
2016	5.2%	4.5%
2017	4.9%	4.3%
2018	4.8%	4.5%
2019	4.3%	3.9%
2020	7.1%	8.3%
2021	6.0%	6.7%
2022	3.6%	3.7%
2023	1.7%	1.7%
2024	3.1%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	59	458
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	36	1,944
Public Pre-Kindergarten	17	N/A
Head Start	0	0
Early Head Start	1	N/A

Of the providers in the county**

- 16 are licensed to accept infants with 117 total infant capacity
- 1 is a Head Start program
- 1 is a Early Head Start program
- 4 are nursery schools
- 5 offer Part Day
- 27 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 1,340

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Cecil as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Cecilton 21913	0	0.0%	1	2.8%
Chesapeake City 21915	1	1.7%	2	5.6%
Childs 21916	0	0.0%	1	2.8%
Colora 21917	2	3.4%	1	2.8%
Conowingo 21918	0	0.0%	1	2.8%
Elkton 21921	36	61.0%	14	38.9%
North East 21901	7	11.9%	8	22.2%
Perryville 21903	4	6.8%	3	8.3%
Port Deposit 21904	4	6.8%	0	0.0%
Rising Sun 21911	5	8.5%	5	13.9%
Totals	59	100.0%	36	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	17	2
Middle Schools	6	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	7

Elementary School Enrollment

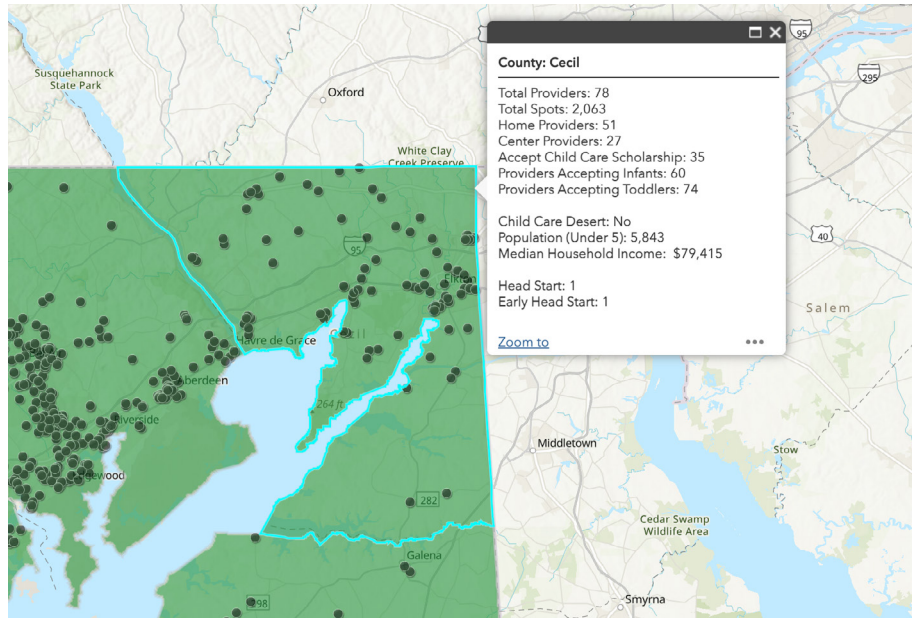
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	741	79
Kindergarten	999	102
Grades 1-5	6,312	632
Total	8,052	813

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

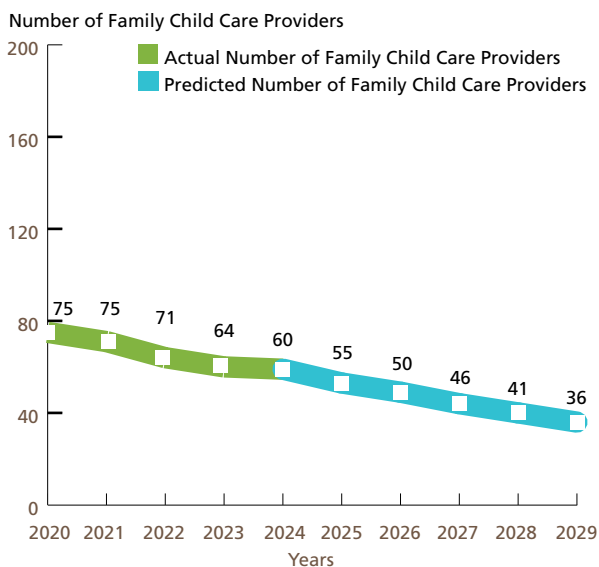
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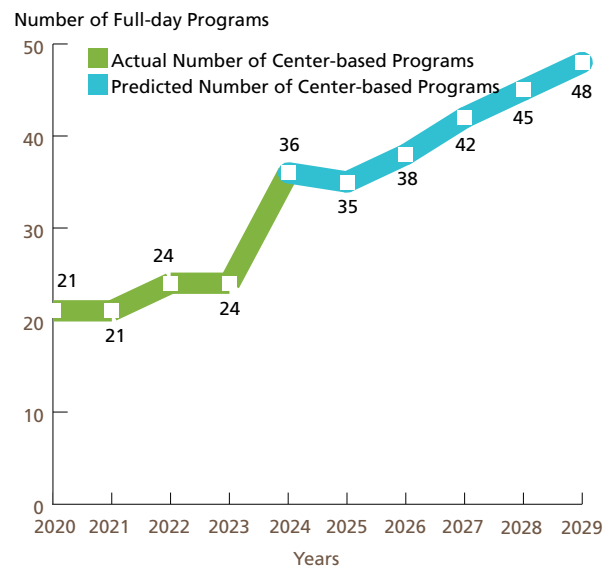


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Family Child Care Providers in Cecil 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Cecil 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

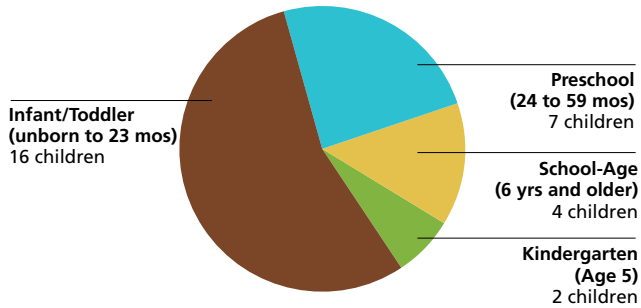


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Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

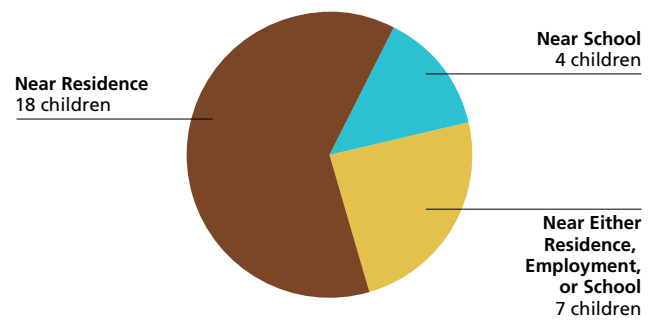
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

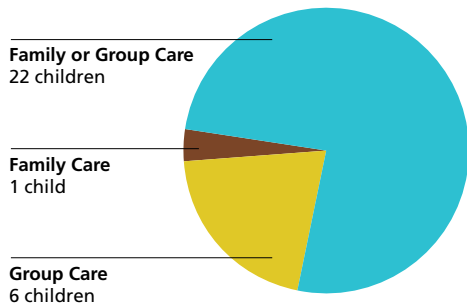
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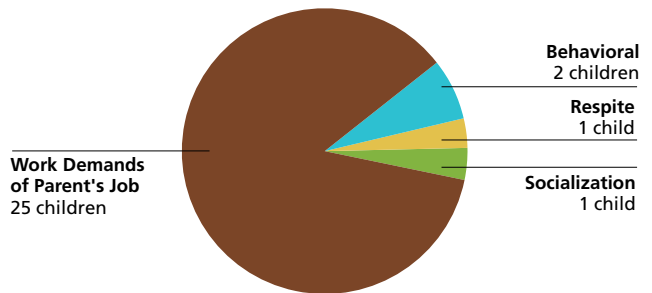
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=29



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
29 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=29

Full-time: 22 children

Part-time: 6 children

Other: 1 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24)
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
10 (34% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
8 (28% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Cecil County
24 (41% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Cecil County
14 (39% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$4,770,637

CCS Children Served
796

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
30 (51% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
11 (31% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Charles County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Charles County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Charles County has approximately 11,346 children from birth through age five, and 8.0 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Charles County is \$22,816 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$72,781 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$31,626, and a child care center teacher earns only \$27,945. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	5,399
3-4 years	4,364
5 years	1,583
6-8 years	6,619
9-11 years	7,387
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	25,352

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Charles is \$135,570⁶. 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	\$22,816	16.8%
Infant ¹	\$11,023	
Preschooler ²	\$11,793	
Food ³	\$12,851	9.5%
Housing ⁴	\$29,160	21.5%
Taxes ⁵	\$23,287	17.2%
Total	\$88,114	65.0%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Charles County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$304.00	\$415.50
2-4 Years	\$259.54	\$289.00
5 years ¹	\$230.45	\$202.80
School Age Full ²	\$223.25	\$166.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$158.75	\$152.25

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Charles	Maryland	Charles	Maryland
0-2 years	4,972	214,524	5,399	207,705
3-4 years	4,342	151,773	4,364	151,635
5 years	2,192	75,351	1,583	73,868
6-8 years	5,946	217,506	6,619	224,060
9-11 years	6,627	225,975	7,387	235,994
Total	24,079	885,129	25,352	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	4,543	4,934
Aged 25-29	4,542	5,110
Aged 30-34	4,648	5,625
Total Aged 20-34	13,733	15,669

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Charles	Maryland
2023		
Females	41,403	1,622,793
Males	41,133	1,726,909
2013		
Females	46,252	1,581,677
Males	46,682	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-10.5%	2.6%
Males	-11.9%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	11,062	10,883	-1.6%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	8,178	8,055	-1.5%
Total Children 6-17 years old	26,184	28,034	7.1%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	20,908	22,302	6.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Charles	Maryland
2023	168,710	6,170,738
2022	167,035	6,161,707
2021	165,209	6,148,545
2013	148,957	5,834,299
2011	145,508	5,736,545
2000	120,546	5,296,486
1990	101,154	4,780,753
1980	72,751	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	4,800	5,259
Aged 25-29	4,388	5,084
Aged 30-34	4,036	5,381
Total Aged 20-34	13,224	15,724

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	147,387	167,425
Total number of households	51,247	60,199
Average household size	2.88	2.78

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	16,398	17,746	8.2%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	13,169	14,062	6.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	37,777		43,541		15.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,811	4.8%	1,980	4.5%	9.3%
All Families with Children Under 5	6,157		7,040		14.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	721	11.7%	473	6.7%	-34.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	19,563		21,204		8.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,478	7.6%	1,265	6.0%	-14.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	38,204		40,073		4.9%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,721	9.7%	3,191	8.0%	-14.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,266	13.8%	765	8.0%	-39.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,455	8.5%	2,426	8.0%	-1.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Charles	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	114,192		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	107,711	94.3%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	36,128	31.6%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Charles	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	37,777	43,541	15.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	6,179	6,913	11.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	17,701	19,010	7.4%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Charles County) ¹	\$72,781
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Charles County) ²	\$31,626
Child Care Center Director (Charles County) ³	\$40,333
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Charles County) ³	\$27,945
Center Aide (Charles County) ³	\$22,361

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Charles	\$135,570
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Charles	\$120,592
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Charles	Maryland
Under \$25,000	8.0%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	8.3%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.3%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	72.4%	62.9%
Total Households	60,199	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Charles	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	48,900	81.2%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	11,299	18.8%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$402,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,430		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,897		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Charles	Maryland
2001	2.4%	4.0%
2002	2.8%	3.9%
2003	2.9%	4.1%
2004	2.9%	3.9%
2005	3.0%	3.9%
2006	2.9%	3.7%
2007	3.0%	3.6%
2008	3.9%	4.5%
2009	5.9%	7.1%
2010	6.0%	7.3%
2011	6.0%	7.2%
2012	5.6%	6.5%
2013	5.6%	6.2%
2014	5.3%	5.6%
2015	4.9%	5.0%
2016	4.7%	4.5%
2017	4.1%	4.3%
2018	4.4%	4.5%
2019	4.0%	3.9%
2020	8.4%	8.3%
2021	6.7%	6.7%
2022	3.8%	3.7%
2023	1.8%	1.7%
2024	3.3%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	147	1,121
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	73	4,980
Public Pre-Kindergarten	23	N/A
Head Start	2	N/A
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 33 are licensed to accept infants with 265 total infant capacity
- 2 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 9 are nursery schools
- 8 offer Part Day
- 57 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 4,162

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	22	0
Middle Schools	8	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	4

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	1,034	195
Kindergarten	1,726	201
Grades 1-5	11,587	1,009
Total	14,347	1,405

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools 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 Charles as of June 30, 2024.

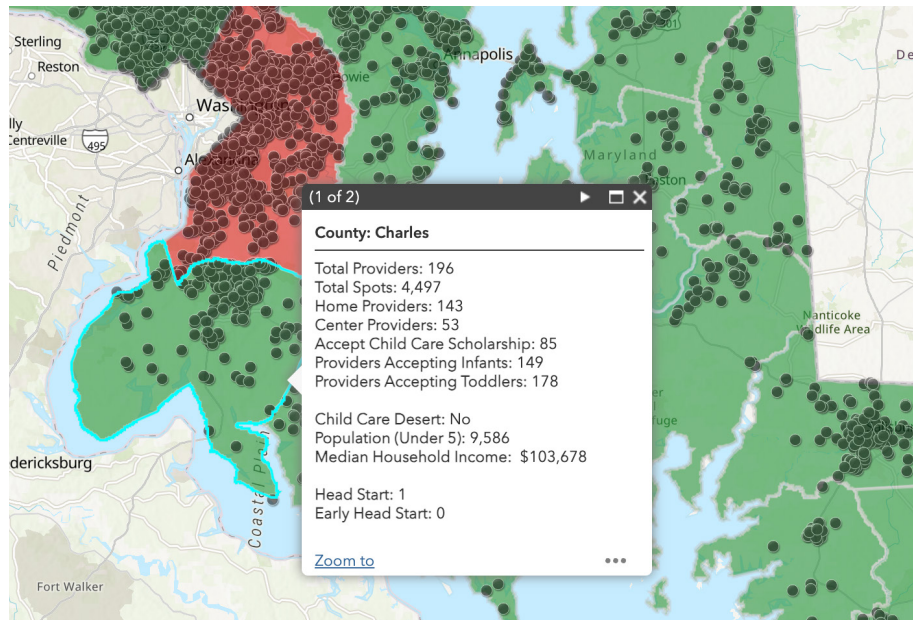
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Bel Alton 20611	2	1.4%	0	0.0%
Brandywine 20613	2	1.4%	0	0.0%
Bryans Road 20616	5	3.4%	0	0.0%
Bryantown 20617	1	0.7%	2	2.7%
California 20619	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Charlotte Hall 20622	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
Cobb Island 20625	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
Hughesville 20637	6	4.1%	2	2.7%
Indian Head 20640	5	3.4%	6	8.2%
La Plata 20646	15	10.2%	11	15.1%
Marbury 20658	1	0.7%	1	1.4%
Nanjemoy 20662	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Newburg 20664	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Pomfret 20675	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Port Tobacco 20677	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Newburg 20664	1	0.7%	12	16.4%
Waldorf 20601	30	20.4%	16	21.9%
Waldorf 20602	33	22.4%	12	16.4%
Waldorf 20603	29	19.7%	0	0.0%
Welcome 20693	2	1.4%	0	0.0%
White Plains 20695	13	8.8%	6	8.2%
Totals	147	100.0%	73	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

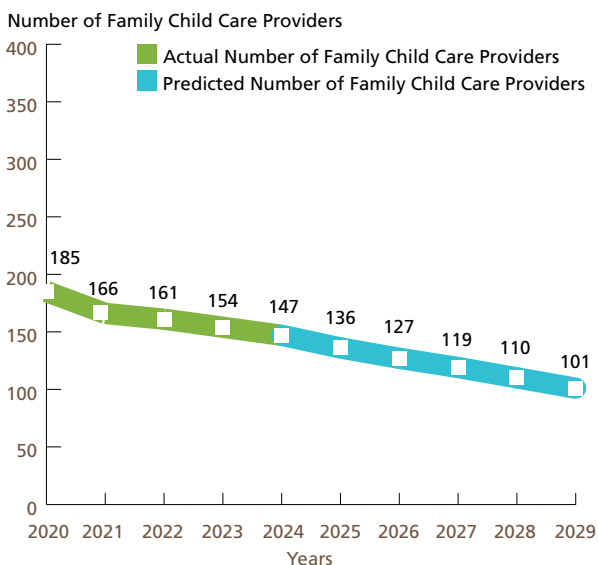
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

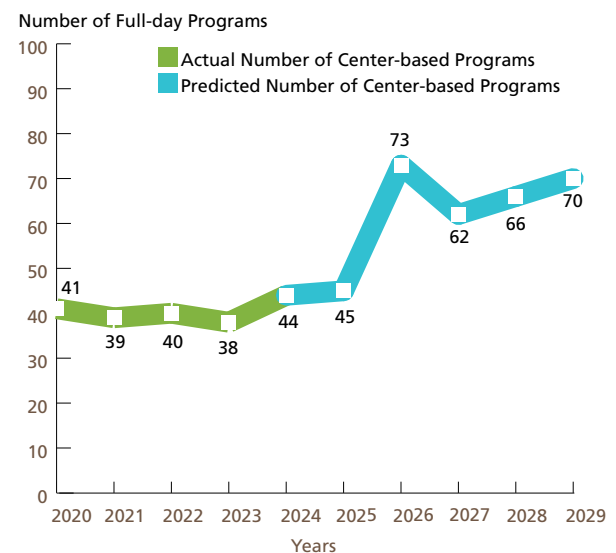


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Charles 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Charles 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

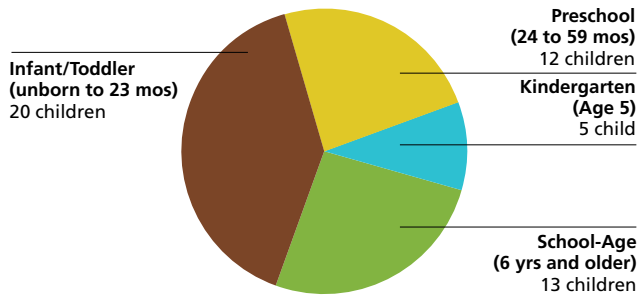


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

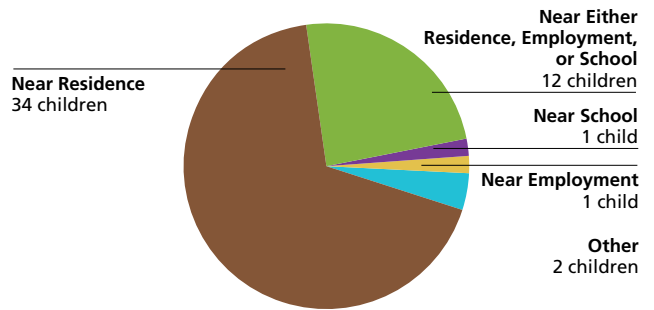
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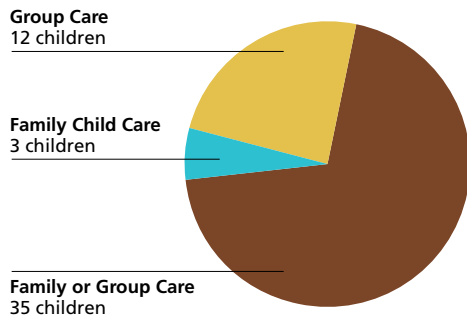
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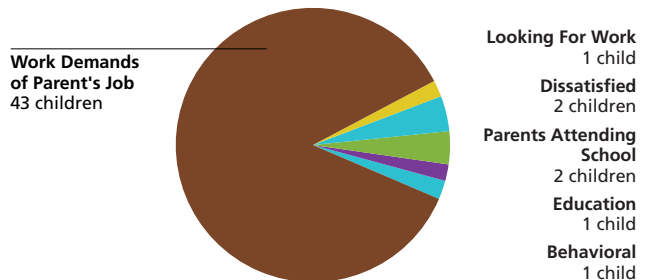
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Reason Child Care is Needed

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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
50 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=50

Full-time: 38 children

Part-time: 11 children

Other*: 1 child

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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
21 (42% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
9 (18% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Charles County
58 (39% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Charles County
32 (44% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$14,121,511

CCS Children Served
1,795

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
63 (43% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
24 (33% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

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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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Dorchester County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Dorchester County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Dorchester County has approximately 2,026 children from birth through age five, and 27.7 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Dorchester County is \$15,900 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$61,548 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$34,407, and a child care center teacher earns only \$23,192. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	961
3-4 years	790
5 years	275
6-8 years	1,229
9-11 years	786
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	4,041

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Dorchester is \$80,558⁶. 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	\$6,884	
Preschooler ²	\$9,016	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	16.0%
Housing ⁴	\$ 20,124	25.0%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 9,791	12.2%
Total	\$ 58,666	72.8%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care, 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Dorchester County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$ 189.00	\$ 229.00
2-4 Years	\$ 139.17	\$ 213.33
5 years ¹	\$ 157.00	\$ 215.00
School Age Full ²	\$ 157.00	\$ 185.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$ 130.00	\$ 70.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Dorchester	Maryland	Dorchester	Maryland
0-2 years	1,059	214,524	961	207,705
3-4 years	949	151,773	790	151,635
5 years	452	75,351	275	73,868
6-8 years	1,045	217,506	1,229	224,060
9-11 years	1,193	225,975	786	235,994
Total	4,698	885,129	4,041	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,041	743
Aged 25-29	1,019	946
Aged 30-34	887	1,118
Total Aged 20-34	2,947	2,807

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Dorchester	Maryland
2023		
Females	7,857	1,622,793
Males	7,748	1,726,909
2013		
Females	8,613	1,581,677
Males	8,489	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-8.8%	2.6%
Males	-8.7%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,389	1,891	-20.8%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,808	1,544	-14.6%
Total Children 6-17 years old	3,936	4,541	15.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	3,264	3,689	13.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Dorchester	Maryland
2023	32,612	6,170,738
2022	32,557	6,161,707
2021	32,486	6,148,545
2013	32,617	5,834,299
2011	32,480	5,736,545
2000	30,674	5,296,486
1990	30,236	4,780,753
1980	30,623	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	966	721
Aged 25-29	913	808
Aged 30-34	828	813
Total Aged 20-34	2,707	2,342

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	32,008	32,110
Total number of households	13,386	13,324
Average household size	2.39	2.41

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,087	2,320	-24.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,235	1,958	-12.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	9,199		8,143		-11.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,080	11.7%	777	9.5%	-28.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,465		823		-43.8%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	454	31.0%	249	30.3%	-45.2%
All Families w Children Under 18	3,865		3,004		-22.3%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	891	23.1%	522	17.4%	-41.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	6,890		6,771		-1.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,891	27.4%	1,543	22.8%	-18.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	663	33.3%	477	27.7%	-28.1%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,228	25.1%	1,066	21.1%	-13.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Dorchester	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	23,463		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	20,370	86.8%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	4,412	18.8%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Dorchester	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	9,199	8,143	-11.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	1,447	887	-38.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	3,289	2,742	-16.6%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Dorchester County) ¹	\$61,548
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Dorchester County) ²	\$34,407
Child Care Center Director (Dorchester County) ³	\$30,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Dorchester County) ³	\$23,192
Center Aide (Dorchester County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Dorchester	\$80,558
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Dorchester	\$60,495
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Dorchester	Maryland
Under \$25,000	20.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	22.1%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.7%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	41.0%	62.9%
Total Households	13,324	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Dorchester	Maryland
2001	7.2%	4.0%
2002	6.7%	3.9%
2003	7.8%	4.1%
2004	5.9%	3.9%
2005	4.6%	3.9%
2006	5.4%	3.7%
2007	5.8%	3.6%
2008	6.2%	4.5%
2009	10.9%	7.1%
2010	9.8%	7.3%
2011	10.0%	7.2%
2012	9.5%	6.5%
2013	8.9%	6.2%
2014	8.9%	5.6%
2015	6.5%	5.0%
2015	6.5%	5.0%
2016	5.9%	4.5%
2017	5.9%	4.3%
2018	5.5%	4.5%
2019	5.5%	3.9%
2020	8.1%	8.3%
2021	6.9%	6.7%
2022	3.7%	3.7%
2023	1.8%	1.7%
2024	3.4%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Housing Information

	Dorchester	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	8,837	66.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	4,487	33.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$252,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,677		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$959		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	41	324
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	13	498
Public Pre-Kindergarten	7	N/A
Head Start	1	N/A
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 5 are licensed to accept infants with 24 total infant capacity
- 2 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 0 are nursery schools
- 0 offer Part Day
- 7 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 221

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Dorchester as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Cambridge 21613	6	14.6%	11	84.6%
East New Market 21631	8	19.5%	0	0.0%
Federalsburg 21632	1	2.4%	0	0.0%
Hurlock 21643	23	56.1%	2	15.4%
Secretary 21664	1	2.4%	0	0.0%
Vienna 21869	2	4.9%	0	0.0%
Totals	41	100.0%	13	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	6	0
Middle Schools	2	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	1	1

Elementary School Enrollment

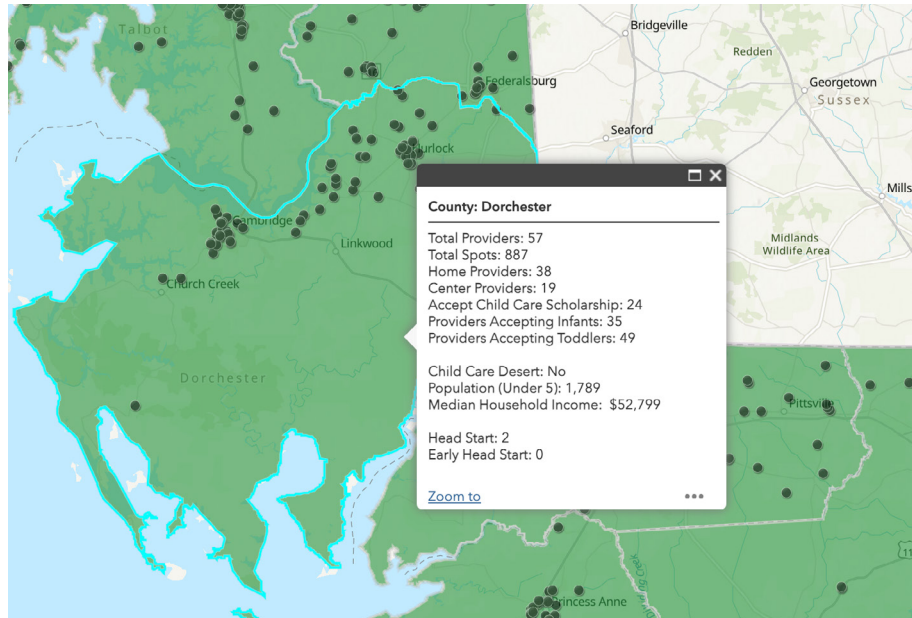
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	295	N/A
Kindergarten	326	N/A
Grades 1-5	1,984	N/A
Total	2,605	N/A

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

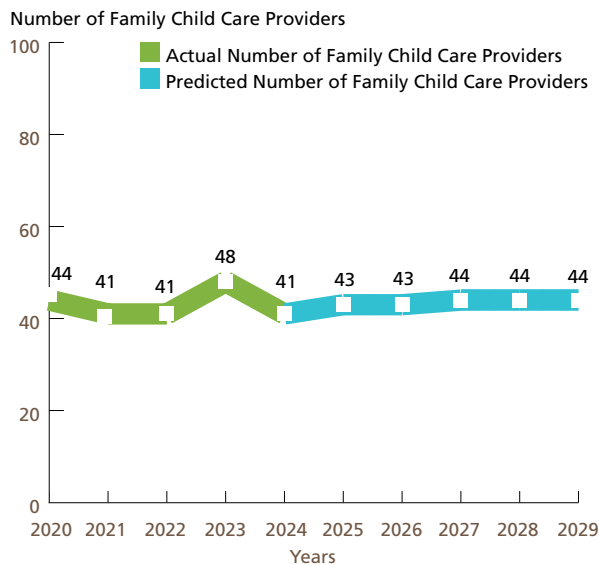
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

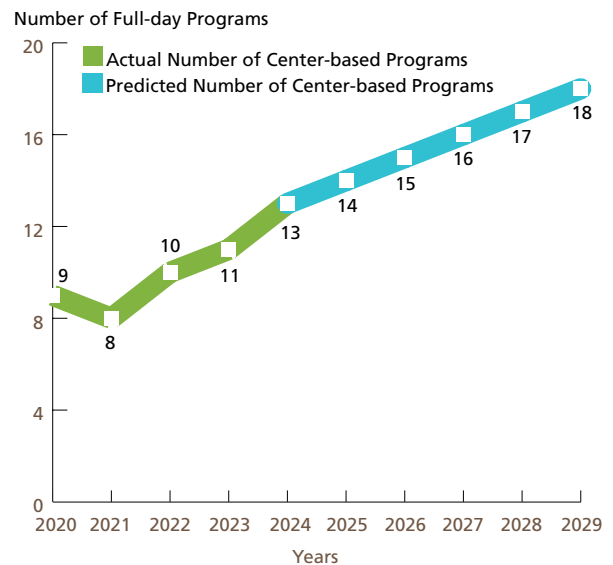


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Dorchester 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Dorchester 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



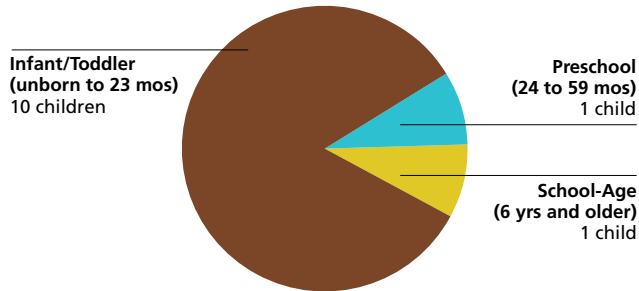
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

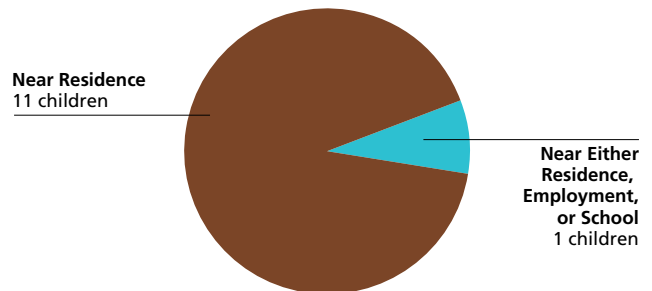
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

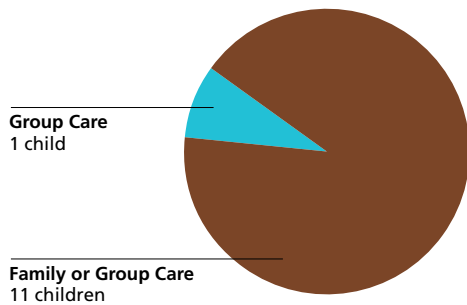
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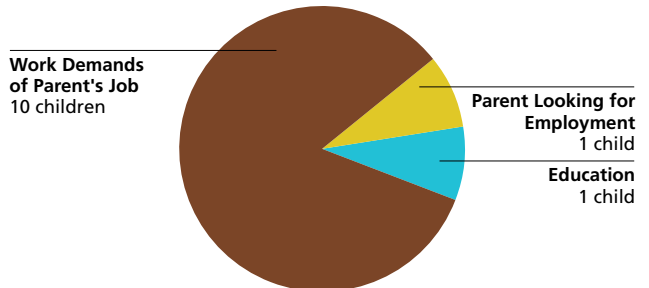
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=12



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
12 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=12

Full-time: 11 children

Part-time: 1 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
0 (0% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
8 (67% of all calls)

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5 (45% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

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FY 24 CCS Expenditure
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CCS Children Served
653

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Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
18 (44% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
5 (38% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

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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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Frederick County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Frederick County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Frederick County has approximately 20,071 children from birth through age five, and 8.1 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Frederick County is \$23,808 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$77,537 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$37,015, and a child care center teacher earns only \$29,733. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	9,874
3-4 years	6,746
5 years	3,451
6-8 years	10,498
9-11 years	11,642
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	42,211

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Frederick is \$140,657⁶. 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	\$ 23,808	16.9%
Infant ¹	\$11,233	
Preschooler ²	\$12,575	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	9.1%
Housing ⁴	\$ 28,500	20.3%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 21,924	15.6%
Total	\$ 87,083	61.9%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Frederick County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$410.00	\$287.04
2-4 Years	\$328.33	\$261.60
5 years ¹	\$282.50	\$248.94
School Age Full ²	\$140.00	\$232.09
Before/After School Care ³	\$115.00	\$162.89

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Frederick	Maryland	Frederick	Maryland
0-2 years	8,405	214,524	9,874	207,705
3-4 years	6,344	151,773	6,746	151,635
5 years	3,477	75,351	3,451	73,868
6-8 years	9,708	217,506	10,498	224,060
9-11 years	9,513	225,975	11,642	235,994
Total	37,447	885,129	42,211	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	6,969	8,002
Aged 25-29	7,018	7,894
Aged 30-34	7,279	9,421
Total Aged 20-34	21,266	25,317

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Frederick	Maryland
2023		
Females	71,802	1,622,793
Males	83,679	1,726,909
2013		
Females	62,419	1,581,677
Males	71,236	1,650,181
Change		
Females	15.0%	2.6%
Males	17.5%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	17,800	19,653	10.4%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	12,318	13,856	12.5%
Total Children 6-17 years old	39,125	44,189	12.9%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	28,987	33,153	14.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Frederick	Maryland
2023	280,341	6,170,738
2022	273,829	6,161,707
2021	267,498	6,148,545
2013	236,668	5,834,299
2011	231,725	5,736,545
2000	195,277	5,296,486
1990	150,208	4,780,753
1980	114,792	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	7,082	8,196
Aged 25-29	6,887	8,148
Aged 30-34	7,011	9,395
Total Aged 20-34	20,980	25,739

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	232,101	275,761
Total number of households	86,337	101,807
Average household size	2.69	2.71

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	27,802	31,426	13.0%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	20,018	23,178	15.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	62,940		73,559		16.9%
Families Below Poverty Level	2,754	4.4%	3,311	4.5%	20.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	11,226		13,080		16.5%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	936	8.3%	1,002	7.7%	7.1%
All Families w Children Under 18	31,993		36,265		13.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,012	6.3%	2,521	7.0%	25.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	58,104		64,976		11.8%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	4,638	8.0%	5,026	7.7%	8.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,342	9.2%	1,326	8.1%	-1.2%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	3,296	7.6%	3,700	7.6%	12.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Frederick	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	191,495		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	178,889	93.4%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	85,948	44.9%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Frederick	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	62,940	73,559	16.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	11,808	14,111	19.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	29,788	33,797	13.5%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Frederick County) ¹	\$77,537
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Frederick County) ²	\$37,015
Child Care Center Director (Frederick County) ³	\$42,075
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Frederick County) ³	\$29,733
Center Aide (Frederick County) ³	\$17,400

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Frederick	\$140,657
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Frederick	\$120,458
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Frederick	Maryland
Under \$25,000	7.1%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	9.2%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.0%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	71.7%	62.9%
Total Households	101,807	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Frederick	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	78,429	77.0%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	23,378	23.0%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$437,700		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,375		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,706		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Frederick	Maryland
2001	2.9%	4.0%
2002	2.7%	3.9%
2004	2.5%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	2.9%	3.7%
2007	2.9%	3.6%
2008	3.7%	4.5%
2009	5.9%	7.1%
2010	6.2%	7.3%
2011	6.2%	7.2%
2012	5.4%	6.5%
2013	5.3%	6.2%
2014	4.8%	5.6%
2015	4.4%	5.0%
2016	4.0%	4.5%
2017	3.6%	4.3%
2018	4.1%	4.5%
2019	3.6%	3.9%
2020	7.6%	8.3%
2021	5.8%	6.7%
2022	3.2%	3.7%
2023	1.5%	1.7%
2024	3.1%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	260	1,991
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	116	7,563
Public Pre-Kindergarten	27	N/A
Head Start	7	130
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 36 are licensed to accept infants with 392 total infant capacity
- 6 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 12 are nursery schools
- 25 offer Part Day
- 88 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 6,255

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	38	7
Middle Schools	13	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	51	11

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	1,551	955
Kindergarten	3,253	266
Grades 1-5	20,713	1,192
Total	25,517	2,413

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools 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 Frederick as of June 30, 2024.

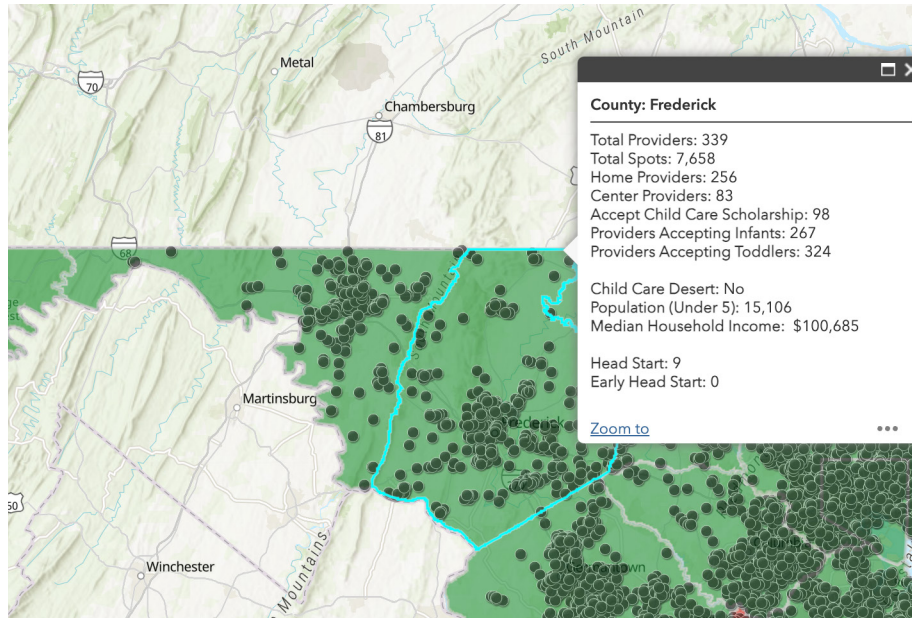
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Adamstown 21710	6	2.3%	3	2.6%
Brunswick 21716	5	1.9%	3	2.6%
Brunswick 21758	3	1.2%	0	0.0%
Clarksburg 20871	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Emmitsburg 21727	3	1.2%	1	0.9%
Frederick 21701	25	9.6%	23	19.8%
Frederick 21702	51	19.6%	17	14.7%
Frederick 21703	48	18.5%	12	10.3%
Frederick 21704	22	8.5%	7	6.0%
Frederick 21754	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Ijamsville 21754	5	1.9%	6	5.2%
Jefferson 21755	6	2.3%	5	4.3%
Keymar 21757	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Knoxville 21758	3	1.2%	0	0.0%
Libertytown 21762	1	0.4%	7	6.0%
Middletown 21769	9	3.5%	5	4.3%
Monrovia 21770	9	3.5%	2	1.7%
Mount Airy 21771	14	5.4%	2	1.7%
Myersville 21773	6	2.3%	7	6.0%
New Market 21774	12	4.6%	0	0.0%
Point of Rocks 21777	2	0.8%	1	0.9%
Sabillasville 21780	2	0.8%	0	0.0%
Smithsburg 21783	1	0.4%	3	2.6%
Thurmont 21788	9	3.5%	0	0.0%
Union Bridge 21791	2	0.8%	3	2.6%
Urbana 21704	2	0.8%	5	4.3%
Walkersville 21793	12	4.6%	1	0.9%
Woodsboro 21798	2	0.8%	0	0.0%
Totals	260	100.0%	116	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

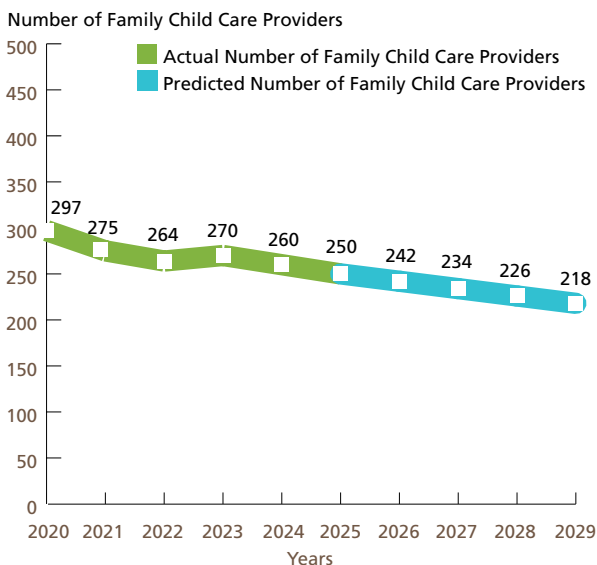
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

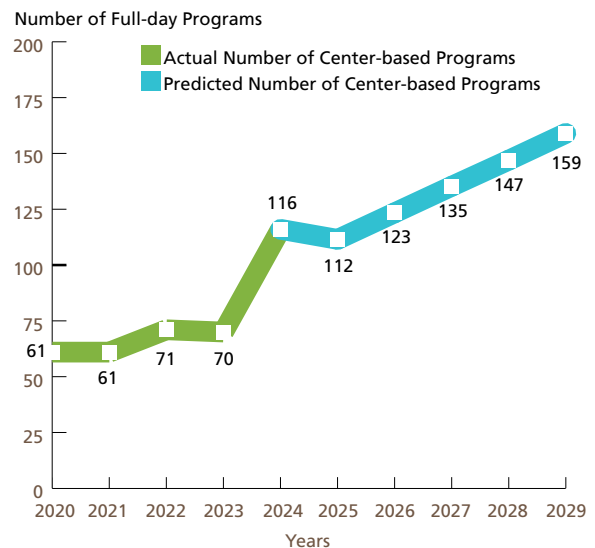


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Frederick 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Frederick 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

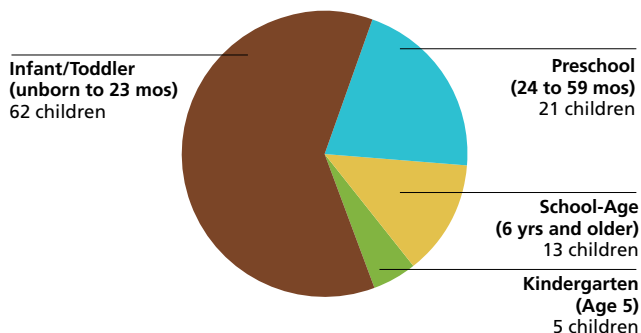


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

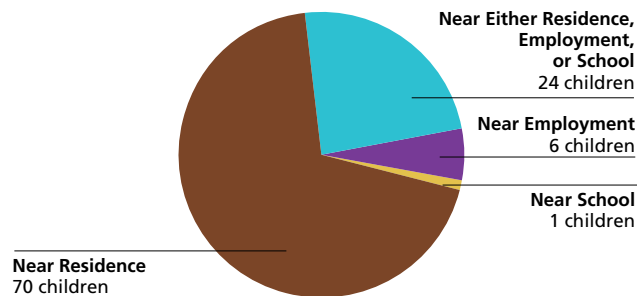
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

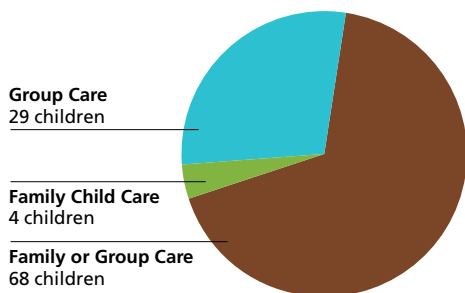
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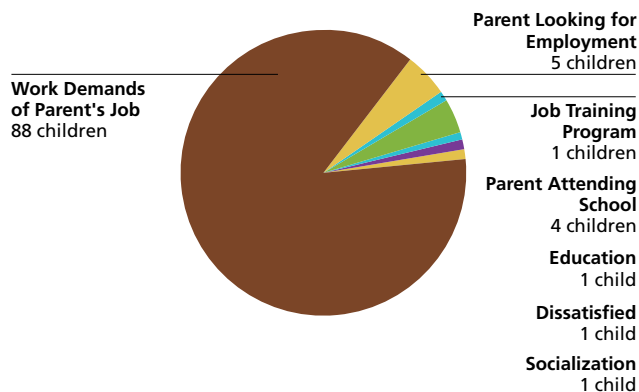
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=101



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
101 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=101

Full-time: 83 children

Part-time: 15 children

Other*: 3 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
29 (29% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
36 (36% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Frederick County
61 (23% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Frederick County
42 (36% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$11,007,676

CCS Children Served
1,365

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
100 (38% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
46 (40% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

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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.

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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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Garrett County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Garrett County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Garrett County has approximately 1,626 children from birth through age five, and 9.5 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Garrett County is \$13,234 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$66,846 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$13,920, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,000. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	860
3-4 years	470
5 years	296
6-8 years	974
9-11 years	808
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	3,408

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Garrett is \$84,398⁶. 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	\$13,234	15.7%
Infant ¹	\$6,318	
Preschooler ²	\$6,916	
Food ³	\$12,851	15.2%
Housing ⁴	\$18,252	21.6%
Taxes ⁵	\$9,427	11.2%
Total	\$53,764	63.7%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Garrett County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$185.00	NA
2-4 Years	\$175.00	NA
5 years ¹	\$175.00	NA
School Age Full ²	\$115.00	NA
Before/After School Care ³	\$115.00	NA

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Garrett	Maryland	Garrett	Maryland
0-2 years	810	214,524	860	207,705
3-4 years	679	151,773	470	151,635
5 years	454	75,351	296	73,868
6-8 years	983	217,506	974	224,060
9-11 years	1,189	225,975	808	235,994
Total	4,115	885,129	3,408	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	823	666
Aged 25-29	743	775
Aged 30-34	790	760
Total Aged 20-34	2,356	2,201

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Garrett	Maryland
2023		
Females	6,467	1,622,793
Males	7,809	1,726,909
2013		
Females	6,960	1,581,677
Males	8,219	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-7.1%	2.6%
Males	-5.0%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	1,854	1,620	-12.6%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	916	1,295	41.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	4,091	3,300	-19.3%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	2,786	2,328	-16.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Garrett	Maryland
2023	28,713	6,170,738
2022	28,856	6,161,707
2021	28,955	6,148,545
2013	30,014	5,834,299
2011	30,128	5,736,545
2000	29,846	5,296,486
1990	28,138	4,780,753
1980	26,498	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	915	769
Aged 25-29	755	829
Aged 30-34	780	793
Total Aged 20-34	2,450	2,391

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	29,370	27,986
Total number of households	11,974	12,565
Average household size	2.45	2.23

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	2,913	2,632	-9.6%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	1,799	2,023	12.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	8,314		8,215		-1.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	913	11.0%	628	7.6%	-31.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,176		1,236		5.1%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	255	21.7%	98	7.9%	-61.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	3,346		3,185		-4.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	650	19.4%	416	13.1%	-36.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	6,116		5,047		-17.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,367	22.4%	696	13.8%	-49.1%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	417	28.7%	126	9.5%	-69.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	950	20.4%	570	15.3%	-40.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Garrett	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	21,498		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	19,316	89.9%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	5,297	24.6%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Garrett	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	8,314	8,215	-1.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	1,328	1,332	0.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	3,119	2,962	-5.0%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Garrett County) ¹	\$66,846
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Garrett County) ²	\$13,920
Child Care Center Director (Garrett County) ³	\$27,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Garrett County) ³	\$25,000
Center Aide (Garrett County) ³	\$17,000

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Garrett	\$84,398
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Garrett	\$69,031
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Garrett	Maryland
Under \$25,000	15.3%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	22.2%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.8%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	44.7%	62.9%
Total Households	12,565	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Garrett	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	10,180	81.0%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	2,385	19.0%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$217,000		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,521		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$710		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Garrett	Maryland
2001	4.8%	4.0%
2002	4.5%	3.9%
2003	4.4%	4.1%
2004	4.4%	3.9%
2005	3.9%	3.9%
2006	3.9%	3.7%
2007	3.8%	3.6%
2008	4.1%	4.5%
2009	6.9%	7.1%
2010	6.9%	7.3%
2011	6.4%	7.2%
2012	6.1%	6.5%
2013	6.1%	6.2%
2014	5.5%	5.6%
2015	5.3%	5.0%
2016	5.2%	4.5%
2017	5.5%	4.3%
2018	4.9%	4.5%
2019	4.6%	3.9%
2020	7.7%	8.3%
2021	6.2%	6.7%
2022	3.3%	3.7%
2023	1.6%	1.7%
2024	3.1%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	13	108
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	11	323
Public Pre-Kindergarten	6	N/A
Head Start	3	105
Early Head Start	1	88

Of the providers in the county**

- 3 are licensed to accept infants with 34 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 1 is an Early Head Start program
- 0 are nursery schools
- 0 offer Part Day
- 6 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 133

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by School District

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Garrett as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
ACCIDENT	3	23.1%	3	27.3%
BROAD FORD	3	23.1%	1	9.1%
CRELLIN	1	7.7%	1	9.1%
DENNETT RD	0	0.0%	2	18.2%
FRIENDSVILLE	1	7.7%	1	9.1%
GRANTSVILLE	1	7.7%	1	9.1%
KITZMILLER	0	0.0%	1	9.1%
ROUTE 40	2	15.4%	0	0.0%
YOUGH GLADES	2	15.4%	1	9.1%
Totals	13	100.0%	11	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	7	N/A
Middle Schools	2	N/A
Combined Elementary and Middle	2	N/A

Elementary School Enrollment

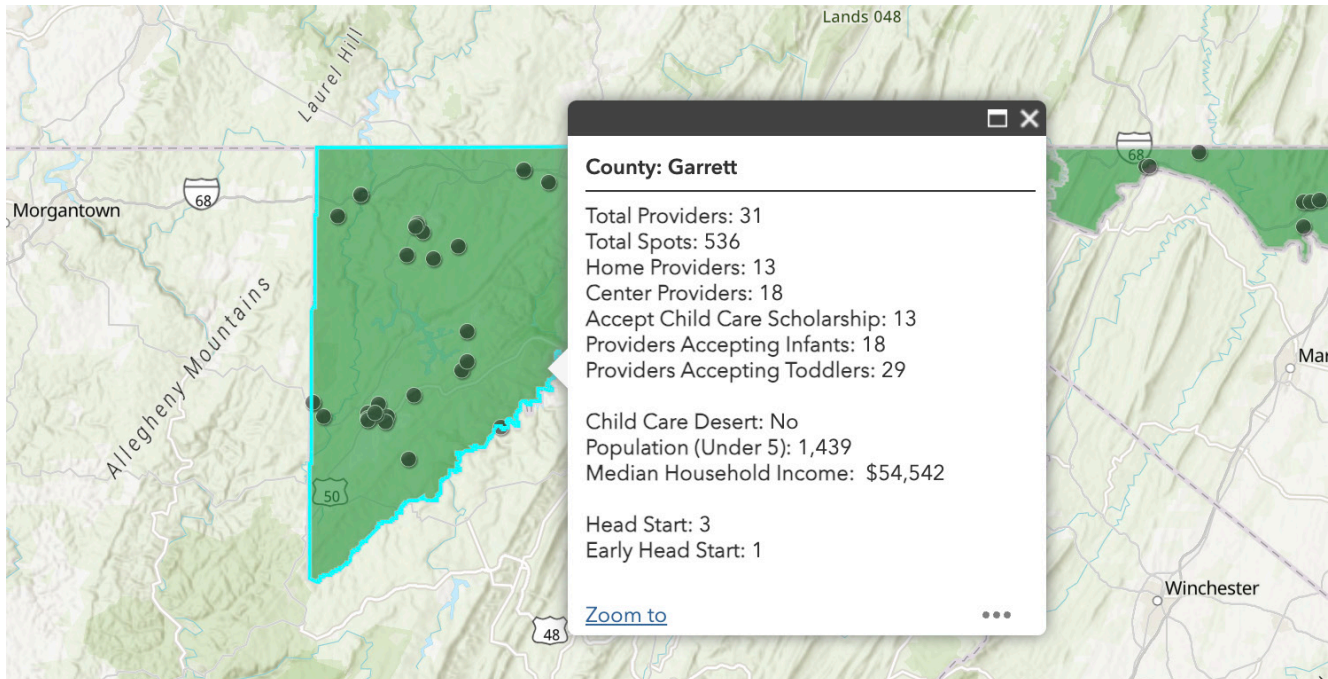
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	201	16
Kindergarten	247	18
Grades 1-5	1,469	114
Total	1,917	148

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

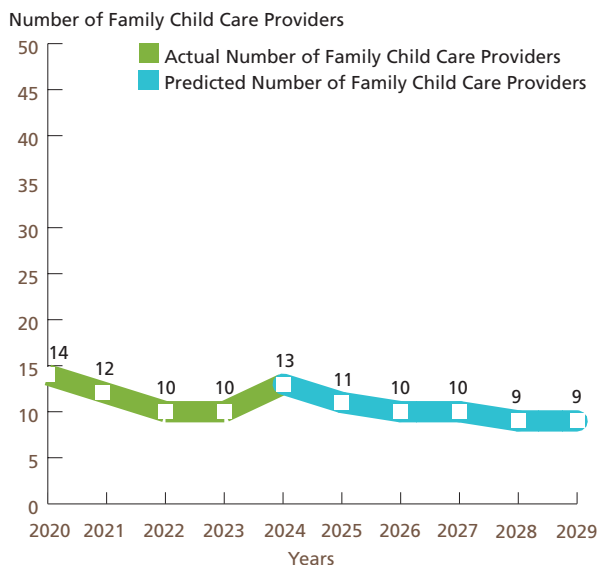
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

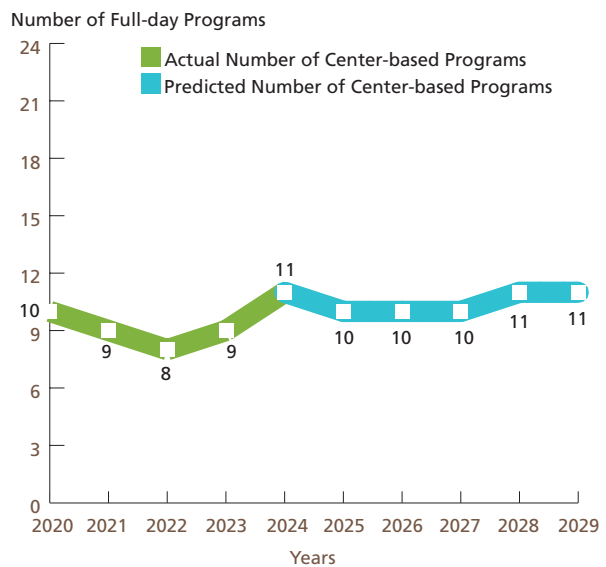


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Garrett 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Garrett 2020-2029 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

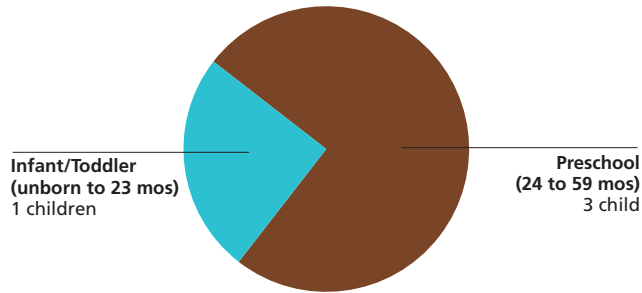


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

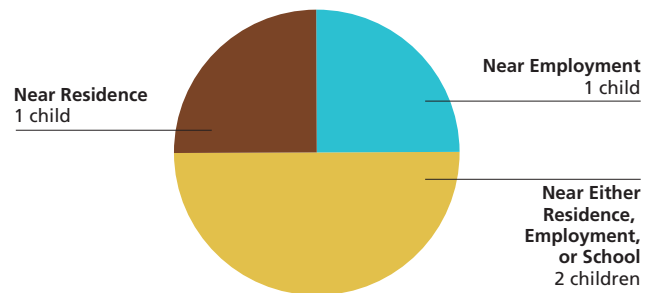
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

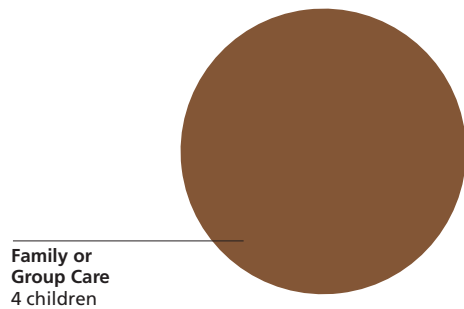
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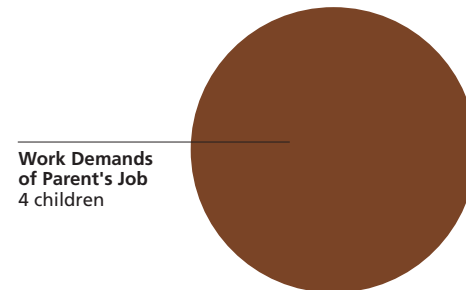
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=4



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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
4 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=4

Full-time: 1 children

Other: 1 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
0 (0% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
3 (75% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Garrett County
8 (62% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Garrett County
4 (36% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$550,338

CCS Children Served
124

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
4 (31% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
5 (45% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

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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.

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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)

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Harford County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Harford County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Harford County has approximately 18,077 children from birth through age five, and 7.8 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Harford County is \$24,919 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$76,277 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$37,413, and a child care center teacher earns only \$24,500. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	7,779
3-4 years	6,570
5 years	3,128
6-8 years	9,466
9-11 years	10,025
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	36,968

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Harford is \$131,355⁶. 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	\$10,882	
Preschooler ²	\$14,037	
Food ³	\$12,851	9.8%
Housing ⁴	\$25,296	19.7%
Taxes ⁵	\$18,986	14.5%
Total	\$82,052	62.9%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Harford County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$287.18	\$494.19
2-4 Years	\$254.44	\$341.88
5 years ¹	\$236.48	\$326.35
School Age Full ²	\$215.75	\$246.40
Before/After School Care ³	\$134.41	\$191.29

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Harford	Maryland	Harford	Maryland
0-2 years	8,270	214,524	7,779	207,705
3-4 years	6,355	151,773	6,570	151,635
5 years	2,839	75,351	3,128	73,868
6-8 years	9,665	217,506	9,466	224,060
9-11 years	10,841	225,975	10,025	235,994
Total	37,970	885,129	36,968	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	7,032	7,162
Aged 25-29	7,396	7,650
Aged 30-34	7,275	8,453
Total Aged 20-34	21,703	23,265

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Harford	Maryland
2023		
Females	67,543	1,622,793
Males	76,197	1,726,909
2013		
Females	65,640	1,581,677
Males	72,230	1,650,181
Change		
Females	2.9%	2.6%
Males	5.5%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	17,020	16,972	-0.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	11,337	12,116	6.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	40,001	39,519	-1.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	30,783	31,976	3.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Harford	Maryland
2023	262,509	6,170,738
2022	261,059	6,161,707
2021	259,162	6,148,545
2013	246,664	5,834,299
2011	243,955	5,736,545
2000	218,590	5,296,486
1990	182,132	4,780,753
1980	145,930	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	7,557	7,572
Aged 25-29	7,424	7,809
Aged 30-34	7,025	8,268
Total Aged 20-34	22,006	23,649

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	244,732	260,884
Total number of households	90,708	100,271
Average household size	2.70	2.60

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	27,789	26,558	-4.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	20,375	21,168	3.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	66,487		71,343		7.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	3,738	5.6%	3,309	4.6%	-11.5%
All Families with Children Under 5	10,912		11,717		7.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,460	13.4%	796	6.8%	-45.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	32,142		31,568		-1.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,891	9.0%	1,887	6.0%	-34.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	58,871		58,459		-0.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	6,281	10.7%	4,470	7.6%	-28.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	2,179	15.1%	1,102	7.8%	-49.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	4,102	9.2%	3,368	7.6%	-17.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Harford	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	183,637		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	173,772	94.6%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	72,505	39.5%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Harford	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	66,487	71,343	7.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	11,194	11,841	5.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	29,593	29,027	-1.9%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Harford County) ¹	\$76,277
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Harford County) ²	\$37,413
Child Care Center Director (Harford County) ³	\$36,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Harford County) ³	\$24,500
Center Aide (Harford County) ³	\$15,000

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Harford	\$131,355
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Harford	\$111,317
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Harford	Maryland
Under \$25,000	9.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	11.9%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.8%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	67.2%	62.9%
Total Households	100,271	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Harford	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	79,927	79.7%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	20,344	20.3%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$367,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,108		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,557		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Harford	Maryland
2001	3.5%	4.0%
2002	3.7%	3.9%
2003	4.1%	4.1%
2004	3.9%	3.9%
2005	3.5%	3.9%
2006	3.3%	3.7%
2007	3.5%	3.6%
2008	4.1%	4.5%
2009	7.1%	7.1%
2010	7.1%	7.3%
2011	7.1%	7.2%
2012	6.6%	6.5%
2013	6.1%	6.2%
2014	5.4%	5.6%
2015	4.9%	5.0%
2016	4.5%	4.5%
2017	4.0%	4.3%
2018	4.1%	4.5%
2019	3.7%	3.9%
2020	7.2%	8.3%
2021	5.7%	6.7%
2022	3.2%	3.7%
2023	1.5%	1.7%
2024	3.0%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	189	1,483
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	97	6,990
Public Pre-Kindergarten	22	N/A
Head Start	3	0
Early Head Start	1	60

Of the providers in the county**

- 35 are licensed to accept infants with 372 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 1 is an Early Head Start program
- 18 are nursery schools
- 17 offer Part Day
- 69 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 5,118

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	33	2
Middle Schools	9	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	1	12

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	1,126	668
Kindergarten	2,628	267
Grades 1-5	16,926	1,249
Total	20,680	2,184

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Community/Zip Code

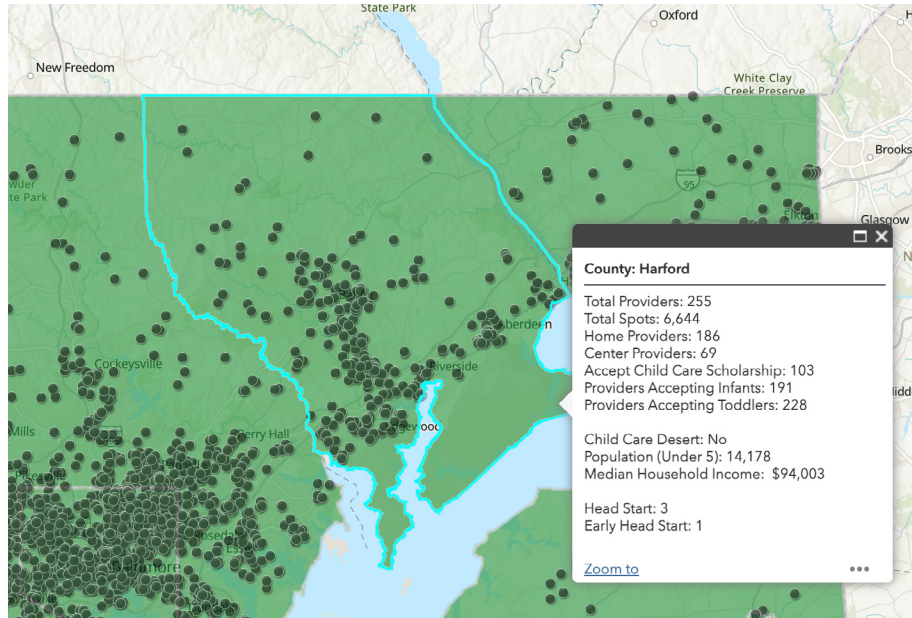
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Harford as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Aberdeen 21001	21	11.1%	9	9.3%
Abingdon 21009	35	18.5%	9	9.3%
Baldwin 21013	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Bel Air 21014	27	14.3%	18	18.6%
Bel Air 21015	21	11.1%	14	14.4%
Belcamp 21017	13	6.9%	2	2.1%
Churchville 21028	3	1.6%	4	4.1%
Darlington 21034	1	0.5%	1	1.0%
Edgewood 21040	22	11.6%	8	8.2%
Fallston 21047	7	3.7%	6	6.2%
Forest Hill 21050	10	5.3%	9	9.3%
Harford 21009	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Havre de Grace 21078	7	3.7%	7	7.2%
Jarrettsville 21084	5	2.6%	3	3.1%
Joppa 21085	10	5.3%	4	4.1%
Joppatowne 21085	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Kingsville 21087	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Pylesville 21132	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Street 21154	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
White Hall 21161	2	1.1%	1	1.0%
Whiteford 21160	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Totals	189	100.0%	97	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

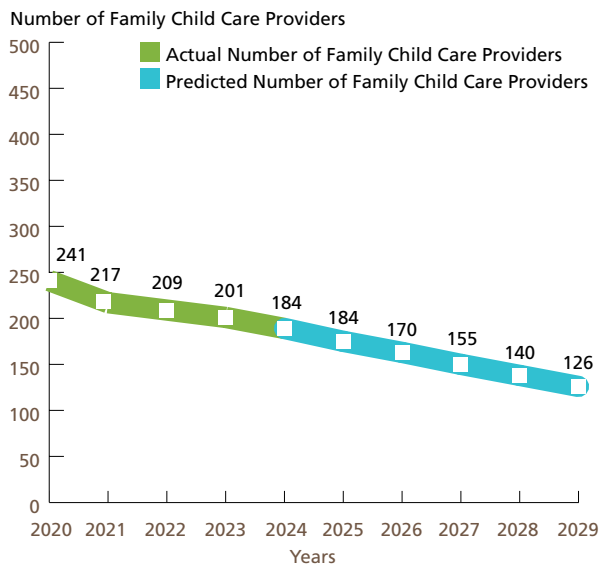
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

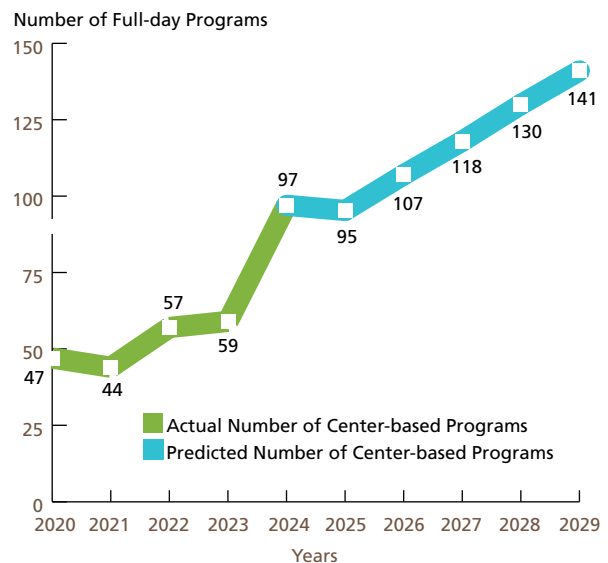


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Harford 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Harford 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

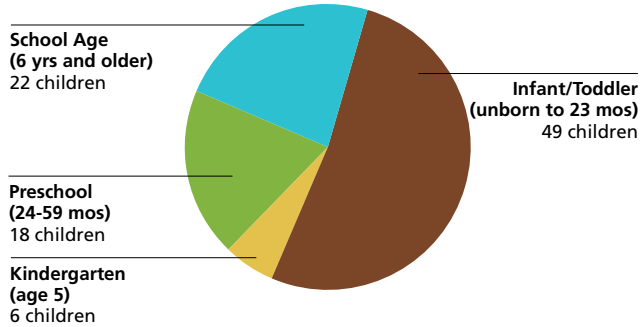


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

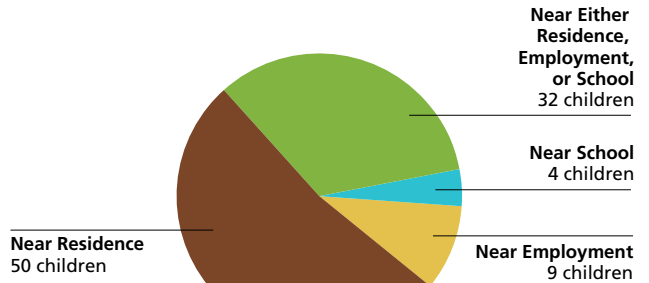
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

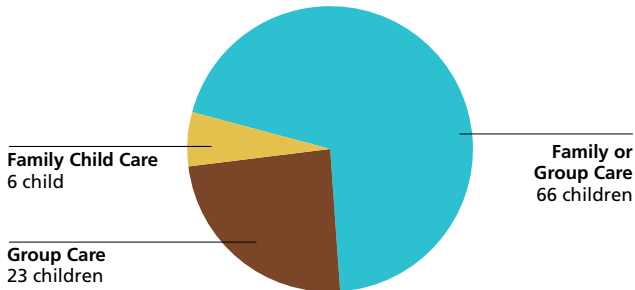
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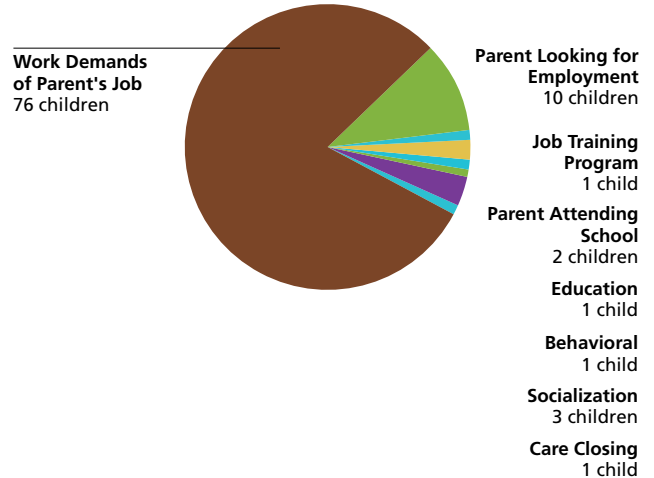
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=95



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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
95 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=95

Full-time: 75 children

Part-time: 19 children

Other: 1 child

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
40 (59% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
27 (28% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Harford County
68 (36% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Harford County
36 (37% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$13,775,022

CCS Children Served
1,842

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
96 (51% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
34 (35% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22- 6/30/23).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year. (Census.gov)

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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 2022.

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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)

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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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Howard County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Howard County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Howard County has approximately 22,645 children from birth through age five, and 6.2 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Howard County is \$29,250 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$85,158 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$44,052, and a child care center teacher earns only \$28,588. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	10,691
3-4 years	7,805
5 years	4,149
6-8 years	12,274
9-11 years	13,888
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	48,807

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Howard is \$174,263⁶. 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	\$ 29,250	16.8%
Infant ¹	\$13,388	
Preschooler ²	\$15,862	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	7.4%
Housing ⁴	\$ 35,400	20.3%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 28,934	16.6%
Total	\$ 106,435	61.1%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Howard County	Family Child Care Centers	Child
Care Programs		
0-23 Months	\$326.00	\$477.58
2-4 Years	\$280.57	\$364.42
5 years ¹	\$263.91	\$352.13
School Age Full ²	\$233.35	\$324.38
Before/After School Care ³	\$156.21	\$214.25

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Howard	Maryland	Howard	Maryland
0-2 years	10,329	214,524	10,691	207,705
3-4 years	7,421	151,773	7,805	151,635
5 years	3,959	75,351	4,149	73,868
6-8 years	12,356	217,506	12,274	224,060
9-11 years	13,758	225,975	13,888	235,994
Total	47,823	885,129	48,807	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	7,309	9,017
Aged 25-29	8,974	9,271
Aged 30-34	9,664	10,499
Total Aged 20-34	25,947	28,787

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Howard	Maryland
2023		
Females	88,029	1,622,793
Males	96,409	1,726,909
2013		
Females	79,931	1,581,677
Males	88,374	1,650,181
Change		
Females	10.1%	2.6%
Males	9.1%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	21,451	21,739	1.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	14,353	16,343	13.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	51,993	55,690	7.1%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	40,559	45,957	13.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Howard	Maryland
2023	333,916	6,170,738
2022	332,011	6,161,707
2021	329,248	6,148,545
2013	293,821	5,834,299
2011	283,655	5,736,545
2000	247,842	5,296,486
1990	187,328	4,780,753
1980	118,572	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	8,119	9,525
Aged 25-29	9,064	9,720
Aged 30-34	8,909	10,174
Total Aged 20-34	26,092	29,419

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	291,257	331,252
Total number of households	106,142	120,066
Average household size	2.74	2.76

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	38,193	39,003	2.1%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	28,351	31,312	10.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	78,834		88,146		11.8%
Families Below Poverty Level	2,413	3.1%	2,894	3.3%	19.9%
All Families with Children Under 5	14,128		12,934		-8.5%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	790	5.6%	844	6.5%	6.8%
All Families w Children Under 18	42,040		44,089		4.9%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,983	4.7%	1,955	4.4%	-1.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	74,360		78,888		6.1%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	4,199	5.6%	4,345	5.5%	3.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,122	6.4%	1,111	6.2%	-1.0%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	3,077	5.4%	3,234	5.3%	5.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Howard	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	227,341		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	216,545	95.3%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	146,579	64.5%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Howard	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	78,834	88,146	11.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	15,036	14,516	-3.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	39,806	41,756	4.9%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Howard County) ¹	\$85,158
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Howard County) ²	\$44,052
Child Care Center Director (Howard County) ³	\$45,967
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Howard County) ³	\$28,588
Center Aide (Howard County) ³	\$19,629

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Howard	\$174,263
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Howard	\$146,982
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Howard	Maryland
Under \$25,000	6.1%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	7.8%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	8.7%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	77.4%	62.9%
Total Households	120,066	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Howard	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	86,100	71.7%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	33,966	28.3%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$576,700		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,950		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$2,038		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Howard	Maryland
2001	2.8%	4.0%
2002	2.8%	3.9%
2003	2.7%	4.1%
2004	2.5%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	2.7%	3.7%
2007	2.7%	3.6%
2008	3.3%	4.5%
2009	5.4%	7.1%
2010	5.4%	7.3%
2011	5.4%	7.2%
2012	4.9%	6.5%
2013	4.8%	6.2%
2014	4.4%	5.6%
2015	4.0%	5.0%
2016	3.6%	4.5%
2017	3.1%	4.3%
2018	3.6%	4.5%
2019	3.1%	3.9%
2020	6.7%	8.3%
2021	5.2%	6.7%
2022	2.9%	3.7%
2023	1.4%	1.7%
2024	2.7%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	247	1,906
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	185	12,924
Public Pre-Kindergarten	30	N/A
Head Start	3	262
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 38 are licensed to accept infants with 758 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 30 are nursery schools
- 14 offer Part Day
- 111 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 8,017

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	42	3
Middle Schools	20	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	33

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	1,521	1,240
Kindergarten	3,720	523
Grades 1-5	25,114	2,427
Total	30,355	4,190

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Community/Zip Code

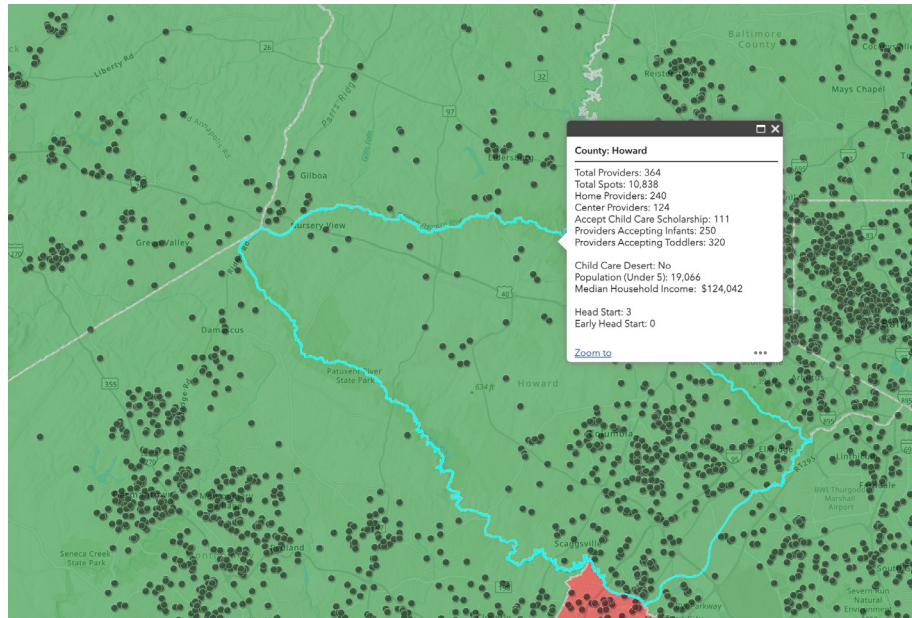
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Howard as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Clarksville 21029	2	0.8%	10	5.4%
Dayton 21036	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
Columbia 21044	26	10.5%	25	13.5%
Columbia 21045	51	20.6%	32	17.3%
Columbia 21046	17	6.9%	14	7.6%
Cooksville 21723	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Elkridge 21075	35	14.2%	18	9.7%
Ellicott City 21042	17	6.9%	24	13.0%
Ellicott City 21043	28	11.3%	22	11.9%
Fulton 20759	1	0.4%	4	2.2%
Glenelg 21737	2	0.8%	2	1.1%
Glenwood 21738	1	0.4%	2	1.1%
Hanover 21076	4	1.6%	2	1.1%
Highland 20777	0	0.0%	2	1.1%
Jessup 20794	5	2.0%	3	1.6%
Laurel 20723	44	17.8%	13	7.0%
Lisbon 21765	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
Marriottsville 21104	3	1.2%	4	2.2%
Marriottsville 21604	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Mount Airy 21771	2	0.8%	3	1.6%
Savage 20763	1	0.4%	1	0.5%
Scaggsville 20723	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Sykesville 21784	2	0.8%	0	0.0%
West Friendship 21794	2	0.8%	1	0.5%
Woodbine 21797	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Woodstock 21163	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
Totals	247	100.0%	185	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

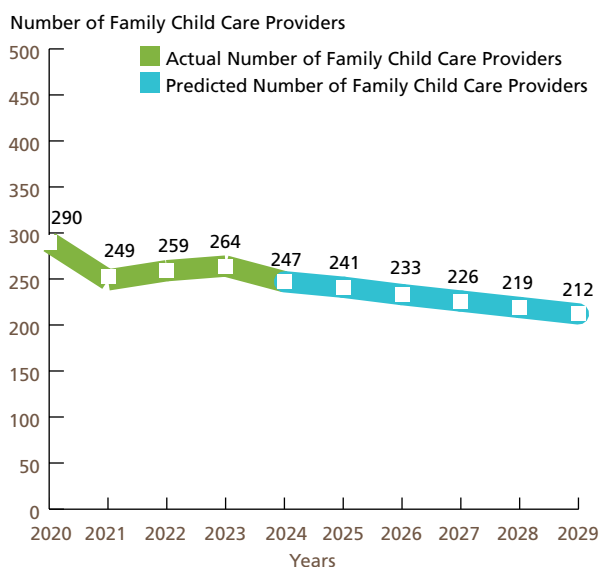
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

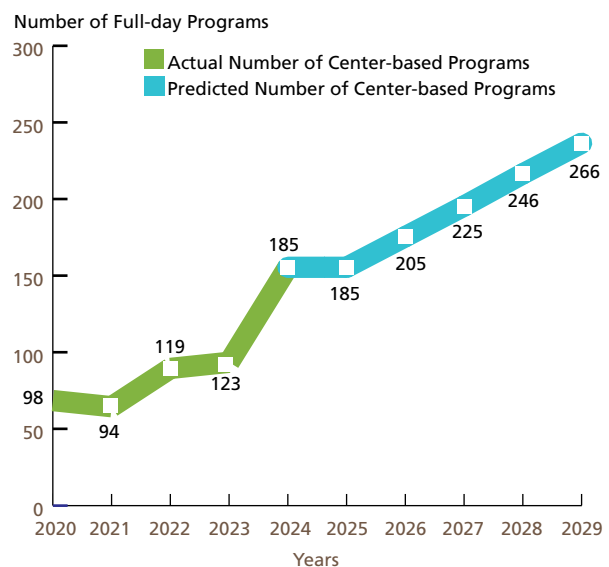


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Howard 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Howard 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

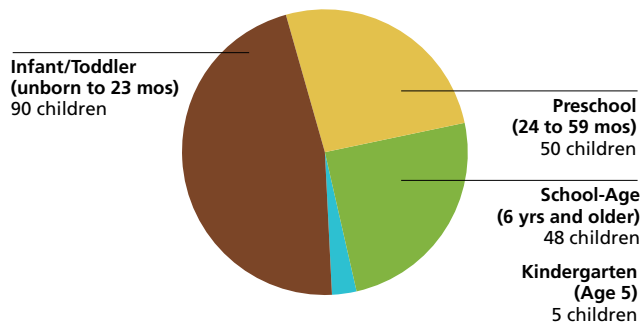


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

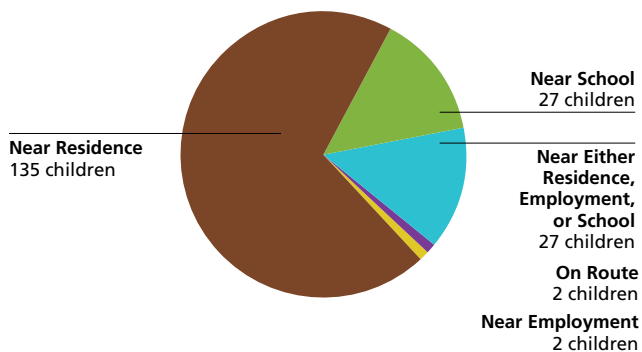
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

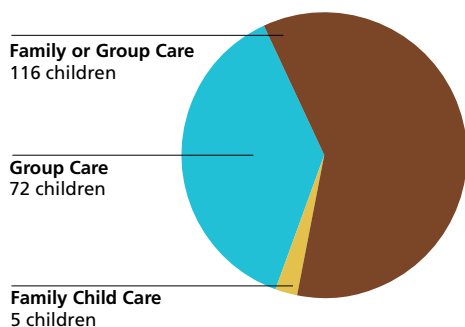
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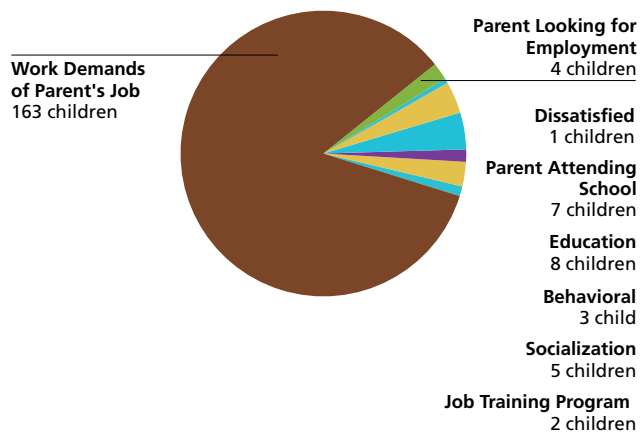
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=193



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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
193 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=193

Full-time: 123 children

Part-time: 62 children

Other*: 8 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
46 (24% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
58 (30% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24)

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program.

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Howard County
60 (23% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Howard County
57 (46% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$24,374,403

CCS Children Served
2,213

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
102 (41% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
65 (35% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year. (Census.gov)

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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.

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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)

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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)

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Kent County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Kent County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Kent County has approximately 981 children from birth through age five, and 3.2 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Kent County is \$18,093 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$81,445 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$34,320, and a child care center teacher earns only \$23,000. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	327
3-4 years	453
5 years	201
6-8 years	588
9-11 years	449
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	2,018

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Kent is \$104,630⁶. 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	\$18,093	17.3%
Infant ¹	\$8,060	
Preschooler ²	\$10,033	
Food ³	\$12,851	12.3%
Housing ⁴	\$21,696	21.0%
Taxes ⁵	\$10,640	10.2%
Total	\$63,280	60.7%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Kent County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$164.00	\$245.00
2-4 Years	\$154.00	\$178.33
5 years ¹	\$144.00	\$205.00
School Age Full ²	\$144.00	\$205.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$92.50	\$100.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Kent	Maryland	Kent	Maryland
0-2 years	673	214,524	327	207,705
3-4 years	386	151,773	453	151,635
5 years	147	75,351	201	73,868
6-8 years	617	217,506	588	224,060
9-11 years	537	225,975	449	235,994
Total	2,360	885,129	2,018	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	846	678
Aged 25-29	468	544
Aged 30-34	540	451
Total Aged 20-34	1,854	1,673

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Kent	Maryland
2023		
Females	4,896	1,622,793
Males	5,107	1,726,909
2013		
Females	4,638	1,581,677
Males	5,019	1,650,181
Change		
Females	5.6%	2.6%
Males	1.8%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	1,206	928	-23.1%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	979	859	-12.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	2,142	1,915	-10.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	1,571	1,458	-7.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Kent	Maryland
2023	19,265	6,170,738
2022	19,289	6,161,707
2021	19,335	6,148,545
2013	20,130	5,834,299
2011	20,098	5,736,545
2000	19,197	5,296,486
1990	17,842	4,780,753
1980	16,695	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	942	753
Aged 25-29	420	513
Aged 30-34	529	480
Total Aged 20-34	1,891	1,746

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	18,480	17,652
Total number of households	7,498	8,530
Average household size	2.46	2.07

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	1,362	1,368	0.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	1,023	1,078	5.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	4,751		5,046		6.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	292	6.1%	312	6.2%	6.8%
All Families with Children Under 5	668		654		-2.1%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	157	23.5%	12	1.8%	-92.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	1,703		1,710		0.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	251	14.7%	245	14.3%	-2.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	3,434		2,992		-12.9%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	710	20.7%	406	13.6%	-42.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	322	30.4%	25	3.2%	-92.2%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	388	16.3%	381	17.2%	-1.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Kent	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	13,934		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	12,792	91.8%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	5,284	37.9%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Kent	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	4,751	5,046	6.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	567	720	27.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	1,435	1,501	4.6%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Kent County) ¹	\$81,445
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Kent County) ²	\$34,320
Child Care Center Director (Kent County) ³	\$21,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Kent County) ³	\$23,000
Center Aide (Kent County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Kent	\$104,630
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Kent	\$74,402
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Kent	Maryland
Under \$25,000	11.9%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	22.6%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	15.7%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	49.7%	62.9%
Total Households	8,530	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Kent	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	6,147	72.1%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	2,383	27.9%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$307,100		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,808		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,144		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Kent	Maryland
2001	3.2%	4.0%
2002	3.3%	3.9%
2003	3.4%	4.1%
2004	3.7%	3.9%
2005	3.2%	3.9%
2006	3.3%	3.7%
2007	3.6%	3.6%
2008	4.6%	4.5%
2009	7.1%	7.1%
2010	7.5%	7.3%
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2015	4.9%	5.0%
2016	4.5%	4.5%
2017	4.6%	4.3%
2018	4.8%	4.5%
2019	4.2%	3.9%
2020	7.5%	8.3%
2021	6.2%	6.7%
2020	3.7%	3.7%
2023	1.7%	1.7%
2024	3.3%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	13	105
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	7	273
Public Pre-Kindergarten	3	N/A
Head Start	1	N/A
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 3 are licensed to accept infants with 18 total infant capacity
- 1 is a Head Start program
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 2 are nursery schools
- 0 offer Part Day
- 5 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 230

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Kent as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Betterton 21610	1	7.7%	0	0.0%
Chestertown 21620	1	7.7%	6	85.7%
Galena 21635	2	15.4%	0	0.0%
Kennedyville 21645	1	7.7%	0	0.0%
Millington 21651	2	15.4%	0	0.0%
Rock Hall 21661	3	23.1%	0	0.0%
Worton 21678	3	23.1%	1	14.3%
Totals	13	100.0%	7	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	3	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	3

Elementary School Enrollment

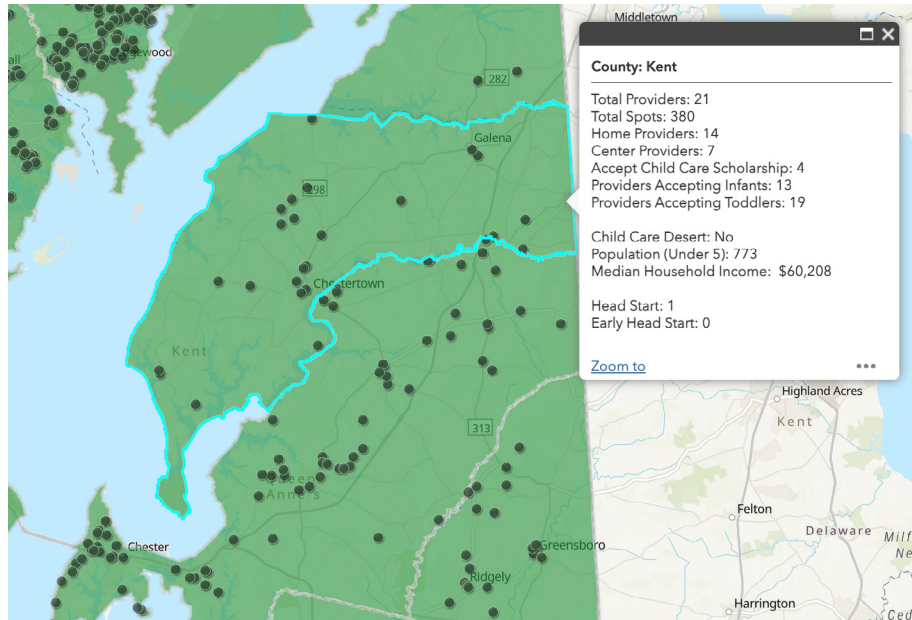
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	111	40
Kindergarten	119	24
Grades 1-5	720	231
Total	950	295

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

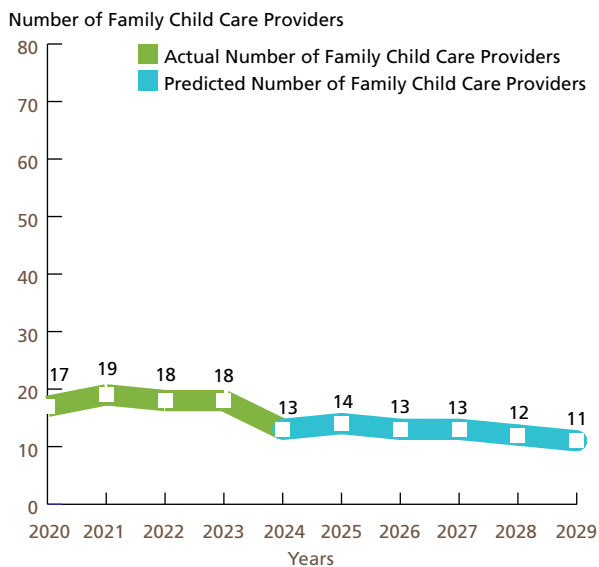
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

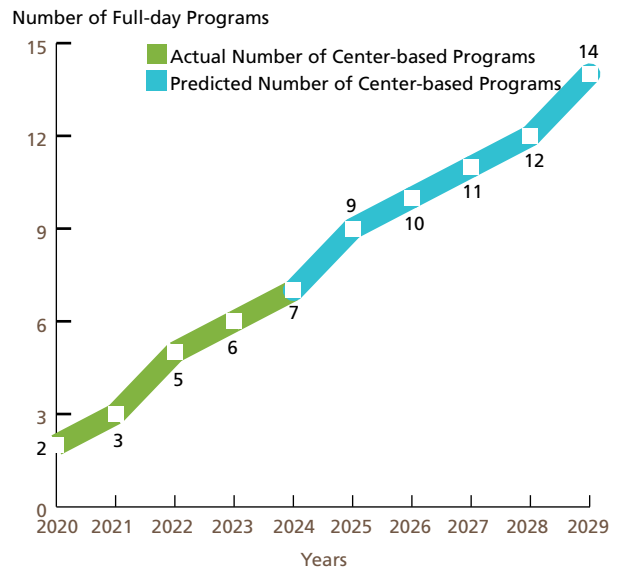


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Kent 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Kent 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

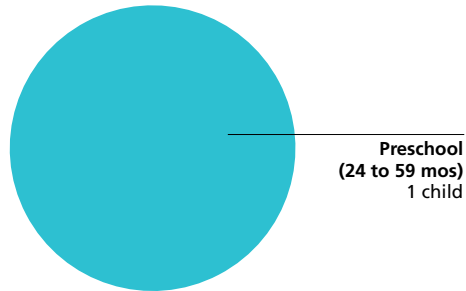


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

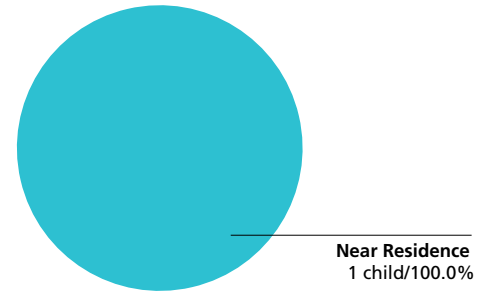
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

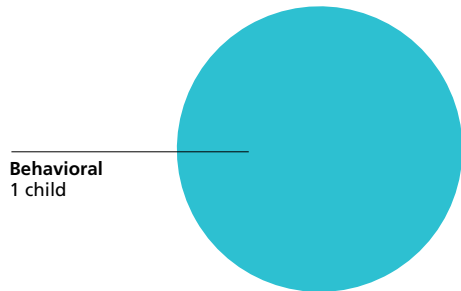
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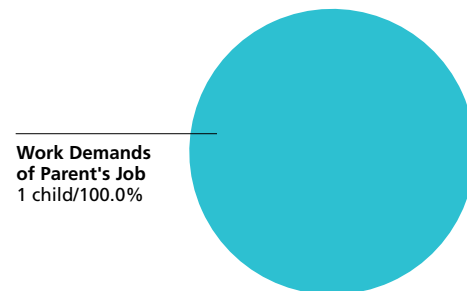
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=1



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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
1 child (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=1
Full-time: 1 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
1 (100.0% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
0 (0.0% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
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Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Kent County
3 (23% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Kent County
1 (14% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.
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FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$455,563

CCS Children Served
101

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
6 (46% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
3 (43% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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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.

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Employer-Sponsored Centers: A child care center located on-site or off-site which is sponsored by a corporation,

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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)

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Montgomery County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Montgomery County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Montgomery County has approximately 73,712 children from birth through age five, and 9.6 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Montgomery County is \$33,317 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$86,686 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$55,878, and a child care center teacher earns only \$29,304. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	36,059
3-4 years	25,518
5 years	12,135
6-8 years	39,614
9-11 years	42,499
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	155,825

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Montgomery is \$158,399⁶. 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	\$ 33,317	21.0%
Infant ¹	\$15,279.68	
Preschooler ²	\$18,037.76	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	8.1%
Housing ⁴	\$ 34,776	22.0%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 26,313	16.6%
Total	\$ 107,257	67.7%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Montgomery County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$346.01	\$609.57
2-4 Years	\$316.81	\$423.66
5 years ¹	\$300.44	\$401.03
School Age Full ²	\$269.70	\$358.46
Before/After School Care ³	\$183.39	\$217.05

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population

	2013		2023	
	Montgomery	Maryland	Montgomery	Maryland
0-2 years	38,851	214,524	36,059	207,705
3-4 years	25,975	151,773	25,518	151,635
5 years	12,354	75,351	12,135	73,868
6-8 years	39,322	217,506	39,614	224,060
9-11 years	39,537	225,975	42,499	235,994
Total	156,039	885,129	155,825	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	26,424	29,228
Aged 25-29	33,944	30,741
Aged 30-34	35,278	33,845
Total Aged 20-34	95,646	93,814

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Montgomery	Maryland
2023		
Females	287,423	1,622,793
Males	306,295	1,726,909
2013		
Females	276,049	1,581,677
Males	293,524	1,650,181
Change		
Females	4.1%	2.6%
Males	4.4%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	75,013	71,316	-4.9%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	52,702	53,917	2.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	154,202	163,234	5.9%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	118,154	129,963	10.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Montgomery	Maryland
2023	1,057,586	6,170,738
2022	1,056,910	6,161,707
2021	1,057,201	6,148,545
2013	989,474	5,834,299
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, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	27,648	29,384
Aged 25-29	33,101	30,263
Aged 30-34	33,210	32,906
Total Aged 20-34	93,959	92,553

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	980,893	1,049,064
Total number of households	360,563	387,881
Average household size	2.72	2.70

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	113,749	113,267	-0.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	83,634	87,666	4.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	248,311		265,852		7.1%
Families Below Poverty Level	11,283	4.5%	13,039	4.9%	15.6%
All Families with Children Under 5	48,432		43,954		-9.2%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,968	8.2%	3,896	8.9%	-1.8%
All Families w Children Under 18	127,545		129,798		1.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	8,629	6.8%	8,761	6.7%	1.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	233,335		239,477		2.6%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	19,210	8.2%	20,059	8.4%	4.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	5,685	8.9%	5,788	9.6%	1.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	13,525	8.0%	14,271	8.0%	5.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Montgomery	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	733,108		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	668,946	91.2%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	441,960	60.3%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Montgomery	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	248,311	265,852	7.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	50,202	45,501	-9.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	120,403	120,855	0.4%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Montgomery County) ¹	\$86,686
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Montgomery County) ²	\$55,878
Child Care Center Director (Montgomery County) ³	\$47,141
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Montgomery County) ³	\$29,304
Center Aide (Montgomery County) ³	\$19,825

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Montgomery	\$158,399
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Montgomery	\$128,733
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Montgomery	Maryland
Under \$25,000	8.1%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	9.8%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	10.7%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	71.5%	62.9%
Total Households	3 387,881	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

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%
2023	1.5%	1.7%
2024	3.0%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Housing Information

	Montgomery	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	253,448	65.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	134,433	34.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$615,200		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,898		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$2,030		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	698	5,618
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	489	38,194
Public Pre-Kindergarten	65	N/A
Head Start	26	648
Early Head Start	1	196

Of the child care providers in the Maryland**

- 172 are licensed to accept infants with 1772 total infant capacity
- 25 are Head Start programs
- 2 are Early Head Start programs
- 121 are nursery schools
- 59 offer Part Day
- 302 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 24,649

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	137	8
Middle Schools	40	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	134

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	4,435	3,214
Kindergarten	10,353	2,008
Grades 1-5	69,247	10,066
Total	84,035	15,288

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools 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, 2024.

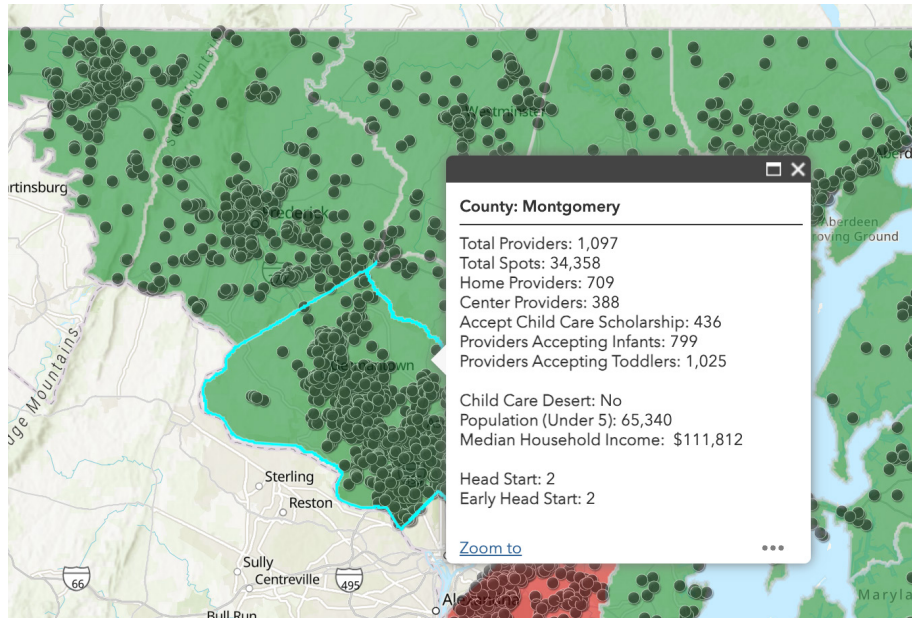
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
Ashton 20861	1	0.1%	3	0.6%
Barnesville 20838	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Bethesda 20814	9	1.3%	25	5.1%
Bethesda 20816	2	0.3%	11	2.2%
Bethesda 20817	19	2.7%	29	5.9%
Bethesda 20892	0	0.0%	2	0.4%
Boyd's 20841	7	1.0%	3	0.6%
Brookeville 20833	3	0.4%	1	0.2%
Burtonsville 20866	17	2.4%	4	0.8%
Cabin John 20818	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Chevy Chase 20815	1	0.1%	16	3.3%
Clarksburg 20871	40	5.7%	8	1.6%
Damascus 20872	17	2.4%	8	1.6%
Darnestown 20874	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Darnestown 20878	0	0.0%	2	0.4%
Derwood 20855	6	0.9%	4	0.8%
Gaithersburg 20877	23	3.3%	17	3.5%
Gaithersburg 20878	28	4.0%	16	3.3%
Gaithersburg 20879	18	2.6%	9	1.8%
Gaithersburg 20882	6	0.9%	3	0.6%
Gaithersburg 20886	2	0.3%	1	0.2%
Garrett Park 20896	0	0.0%	3	0.6%
Germantown 20874	58	8.3%	25	5.1%
Germantown 20876	32	4.6%	15	3.1%
Kensington 20895	6	0.9%	14	2.9%
Laytonsville 20882	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Montgomery Village 20886	19	2.7%	8	1.6%
Mount Airy 21771	2	0.3%	4	0.8%

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
North Potomac 20878	15	2.1%	8	1.6%
Olney 20832	26	3.7%	12	2.5%
Poolesville 20837	2	0.3%	4	0.8%
Potomac 20854	16	2.3%	27	5.5%
Rockville 20850	18	2.6%	30	6.1%
Rockville 20851	17	2.4%	9	1.8%
Rockville 20852	11	1.6%	27	5.5%
Rockville 20853	33	4.7%	14	2.9%
Rockville 20854	0	0.0%	3	0.6%
Rockville 20855	9	1.3%	6	1.2%
Sandy Spring 20860	1	0.1%	3	0.6%
Silver Spring 20901	38	5.4%	16	3.3%
Silver Spring 20902	60	8.6%	17	3.5%
Silver Spring 20903	14	2.0%	2	0.4%
Silver Spring 20904	41	5.9%	23	4.7%
Silver Spring 20905	12	1.7%	9	1.8%
Silver Spring 20906	50	7.2%	14	2.9%
Silver Spring 20910	6	0.9%	15	3.1%
Silver Spring 20993	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Spencerville 20868	1	0.1%	2	0.4%
Takoma Park 20912	8	1.1%	11	2.2%
Wheaton 20902	3	0.4%	1	0.2%
Totals	698	100.0%	489	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

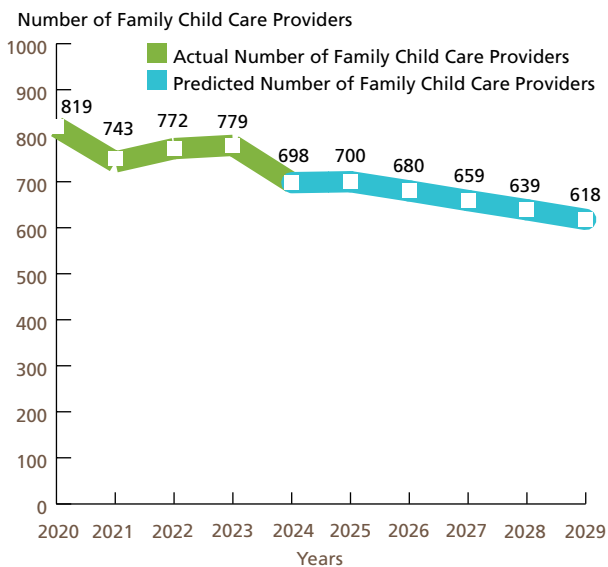
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

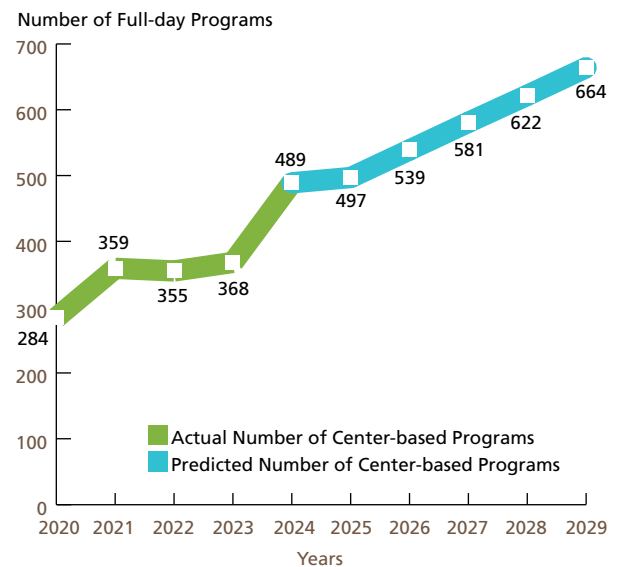


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Montgomery 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Montgomery 2020-2029 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

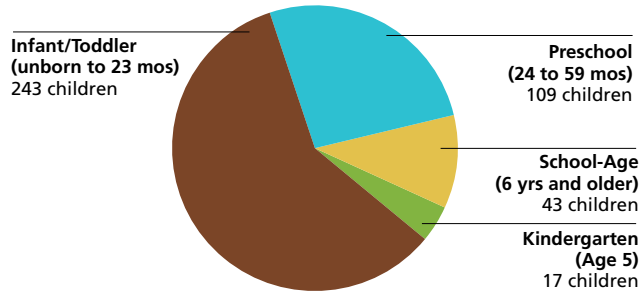


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

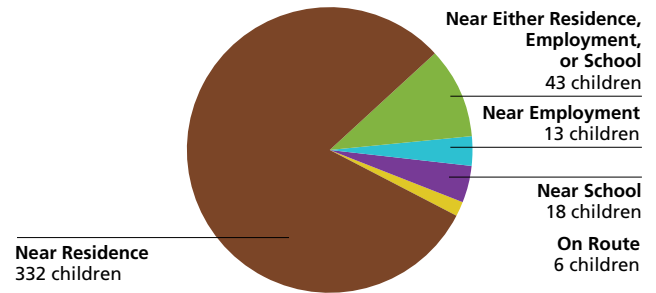
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

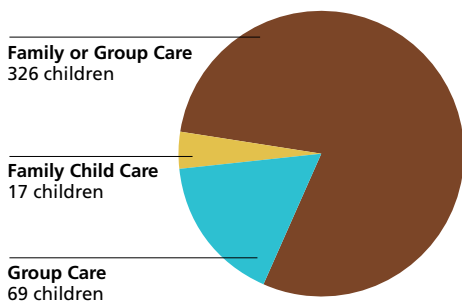
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

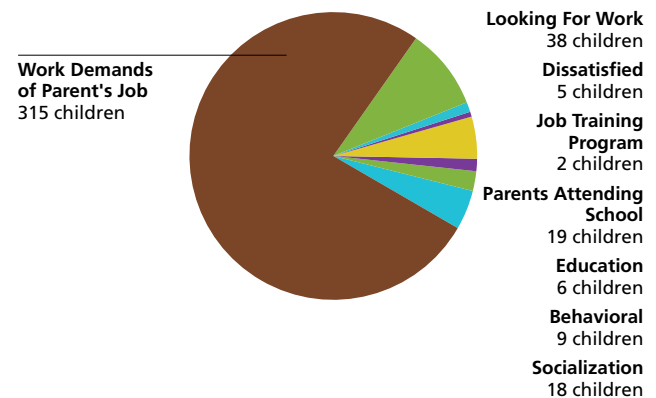
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=412



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
412 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=412

Full-time: 330 children

Part-time: 57 children

Other*: 23 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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

Working Parents Assistance Program (WPA)*

Number of Family Child Care Providers serving WPA Children in Montgomery
91

Number of Child Care Centers serving WPA Children in Montgomery
148

Total Allocated funding for WPA
\$6,710,423 = 1,366 children served

* WPA is a subsidy program in Montgomery County Maryland offering additional child care financial assistance to residents of Montgomery County.

Source: Montgomery County Government, 2024.

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
121 (29% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
137 (33% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Montgomery County
251 (36% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Montgomery County
193 (39% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$83,243,243

CCS Children Served
7,301

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
237 (34% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
186 (38% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Educational Attainment: The highest level of school completed or the highest degree received. Educational attainment figures were used for persons over 25 years of age. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Employer-Sponsored Centers: A child care center located on-site or off-site which is sponsored by a corporation, business, or other employer. Employees are given priority for enrollment slots.

Family Child Care: The care given to a child younger than 13 years old or to a developmentally disabled person younger than 21 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Regulations allow a family child care provider to care for as many as eight children at any time. (OCC)

Family Household Income: Family includes a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Head Start: Project Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for children from low-income families. Head Start is comprised of four components including Education, Health, Parent Involvement, and Social Services. Head Start Centers serve children from age 3 to school entry age from income eligible families.

Infant/Toddler: In the State of Maryland, "infant" means a child under 18 months old. "Toddler" means a child 18 months old or older but younger than 2 years old. (OCC) MFN reports "infant" as a child birth through 23 months of age.

Kindergarten: An instructional program for children who are 5 years old by September 1st of each academic year. Programs may be operated by a private or public school. Kindergarten is the year of school which precedes entrance to first grade.

Nursery Schools: An instructional program approved or exempted by the Maryland State Department of Education for children who are two through four years old. The maximum length of the program is 6 hours per day, however most operate only a few hours per day and may meet only two or three times per week for a nine month period.

Owner Costs with Mortgage (Selected Monthly): The sum of payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities; and fuels. It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fees or mobile home costs. A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Definitions, cont.

Part Day: A program regulated by OCC with an educational focus for children one or two years before entering kindergarten. These programs are usually 2-3 hrs/day, 2-3 days/week, nine months/year.

Pre-Kindergarten: These are publicly funded 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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Prince George's County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Prince George's County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Prince George's County has approximately 71,717 children from birth through age five, and 12.7 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Prince George's County is \$23,735 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$85,565 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$34,873, and a child care center teacher earns only \$23,116. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	35,342
3-4 years	24,092
5 years	12,283
6-8 years	34,119
9-11 years	36,595
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	142,431

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Prince George's is \$118,434⁶. 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	\$23,735	20.0%
Infant ¹	\$11,877.32	
Preschooler ²	\$11,858.08	
Food ³	\$12,851	10.9%
Housing ⁴	\$29,220	25.1%
Taxes ⁵	\$17,648	14.9%
Total	\$83,454	70.9%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Prince George's	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$300.63	\$387.89
2-4 Years	\$261.58	\$273.12
5 years ¹	\$235.26	\$239.90
School Age Full ²	\$211.99	\$208.37
Before/After School Care ³	\$154.47	\$143.91

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Prince George's	Maryland	Prince George's	Maryland
0-2 years	34,645	214,524	35,342	207,705
3-4 years	24,578	151,773	24,092	151,635
5 years	11,773	75,351	12,283	73,868
6-8 years	31,121	217,506	34,119	224,060
9-11 years	32,776	225,975	36,595	235,994
Total	134,893	885,129	142,431	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	33,686	29,806
Aged 25-29	33,073	32,985
Aged 30-34	32,396	34,169
Total Aged 20-34	99,155	96,960

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Prince George's	Maryland
2023		
Females	266,130	1,622,793
Males	272,689	1,726,909
2013		
Females	257,952	1,581,677
Males	252,211	1,650,181
Change		
Females	3.2%	2.6%
Males	8.1%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	67,718	67,038	-1.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	53,933	51,308	-4.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	124,850	130,034	4.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	105,475	104,843	-0.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Prince George's	Maryland
2023	955,584	6,170,738
2022	957,189	6,161,707
2021	957,767	6,148,545
2013	873,481	5,834,299
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, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	36,433	30,124
Aged 25-29	32,885	32,218
Aged 30-34	30,818	34,300
Total Aged 20-34	100,136	96,642

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	853,712	936,961
Total number of households	303,441	344,586
Average household size	2.81	2.72

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	83,108	76,877	-7.5%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	66,942	60,791	-9.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	200,498		220,394		9.9%
Families Below Poverty Level	13,075	6.5%	14,571	6.6%	11.4%
All Families with Children Under 5	42,135		39,438		-6.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	5,335	12.7%	4,662	11.8%	-12.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	108,238		105,219		-2.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	10,372	9.6%	10,904	10.4%	5.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	200,586		206,593		3.0%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	24,522	12.2%	28,390	13.7%	15.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	7,974	13.7%	7,311	12.7%	-8.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	16,548	11.6%	21,079	14.1%	27.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Prince George's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	656,475		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	569,417	86.7%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	236,848	36.1%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Prince George's	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	200,498	220,394	9.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	37,724	36,935	-2.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	92,336	87,870	-4.8%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Prince George's County) ¹	\$85,565
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Prince George's County) ²	\$34,873
Child Care Center Director (Prince George's County) ³	\$41,322
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Prince George's County) ³	\$23,116
Center Aide (Prince George's County) ³	\$15,778

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Prince George's	\$118,434
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Prince George's	\$100,708
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Prince George's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	10.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	11.9%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.2%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	63.8%	62.9%
Total Households	344,586	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

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%
2023	1.7%	1.7%
2024	3.4%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Housing Information

	Prince George's	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	214,809	62.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	129,777	37.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$404,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,435		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,761		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	569	4,491
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	347	21,545
Public Pre-Kindergarten	111	N/A
Head Start	15	295
Early Head Start	N/A	148

Of the providers in the county**

- 122 are licensed to accept infants with 927 total infant capacity
- 16 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 36 are nursery schools
- 22 offer Part Day
- 270 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 17,377

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	119	10
Middle Schools	24	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	19	30

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	4,781	385
Kindergarten	9,259	835
Grades 1-5	57,703	4,546
Total	71,743	5,766

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Supply of Child Care

Supply of Family Child Care

Number Providing Services to					Mean Weekly Cost of Care		
City	# of Providers	Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
Accokeek	2	1	1	1	350.00	252.50	210.00
Adelphi	5	2	3	3	278.75	230.00	130.00
Beltsville	13	6	8	6	360.70	255.56	197.80
Berwyn Heights	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	150.00	150.00
Bladensburg	1	1	1	1	200.00	140.00	100.00
Bowie	40	14	19	8	347.96	254.03	182.10
Brandywine	5	2	3	3	256.25	177.19	101.25
Brentwood	1	1	1	1	220.00	167.50	110.00
Camp Springs	6	2	6	2	232.13	165.97	125.00
Capitol Heights	10	5	8	7	252.00	175.83	109.00
Cheverly	4	1	3	2	300.00	225.00	115.00
Chillum	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	150.00
Clinton	14	2	8	6	295.00	194.84	153.33
College Park	13	5	10	5	421.87	263.43	156.45
District Heights	9	2	4	3	190.00	161.67	106.67
Forestville	4	1	1	1	225.00	158.75	85.00
Fort Washington	19	7	11	11	299.43	216.08	139.89
Glenarden	2	0	1	1	300.00	262.50	125.00
Glenn Dale	5	1	3	2	380.00	259.96	NA
Greenbelt	8	1	5	1	385.00	278.33	173.00
Hyattsville	19	9	14	9	391.53	246.64	126.67
Landover	17	6	12	8	264.83	199.56	143.57
Landover Hills	5	1	3	2	189.00	248.67	NA
Lanham	14	8	10	5	337.93	243.42	163.43
Largo	5	2	2	2	341.67	241.25	177.50
Laurel	26	11	18	9	342.05	245.02	138.00
Mitchellville	7	2	4	2	306.67	268.83	184.00
Morningside	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mount Rainier	2	0	1	1	NA	225.00	125.00
New Carrollton	2	0	1	1	NA	235.00	150.00
Oxon Hill	7	2	3	2	256.03	198.72	130.00
Riverdale	6	3	5	1	368.33	223.65	85.00
Seabrook	1	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
Seat Pleasant	1	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
Springdale	3	0	1	1	230.00	168.75	125.00
Suitland	12	4	8	5	341.80	205.59	86.67
Temple Hills	24	5	12	10	230.26	166.39	114.29
University Park	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Upper Marlboro	28	5	13	13	324.00	214.09	132.50
Waldorf	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Supply of Full-Day Center Care

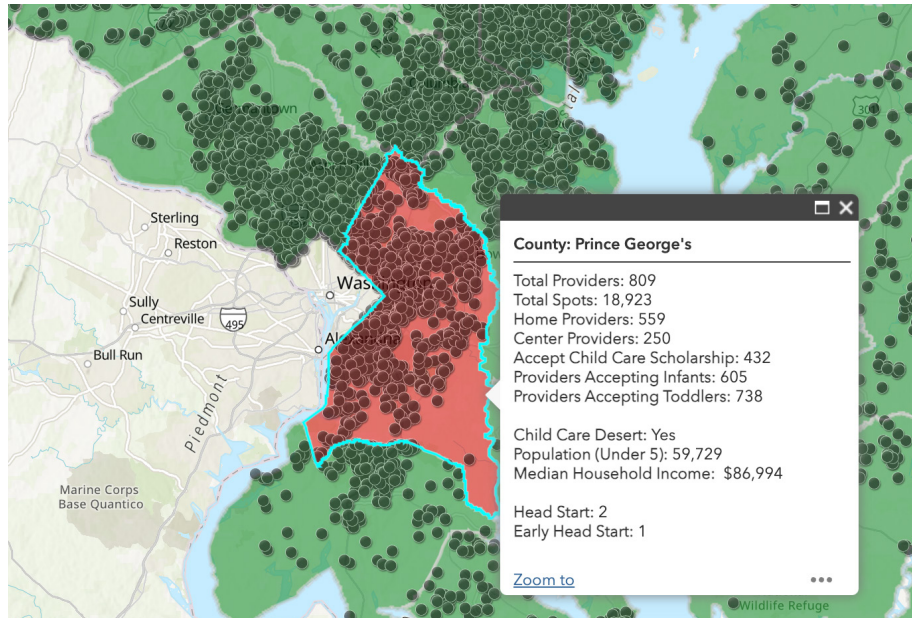
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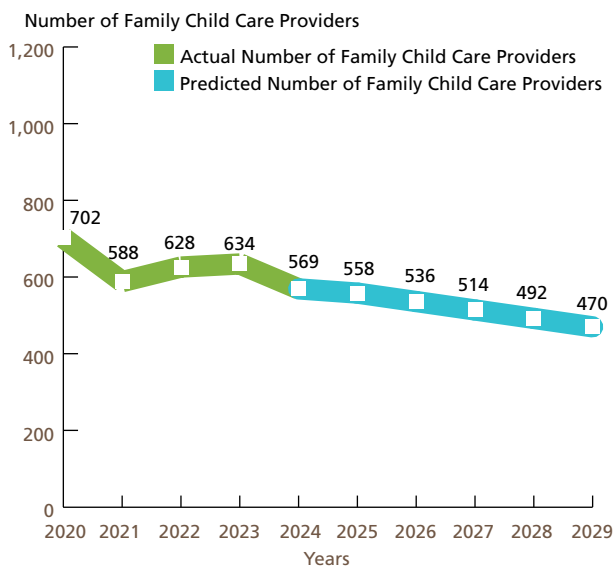
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

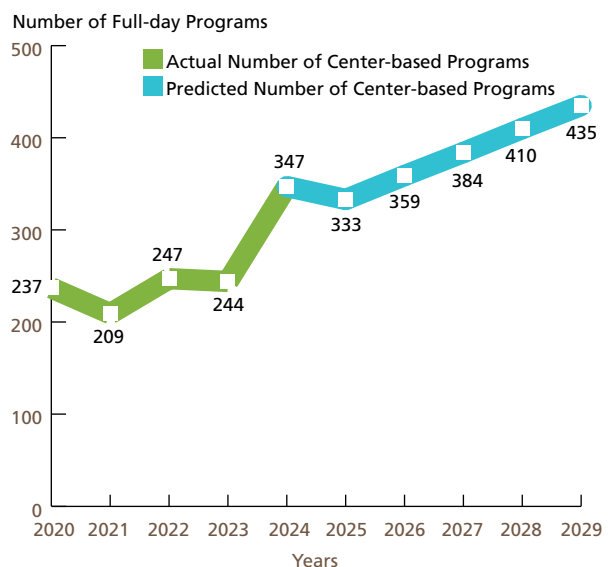


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Prince George's 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Prince George's 2020-2029 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

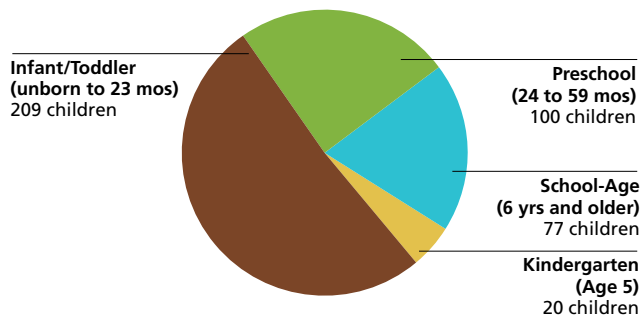


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Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

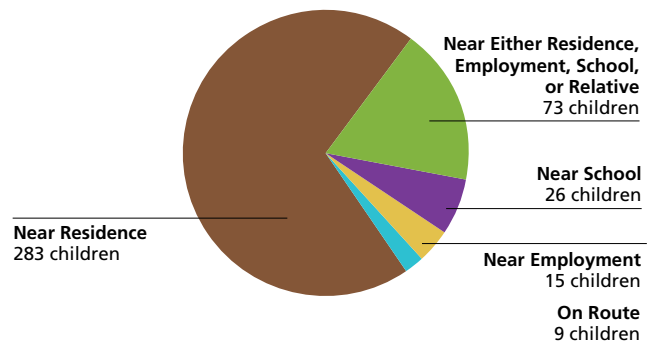
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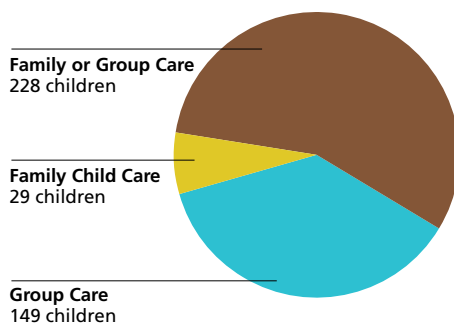
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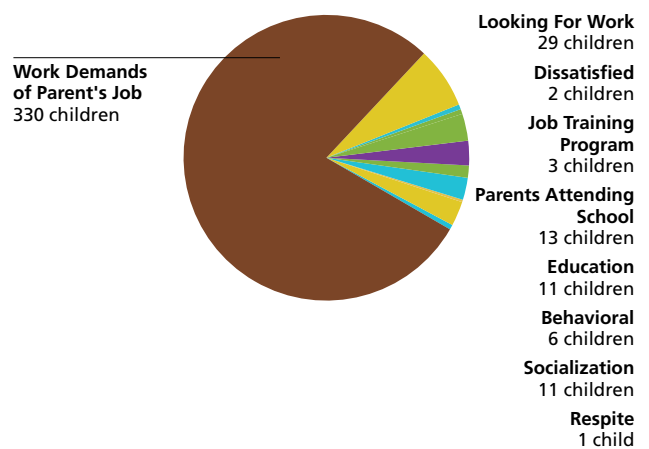
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Reason Child Care is Needed

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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
406 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=406

Full-time: 338 children

Part-time: 60 children

Other*: 8 children

* 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 (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
186 (46% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
104 (26% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's
288 (51% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's County
158 (46% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$65,513,972

CCS Children Served
8,402

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
289 (51% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
128 (37% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

Educational Attainment: The highest level of school completed or the highest degree received. Educational attainment figures were used for persons over 25 years of age. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Employer-Sponsored Centers: A child care center located on-site or off-site which is sponsored by a corporation, business, or other employer. Employees are given priority for enrollment slots.

Family Child Care: The care given to a child younger than 13 years old or to a developmentally disabled person younger than 21 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Regulations allow a family child care provider to care for as many as eight children at any time. (OCC)

Family Household Income: Family includes a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Head Start: Project Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for children from low-income families. Head Start is comprised of four components including Education, Health, Parent Involvement, and Social Services. Head Start Centers serve children from age 3 to school entry age from income eligible families.

Infant/Toddler: In the State of Maryland, "infant" means a child under 18 months old. "Toddler" means a child 18 months old or older but younger than 2 years old. (OCC) MFN reports "infant" as a child birth through 23 months of age.

Kindergarten: An instructional program for children who are 5 years old by September 1st of each academic year. Programs may be operated by a private or public school. Kindergarten is the year of school which precedes entrance to first grade.

Nursery Schools: An instructional program approved or exempted by the Maryland State Department of Education for children who are two through four years old. The maximum length of the program is 6 hours per day, however most operate only a few hours per day and may meet only two or three times per week for a nine month period.

Owner Costs with Mortgage (Selected Monthly): The sum of payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities; and fuels. It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fees or mobile home costs. A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Definitions, cont.

Part Day: A program regulated by OCC with an educational focus for children one or two years before entering kindergarten. These programs are usually 2-3 hrs/day, 2-3 days/week, nine months/year.

Pre-Kindergarten: These are publicly funded 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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Queen Anne's County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Queen Anne's County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Queen Anne's County has approximately 3,334 children from birth through age five, and 6.4 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Queen Anne's County is \$17,321 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$74,757 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$38,520, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,568. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,450
3-4 years	1,182
5 years	702
6-8 years	1,620
9-11 years	1,680
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	6,634

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Queen Anne's is \$130,657⁶. 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	\$17,321	13.3%
Infant ¹	\$9,322	
Preschooler ²	\$7,999	
Food ³	\$12,851	9.8%
Housing ⁴	\$10,579	8.1%
Taxes ⁵	\$22,526	17.2%
Total	\$63,277	48.4%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Queen Anne's County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$242.00	\$365.00
2-4 Years	\$200.33	\$280.00
5 years ¹	\$175.56	\$250.00
School Age Full ²	\$167.22	\$250.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$139.44	\$175.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Queen Anne's	Maryland	Queen Anne's	Maryland
0-2 years	1,593	214,524	1,450	207,705
3-4 years	1,106	151,773	1,182	151,635
5 years	526	75,351	702	73,868
6-8 years	1,804	217,506	1,620	224,060
9-11 years	2,047	225,975	1,680	235,994
Total	7,076	885,129	6,634	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,097	1,099
Aged 25-29	1,074	1,237
Aged 30-34	1,217	1,490
Total Aged 20-34	3,388	3,826

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Queen Anne's	Maryland
2023		
Females	12,948	1,622,793
Males	15,020	1,726,909
2013		
Females	12,769	1,581,677
Males	14,025	1,650,181
Change		
Females	1.4%	2.6%
Males	7.1%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	3,174	3,179	0.2%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	2,233	2,605	16.7%
Total Children 6-17 years old	7,961	7,246	-9.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	6,167	5,739	-6.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Queen Anne's	Maryland
2023	50,951	6,170,738
2022	50,316	6,161,707
2021	49,702	6,148,545
2013	48,166	5,834,299
2011	47,468	5,736,545
2000	40,563	5,296,486
1990	33,953	4,780,753
1980	25,508	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,294	1,323
Aged 25-29	1,058	1,317
Aged 30-34	1,250	1,367
Total Aged 20-34	3,602	4,007

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	47,598	50,536
Total number of households	17,292	19,637
Average household size	2.75	2.57

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	4,815	5,039	4.7%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	3,663	3,967	8.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	13,111		14,219		8.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	776	5.9%	489	3.4%	-37.0%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,927		2,024		5.0%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	328	17.0%	160	7.9%	-51.2%
All Families w Children Under 18	5,675		5,805		2.3%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	621	10.9%	366	6.3%	-41.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	11,240		10,695		-4.8%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,431	12.7%	908	8.5%	-36.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	336	12.5%	162	6.4%	-51.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,095	12.8%	746	9.2%	-31.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Queen Anne's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	36,635		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	34,288	93.6%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	13,639	37.2%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Queen Anne's	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	17349	15724	-9.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	2620	2664	1.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	6488	6052	-6.7%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	13,111	14,219	8.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	1,861	2,317	24.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	5,288	5,402	2.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Queen Anne's County) ¹	\$74,757
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Queen Anne's County) ²	\$38,520
Child Care Center Director (Queen Anne's County) ³	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Queen Anne's County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (Queen Anne's County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Queen Anne's	\$130,657
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Queen Anne's	\$113,347
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Queen Anne's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	9.6%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	11.0%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.1%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	68.3%	62.9%
Total Households	19,637	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Queen Anne's		Maryland	
		%		%
Owner-Occupied housing	15,972	81.3%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	3,665	18.7%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$441,800		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,364		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,611		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Queen Anne's	Maryland
2001	2.7%	4.0%
2002	2.4%	3.9%
2003	2.9%	4.1%
2004	2.7%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	2.9%	3.7%
2007	3.0%	3.6%
2008	4.0%	4.5%
2009	6.6%	7.1%
2010	6.1%	7.3%
2011	6.4%	7.2%
2012	5.6%	6.5%
2013	5.2%	6.2%
2014	4.6%	5.6%
2015	4.3%	5.0%
2016	3.9%	4.5%
2017	3.7%	4.3%
2018	3.9%	4.5%
2019	3.4%	3.9%
2020	6.9%	8.3%
2021	5.2%	6.7%
2022	2.8%	3.7%
2023	1.5%	1.7%
2024	2.8%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	55	413
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	16	950
Public Pre-Kindergarten	6	N/A
Head Start	1	N/A
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 6 are licensed to accept infants with 64 total infant capacity
- 1 is a Head Start program
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 3 are nursery schools
- 0 offer Part Day
- 9 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 645

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Queen Anne's as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Barclay 21607	2	3.6%	0	0.0%
Centreville 21617	13	23.6%	2	12.5%
Chester 21619	3	5.5%	2	12.5%
Chestertown 21620	4	7.3%	1	6.3%
Church Hill 21623	7	12.7%	0	0.0%
Crumpton 21628	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
Grasonville 21638	3	5.5%	3	18.8%
Marydel 21649	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
Millington 21651	3	5.5%	0	0.0%
Queen Anne 21657	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
Queenstown 21658	2	3.6%	0	0.0%
Stevensville 21666	13	23.6%	7	43.8%
Sudlersville 21668	2	3.6%	1	6.3%
Totals	55	100.0%	16	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	8	0
Middle Schools	3	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	1	2

Elementary School Enrollment

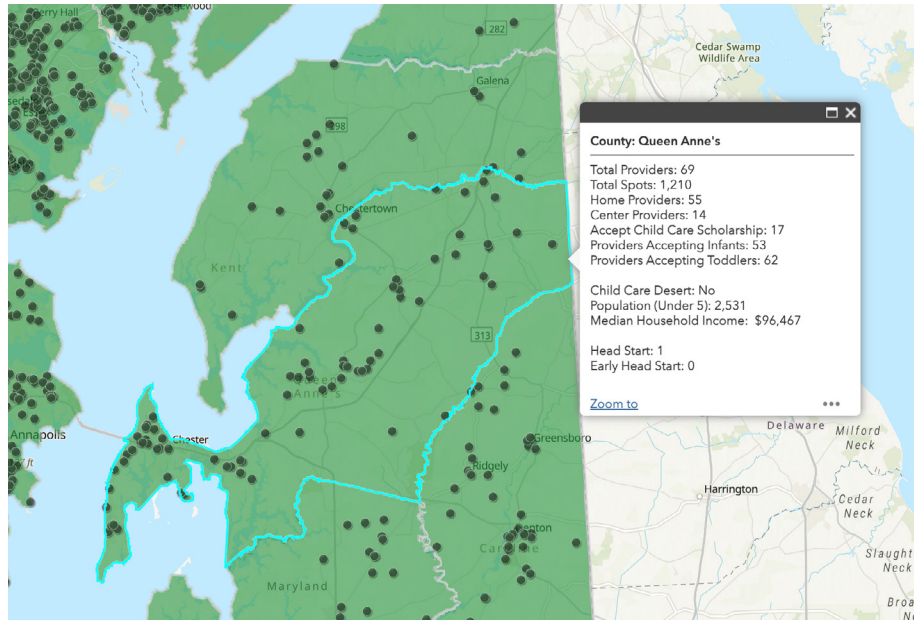
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	349	69
Kindergarten	519	39
Grades 1-5	3,159	148
Total	4,027	256

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

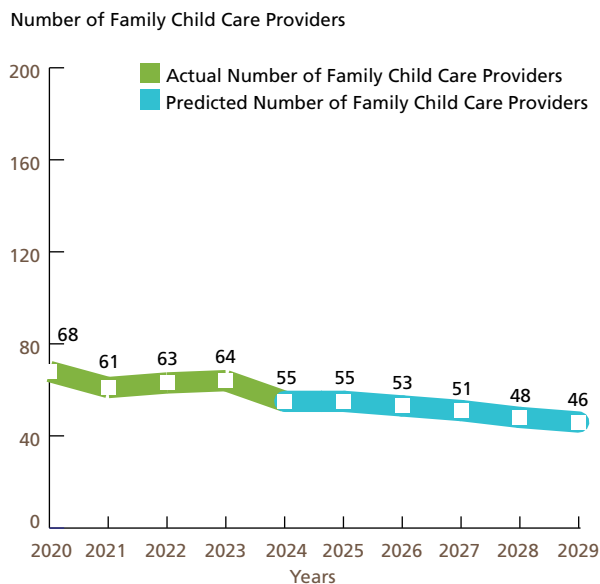
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

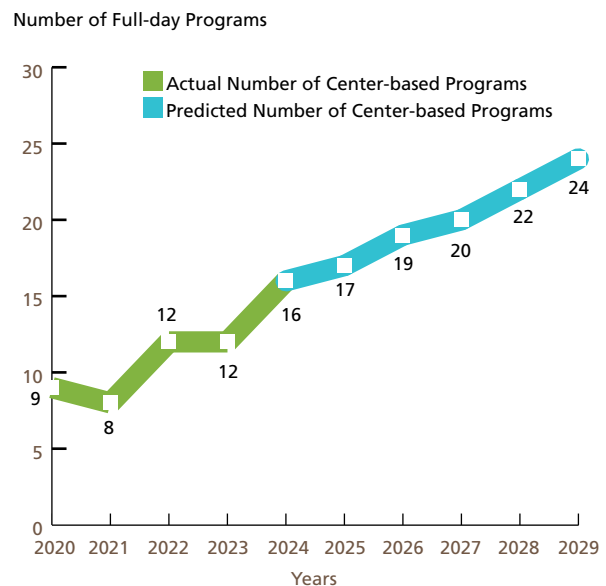


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Queen Anne's 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Queen Anne's County 2020-2029 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

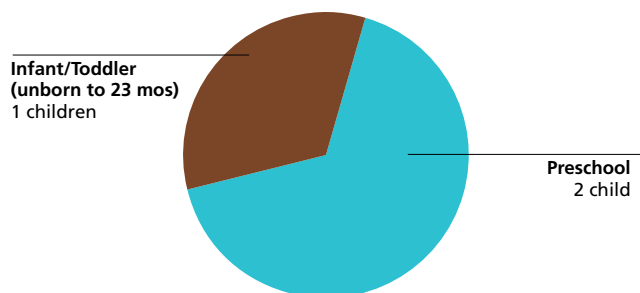


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

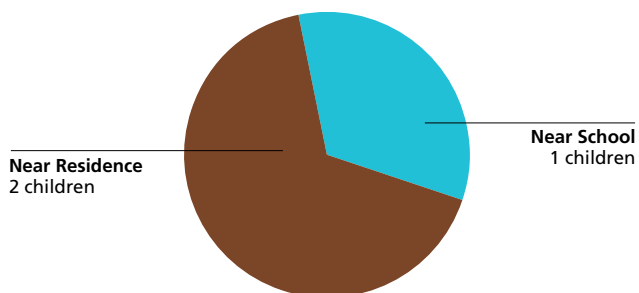
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

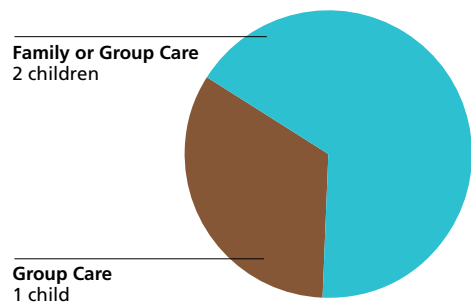
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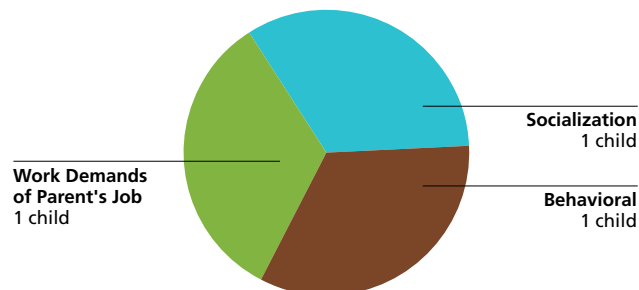
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=3



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
7 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=3
Full-time: 3 children

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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 2022.

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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.

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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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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St Mary's County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this St. Mary's County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

St. Mary's County has approximately 8,643 children from birth through age five, and 8.8 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in St. Mary's County is \$20,001 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$73,243 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$39,539, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,568. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	4,045
3-4 years	2,952
5 years	1,646
6-8 years	5,063
9-11 years	4,352
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	18,058

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in St. Mary's is \$133,566⁶. 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	\$20,001	15.0%
Infant ¹	\$9,851	
Preschooler ²	\$10,150	
Food ³	\$12,851	9.6%
Housing ⁴	\$20,304	15.2%
Taxes ⁵	\$21,457	16.1%
Total	\$74,613	55.9%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

St. Mary's County

	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$248.18	\$322.50
2-4 Years	\$197.31	\$201.00
5 years ¹	\$178.33	\$252.00
School Age Full ²	\$161.82	\$207.50
Before/After School Care ³	\$137.00	\$157.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	St. Mary's	Maryland	St. Mary's	Maryland
0-2 years	4,201	214,524	4,045	207,705
3-4 years	3,312	151,773	2,952	151,635
5 years	1,758	75,351	1,646	73,868
6-8 years	4,361	217,506	5,063	224,060
9-11 years	4,677	225,975	4,352	235,994
Total	18,309	885,129	18,058	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	3,733	3,348
Aged 25-29	3,529	3,762
Aged 30-34	3,349	3,970
Total Aged 20-34	10,611	11,080

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2023		
Females	27,678	1,622,793
Males	34,552	1,726,909
2013		
Females	26,052	1,581,677
Males	31,667	1,650,181
Change		
Females	6.2%	2.6%
Males	9.1%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	9,024	8,548	-5.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	5,985	5,996	0.2%
Total Children 6-17 years old	17,578	18,127	3.1%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	13,023	13,579	4.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2023	114,372	6,170,738
2022	113,814	6,161,707
2021	113,209	6,148,545
2013	107,079	5,834,299
2011	103,805	5,736,545
2000	86,211	5,296,486
1990	75,974	4,780,753
1980	59,895	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	3,734	3,456
Aged 25-29	3,658	3,956
Aged 30-34	3,302	4,290
Total Aged 20-34	10,694	11,702

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	104,286	111,971
Total number of households	37,589	41,743
Average household size	2.77	2.68

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	12,568	12,402	-1.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	8,675	9,306	7.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	28,038		29,853		6.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,534	5.5%	1,684	5.6%	9.8%
All Families with Children Under 5	5,974		6,153		3.0%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	778	13.0%	588	9.6%	-24.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	14,545		15,034		3.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,224	8.4%	1,217	8.1%	-0.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	27,344		27,279		-0.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,614	9.6%	2,133	7.8%	-18.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,050	14.0%	616	8.8%	-41.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,564	7.9%	1,517	7.5%	-3.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	St. Mary's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	76,783		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	70,924	92.4%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	26,951	35.1%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

St. Mary's	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	28,038	29,853	6.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	5,954	6,224	4.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	13,442	13,582	1.0%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (St Mary's County) ¹	\$73,243
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (St Mary's County) ²	\$39,539
Child Care Center Director (St Mary's County) ³	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (St Mary's County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (St Mary's County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

St. Mary's	\$133,566
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

St. Mary's	\$114,580
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	St. Mary's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	9.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	9.6%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.6%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	69.6%	62.9%
Total Households	41,743	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	St. Mary's	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	30,325	72.6%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	11,418	27.4%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$390,900		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,256		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,692		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	St. Mary's	Maryland
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%
2022	3.3%	3.7%
2023	1.7%	1.7%
2024	3.2%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	109	845
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	36	2,122
Public Pre-Kindergarten	15	N/A
Head Start	4	N/A
Early Head Start	0	0

Of the providers in the county**

- 11 are licensed to accept infants with 90 total infant capacity
- 1 is a Head Start program
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 11 are nursery schools
- 7 offer Part Day
- 23 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 1,589

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	18	1
Middle Schools	4	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	0	7

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	517	213
Kindergarten	1,133	134
Grades 1-5	7,554	971
Total	9,204	1,318

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools 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, 2024.

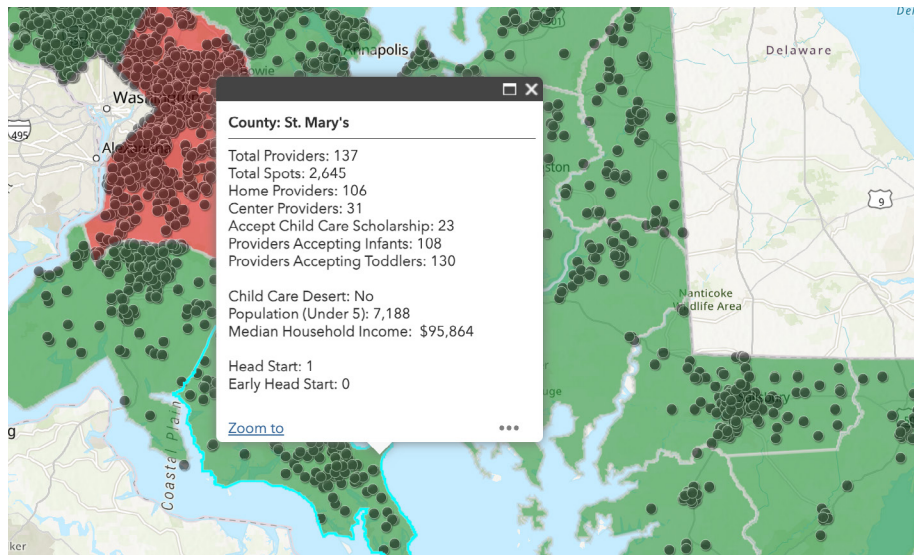
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Bushwood 20618	2	1.8%	0	0.0%
California 20619	15	13.8%	6	16.7%
Callaway 20620	0	0.0%	2	5.6%
Charlotte Hall 20622	2	1.8%	1	2.8%
Clements 20624	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Great Mills 20634	11	10.1%	1	2.8%
Helen 20635	0	0.0%	1	2.8%
Hollywood 20636	16	14.7%	5	13.9%
La Plata 20646	0	0.0%	1	2.8%
Leonardtwn 20650	13	11.9%	7	19.4%
Lexington Park 20653	16	14.7%	6	16.7%
Mechanicsville 20659	26	23.9%	5	13.9%
Park Hall 20667	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Ridge 20680	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Saint Inigoes 20684	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Scotland 20687	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Valley Lee 20692	3	2.8%	0	0.0%
Totals	109	100.0%	36	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

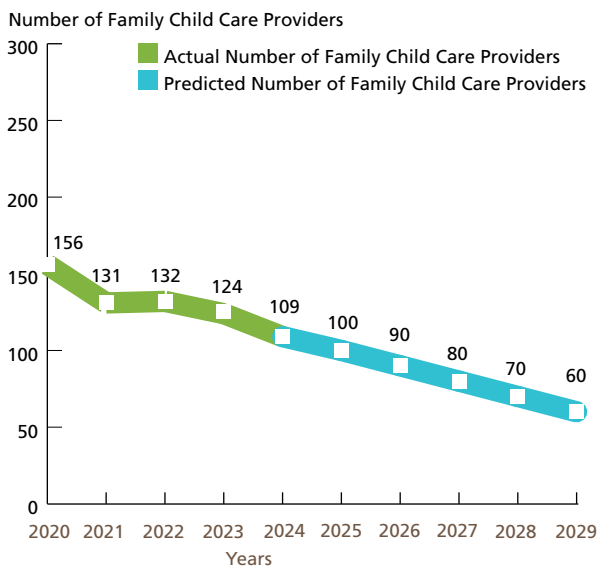
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

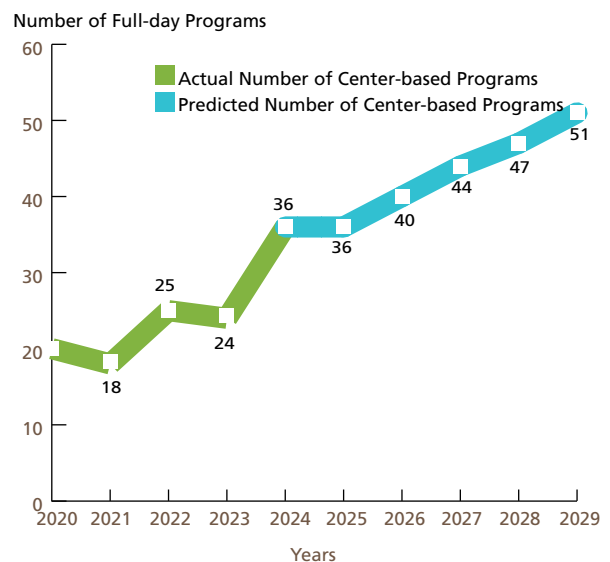


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in St. Mary's 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in St. Mary's 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

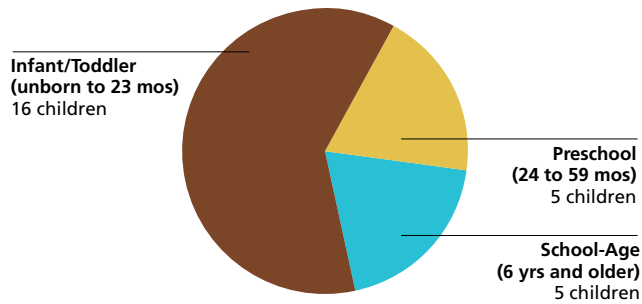


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

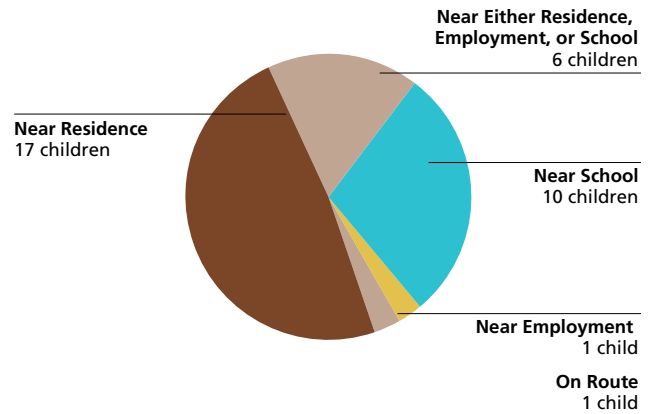
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

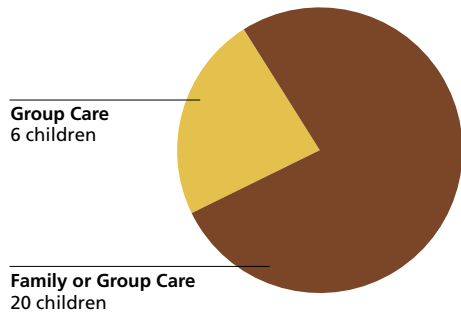
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

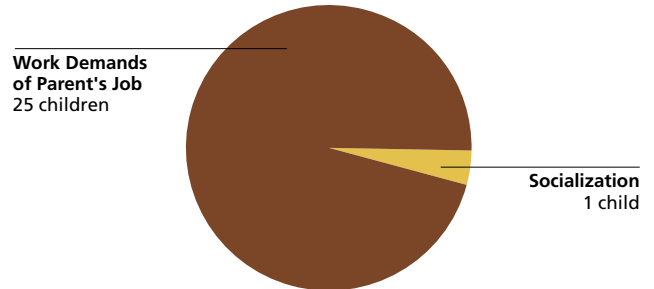
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=26



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
26 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=26

Full-time: 22 children

Part-time: 3 children

Other*: 1 children

* 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 (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
6 (23% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
8 (31% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in St. Mary's County
16 (15% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in St. Mary's County
8 (22% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$2,890,494

CCS Children Served
566

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
45 (41% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
15 (42% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

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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.

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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.

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Poverty Level: The poverty guideline for a family of four persons was \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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Somerset County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Somerset County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Somerset County has approximately 1,379 children from birth through age five, and 24.4 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Somerset County is \$14,255 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$60,518 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$16,133 , and a child care center teacher earns only \$38,000. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	695
3-4 years	453
5 years	231
6-8 years	675
9-11 years	1,005
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	3,059

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Somerset is \$70,366⁶. 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	\$ 14,255	20.3%
Infant ¹	\$6,682	
Preschooler ²	\$7,573	
Food ³	\$ 12,851	18.3%
Housing ⁴	\$ 16,680	23.7%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 8,107	11.5%
Total	\$ 51,893	73.7%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Somerset County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$ 185.00	\$198.25
2-4 Years	\$ 162.50	\$150.75
5 years ¹	\$ 162.50	\$145.75
School Age Full ²	\$ 162.50	\$138.25
Before/After School Care ³	\$ 87.50	\$ 96.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Somerset	Maryland	Somerset	Maryland
0-2 years	640	214,524	695	207,705
3-4 years	688	151,773	453	151,635
5 years	270	75,351	231	73,868
6-8 years	711	217,506	675	224,060
9-11 years	623	225,975	1,005	235,994
Total	2,932	885,129	3,059	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,551	908
Aged 25-29	582	703
Aged 30-34	535	467
Total Aged 20-34	2,668	2,078

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Somerset	Maryland
2023		
Females	4,848	1,622,793
Males	5,761	1,726,909
2013		
Females	4,949	1,581,677
Males	5,325	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-2.0%	2.6%
Males	8.2%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	1,318	1,256	-4.7%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	744	1,055	41.8%
Total Children 6-17 years old	2,422	2,494	3.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	1,832	1,766	-3.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Somerset	Maryland
2023	24,685	6,170,738
2022	24,672	6,161,707
2021	24,834	6,148,545
2013	26,347	5,834,299
2011	26,453	5,736,545
2000	24,747	5,296,486
1990	23,440	4,780,753
1980	19,188	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,665	1,284
Aged 25-29	1,236	1,278
Aged 30-34	885	1,181
Total Aged 20-34	3,786	3,743

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	19,284	19,696
Total number of households	8,419	8,296
Average household size	2.29	2.37

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	1,536	1,957	27.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	943	1,672	77.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	4,979		5,105		2.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	894	18.0%	804	15.7%	-10.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	918		1,113		21.2%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	326	35.5%	298	26.8%	-8.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	2,180		2,458		12.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	710	32.6%	589	24.0%	-17.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	4,269		4,193		-1.8%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,445	33.8%	1,078	25.7%	-25.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	523	41.0%	275	24.4%	-47.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	922	30.8%	803	26.2%	-12.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Somerset	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	17,007		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	14,448	85.0%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	2,913	17.1%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Somerset	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	4,979	5,105	2.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	786	1,059	34.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	1,754	2,138	21.9%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Somerset County) ¹	\$60,518
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Somerset County) ²	\$16,133
Child Care Center Director (Somerset County) ³	\$68,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Somerset County) ³	\$38,000
Center Aide (Somerset County) ³	\$22,000

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Somerset	\$70,366
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Somerset	\$52,462
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Somerset	Maryland
Under \$25,000	28.9%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	17.9%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.7%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	33.4%	62.9%
Total Households	8,296	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Somerset		Maryland	
		%		%
Owner-Occupied housing	5,710	68.8%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	2,586	31.2%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$164,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,390		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$938		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Somerset	Maryland
2001	6.1%	4.0%
2002	5.3%	3.9%
2003	5.6%	4.1%
2004	5.3%	3.9%
2005	4.8%	3.9%
2006	4.9%	3.7%
2007	5.2%	3.6%
2008	6.6%	4.5%
2009	9.5%	7.1%
2010	9.9%	7.3%
2011	9.0%	7.2%
2012	9.4%	6.5%
2013	9.3%	6.2%
2014	8.4%	5.6%
2015	7.0%	5.0%
2016	6.6%	4.5%
2017	7.0%	4.3%
2018	7.7%	4.5%
2019	6.6%	3.9%
2020	9.1%	8.3%
2021	8.6%	6.7%
2022	5.3%	3.7%
2023	2.4%	1.7%
2024	4.6%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	20	152
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	8	384
Public Pre-Kindergarten	3	N/A
Head Start	2	N/A
Early Head Start	1	N/A

Of the providers in the county**

- 6 are licensed to accept infants with 37 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 2 are Early Head Start programs
- 0 are nursery schools
- 1 offer Part Day
- 4 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 167

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Somerset as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Crisfield 21817	4	20.0%	1	12.5%
Eden 21822	0	0.0%	1	12.5%
Marion 21838	1	5.0%	0	0.0%
Princess Anne 21853	12	60.0%	4	50.0%
Westover 21871	3	15.0%	2	25.0%
Totals	20	100.0%	8	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	4	N/A
Middle Schools	1	N/A
Combined Elementary and Middle	2	N/A

Elementary School Enrollment

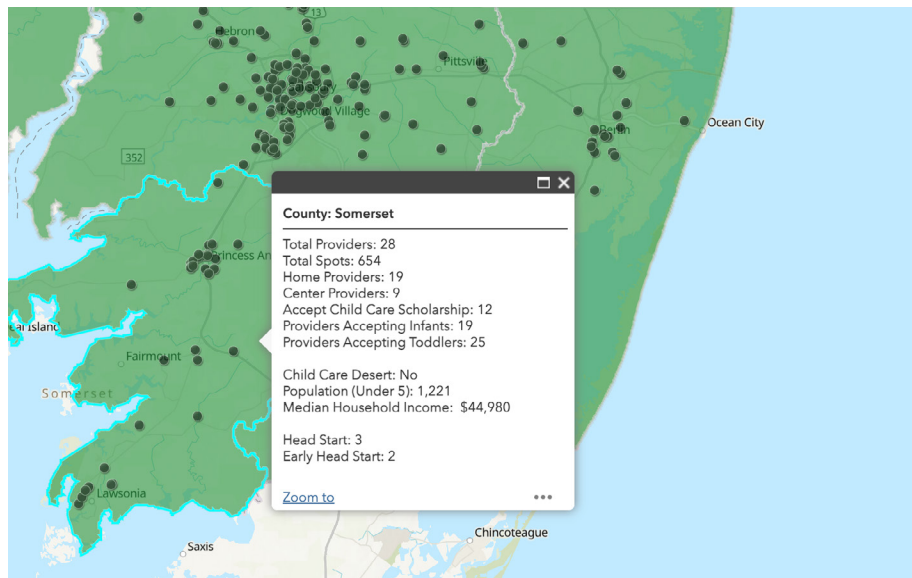
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	285	34
Kindergarten	173	36
Grades 1-5	1,242	283
Total	1,700	353

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

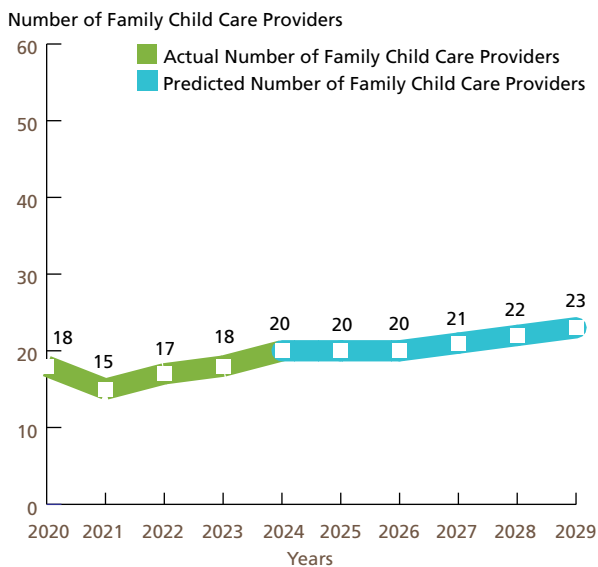
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

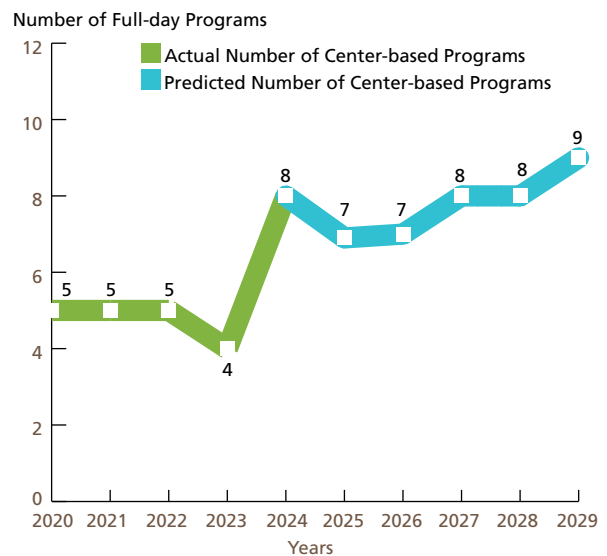


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Somerset 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Somerset 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

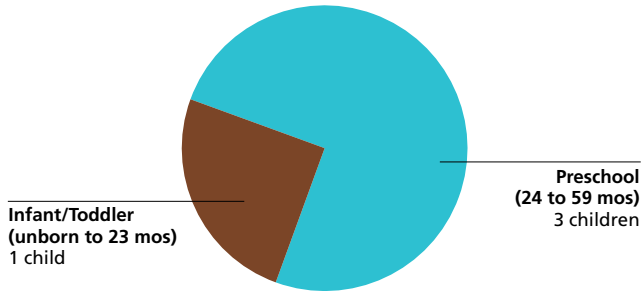


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

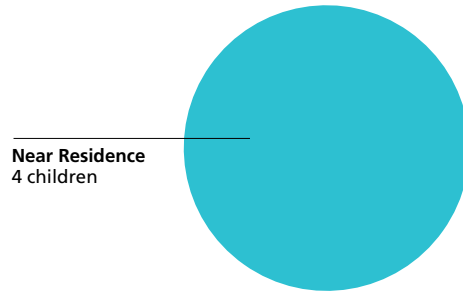
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

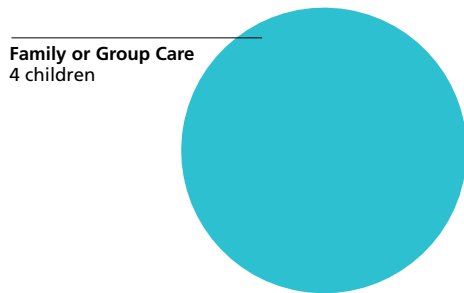
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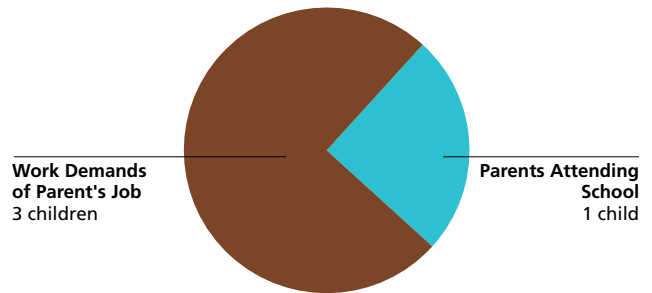
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=4



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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
4 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=4

Full-time: 2 children

Part time: 2 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

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Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship

1 child (25% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship

3 (75% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Somerset County

8 (40% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Somerset County

4 (50% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

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FY 24 CCS Expenditure

\$955,074

CCS Children Served

240

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹

5 (25% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs

6 (75% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

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Talbot County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Talbot County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Talbot County has approximately 2,054 children from birth through age five, and 14.3 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Talbot County is \$16,161 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$68,087 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$17,651, and a child care center teacher earns only \$28,000. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,075
3-4 years	511
5 years	468
6-8 years	1,259
9-11 years	1,432
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	4,745

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Talbot is \$106,439⁶. 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	\$7,688	
Preschooler ²	\$8,472	
Food ³	\$12,851	12.1%
Housing ⁴	\$25,464	23.9%
Taxes ⁵	\$16,184	15.2%
Total	\$70,659	66.4%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Talbot County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$172.34	\$265.00
2-4 Years	\$160.67	\$142.91
5 years ¹	\$160.67	\$146.17
School Age Full ²	\$137.50	\$148.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$100.00	\$43.86

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Talbot	Maryland	Talbot	Maryland
0-2 years	943	214,524	1,075	207,705
3-4 years	791	151,773	511	151,635
5 years	388	75,351	468	73,868
6-8 years	1,178	217,506	1,259	224,060
9-11 years	1,251	225,975	1,432	235,994
Total	4,551	885,129	4,745	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	832	689
Aged 25-29	813	941
Aged 30-34	858	1,054
Total Aged 20-34	2,503	2,684

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Talbot	Maryland
2023		
Females	8,297	1,622,793
Males	9,367	1,726,909
2013		
Females	9,667	1,581,677
Males	9,749	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-14.2%	2.6%
Males	-3.9%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,108	2,018	-4.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,595	1,493	-6.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	4,971	4,823	-3.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	3,985	3,491	-12.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Talbot	Maryland
2023	37,707	6,170,738
2022	37,663	6,161,707
2021	37,510	6,148,545
2013	37,859	5,834,299
2011	37,575	5,736,545
2000	33,812	5,296,486
1990	30,549	4,780,753
1980	25,604	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	915	757
Aged 25-29	918	957
Aged 30-34	826	871
Total Aged 20-34	2,659	2,585

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	37,376	37,253
Total number of households	16,013	16,211
Average household size	2.33	2.30

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,568	3,041	-14.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,790	2,243	-19.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	10,866		10,033		-7.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	672	6.2%	731	7.3%	8.8%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,378		1,025		-25.6%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	234	17.0%	214	20.9%	-8.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	4,048		3,625		-10.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	421	10.4%	575	15.9%	36.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	7,198		6,961		-3.3%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	854	11.9%	956	13.7%	11.9%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	274	15.9%	221	14.3%	-19.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	580	10.6%	735	13.6%	26.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Talbot	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	28,510		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	26,220	92.0%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	11,782	41.3%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Talbot	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	10,866	10,033	-7.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	1,434	1,199	-16.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	3,817	3,353	-12.2%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Talbot County) ¹	\$68,087
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Talbot County) ²	\$17,651
Child Care Center Director (Talbot County) ³	\$47,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Talbot County) ³	\$28,000
Center Aide (Talbot County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Talbot	\$106,439
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Talbot	\$84,378
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Talbot	Maryland
Under \$25,000	14.4%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	15.7%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.7%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	55.1%	62.9%
Total Households	16,211	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Talbot	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	11,784	72.7%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	4,427	27.3%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$398,300		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,112		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,248		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Talbot	Maryland
2001	2.6%	4.0%
2002	2.6%	3.9%
2003	4.0%	4.1%
2004	2.7%	3.9%
2005	2.8%	3.9%
2006	4.9%	3.7%
2007	3.2%	3.6%
2008	4.0%	4.5%
2009	6.8%	7.1%
2010	7.2%	7.3%
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2014	5.3%	5.6%
2016	4.0%	4.5%
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2018	4.1%	4.5%
2019	3.6%	3.9%
2020	7.1%	8.3%
2021	5.7%	6.7%
2022	3.4%	3.7%
2023	1.6%	1.7%
2024	3.2%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	29	232
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	20	1,158
Public Pre-Kindergarten	5	N/A
Head Start	1	N/A
Early Head Start	1	N/A

Of the providers in the county**

- 7 are licensed to accept infants with 57 total infant capacity
- 1 is a Head Start program
- 1 is an Early Head Start program
- 4 are nursery schools
- 1 offer Part Day
- 14 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 874

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Talbot as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Cordova 21625	4	13.8%	1	5.0%
Easton 21601	20	69.0%	17	85.0%
Royal Oak 21662	1	3.4%	0	0.0%
Saint Michaels 21663	0	0.0%	1	5.0%
Sherwood 21665	1	3.4%	0	0.0%
Trappe 21673	2	6.9%	1	5.0%
Wittman 21676	1	3.4%	0	0.0%
Totals	29	100.0%	20	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

Percentages do not total 100% because of rounding.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	5	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	1	2

Elementary School Enrollment

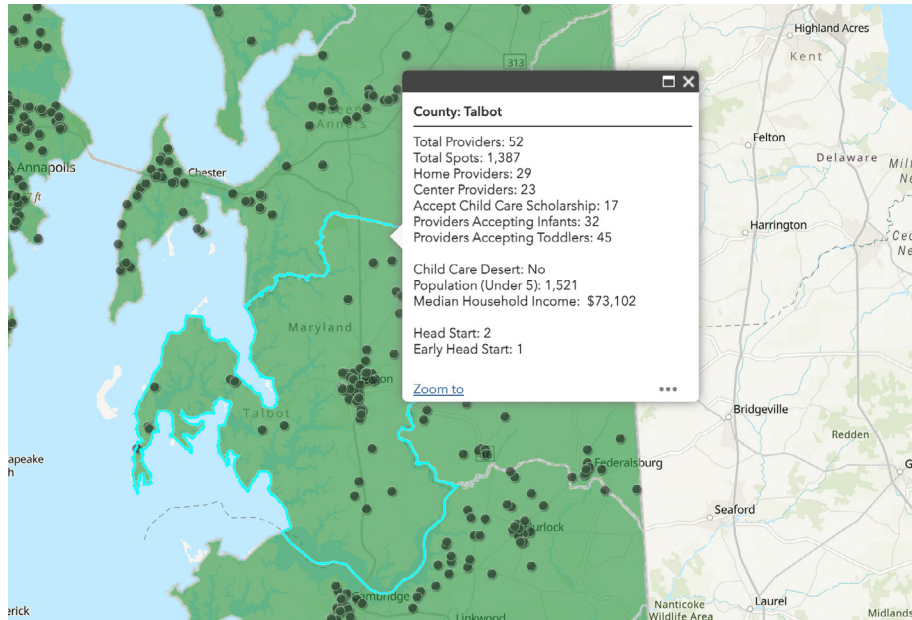
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	272	88
Kindergarten	305	86
Grades 1-5	1,857	516
Total	2,434	690

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

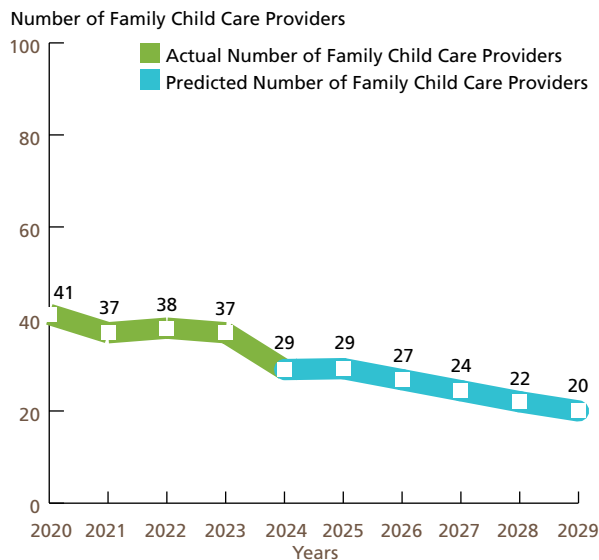
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

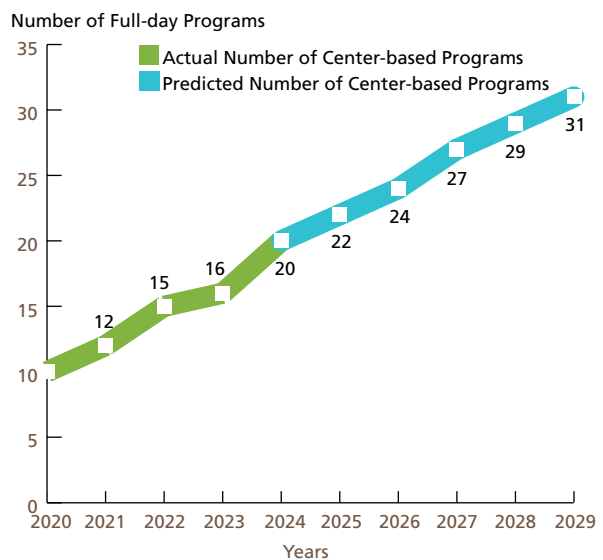


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Talbot 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Talbot 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

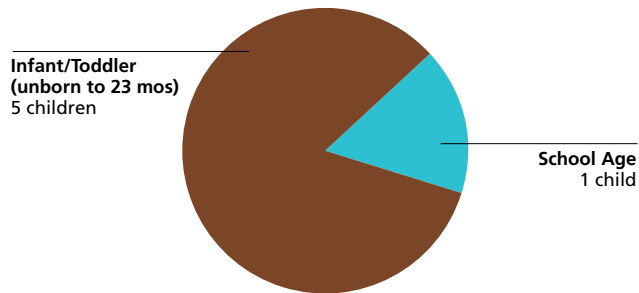


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

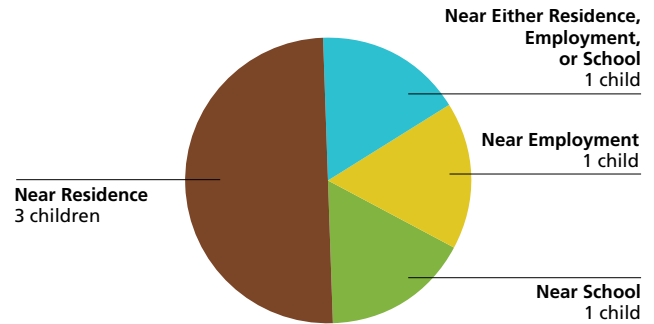
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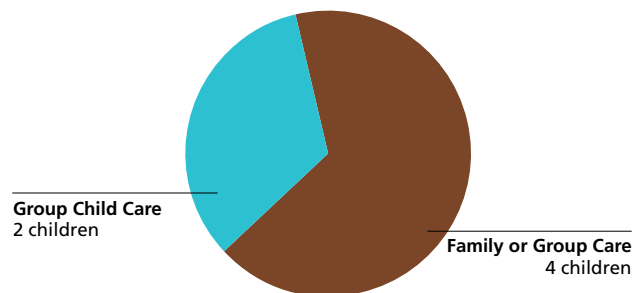
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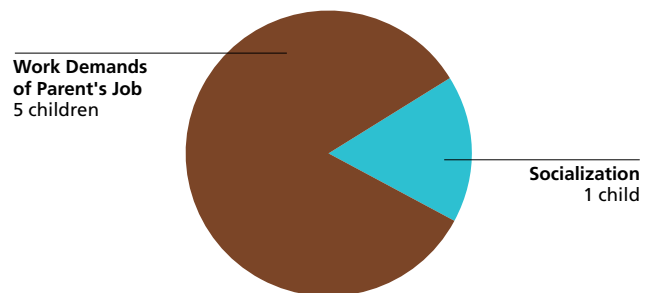
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=6



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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
6 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N= 6

Full-time: 5 children

Part-time: 1 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
3 (50% of all calls)

LOCATE calls received from parents with children receiving Child CCS
1 (17% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Talbot County
8 (28% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Talbot County
8 (40% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

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FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$2,004,227

CCS Children Served
292

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
13 (45% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
8 (40% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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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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Washington County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Washington County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Washington County has approximately 10,609 children from birth through age five, and 17.8 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Washington County is \$16,585 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$69,912 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$23,956, and a child care center teacher earns only 30,500. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	5,040
3-4 years	3,531
5 years	2,038
6-8 years	5,876
9-11 years	5,941
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	22,426

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Washington is \$92,568⁶. 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	\$16,585	17.9%
Infant ¹	\$8,306	
Preschooler ²	\$8,279	
Food ³	\$12,851	13.9%
Housing ⁴	\$20,340	22.0%
Taxes ⁵	\$11,625	12.6%
Total	\$61,401	66.3%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Washington County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$ 235.00	\$265.00
2-4 Years	\$ 196.88	\$176.33
5 years ¹	\$ 185.29	\$167.00
School Age Full ²	\$ 171.24	\$163.50
Before/After School Care ³	\$ 136.25	\$ 69.67

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Washington	Maryland	Washington	Maryland
0-2 years	5,135	214,524	5,040	207,705
3-4 years	3,712	151,773	3,531	151,635
5 years	1,832	75,351	2,038	73,868
6-8 years	6,130	217,506	5,876	224,060
9-11 years	5,655	225,975	5,941	235,994
Total	22,464	885,129	22,426	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	4,069	4,116
Aged 25-29	4,288	4,535
Aged 30-34	4,337	4,717
Total Aged 20-34	12,694	13,368

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Washington	Maryland
2023		
Females	35,039	1,622,793
Males	41,234	1,726,909
2013		
Females	36,127	1,581,677
Males	40,982	1,650,181
Change		
Females	-3.0%	2.6%
Males	0.6%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	10,136	10,039	-1.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	6,600	7,003	6.1%
Total Children 6-17 years old	21,118	21,592	2.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	16,081	16,671	3.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Washington	Maryland
22023	155,033	6,170,738
2022	154,645	6,161,707
2021	153,956	6,148,545
2013	148,435	5,834,299
2011	147,118	5,736,545
2000	131,923	5,296,486
1990	121,393	4,780,753
1980	113,086	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	4,979	5,118
Aged 25-29	5,321	5,291
Aged 30-34	5,065	5,303
Total Aged 20-34	15,365	15,712

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	140,467	147,566
Total number of households	55,960	59,411
Average household size	2.51	2.48

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	14,890	14,221	-4.5%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	11,004	10,722	-2.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	37,646		39,579		5.1%
Families Below Poverty Level	3,523	9.4%	3,419	8.6%	-3.0%
All Families with Children Under 5	6,452		6,434		-0.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,428	22.1%	1,144	17.8%	-19.9%
All Families w Children Under 18	17,809		18,040		1.3%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,719	15.3%	2,362	13.1%	-13.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	32,697		32,985		0.9%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	6,090	18.6%	5,299	16.1%	-13.0%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,997	23.3%	1,530	17.9%	-23.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	4,093	17.0%	3,769	15.4%	-7.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Washington	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	108,578		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	96,282	88.7%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	25,539	23.5%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Washington	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	37,646	39,579	5.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	6,403	6,797	6.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	16,203	16,502	1.8%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Washington County) ¹	\$69,912
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Washington County) ²	\$23,956
Child Care Center Director (Washington County) ³	\$45,800
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Washington County) ³	\$30,000
Center Aide (Washington County) ³	\$30,500

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Washington	\$92,568
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Washington	\$74,157
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Washington	Maryland
Under \$25,000	15.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.7%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.6%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	49.5%	62.9%
Total Households	59,411	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Washington		Maryland	
		%		%
Owner-Occupied housing	39,145	65.9%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	20,266	34.1%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$275,900		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,695		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,100		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Washington	Maryland
2001	3.5%	4.0%
2002	3.6%	3.9%
2003	3.7%	4.1%
2004	3.4%	3.9%
2005	4.3%	3.9%
2006	4.9%	3.7%
2007	4.4%	3.6%
2008	5.7%	4.5%
2009	9.4%	7.1%
2010	10.0%	7.3%
2011	9.6%	7.2%
2012	8.6%	6.5%
2013	7.7%	6.2%
2014	6.7%	5.6%
2015	6.8%	5.0%
2016	4.9%	4.5%
2017	5.0%	4.3%
2018	4.7%	4.5%
2019	4.1%	3.9%
2020	8.2%	8.3%
2021	6.6%	6.7%
2022	3.7%	3.7%
2023	1.8%	1.7%
2024	3.3%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	118	910
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	56	3,407
Public Pre-Kindergarten	27	N/A
Head Start	2	227
Early Head Start	2	104

Of the providers in the county*

- 13 are licensed to accept infants with 123 total infant capacity
- 4 are Head Start programs
- 2 are Early Head Start programs
- 7 are nursery schools
- 5 offer Part Day
- 39 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 2,332

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	25	2
Middle Schools	7	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	1	7

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
PPre-kindergarten	1,113	175
Kindergarten	1,565	89
Grades 1-5	9,672	821
Total	12,350	1,085

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by School District

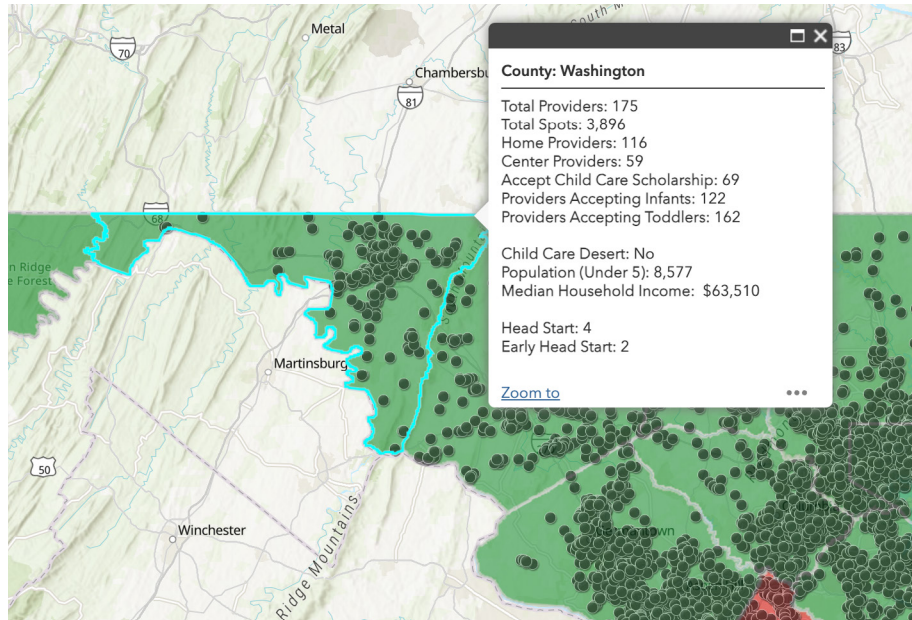
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Washington as of June 30, 2024.

School District	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
Bester	3	2.5%	3	5.4%
Boonsboro	5	4.2%	4	7.1%
Cascade	1	0.8%	1	1.8%
Clear Spring	3	2.5%	2	3.6%
	0	0.0%	1	1.8%
Eastern	11	9.3%	4	7.1%
Emma K Doub	3	2.5%	2	3.6%
Fountain Rock	5	4.2%	4	7.1%
Fountaindale	1	0.8%	2	3.6%
Funkstown	2	1.7%	0	0.0%
Greenbrier	2	1.7%	2	3.6%
Hancock	1	0.8%	1	1.8%
Hickory	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Jonathan Hager	2	1.7%	1	1.8%
Lincolnshire	10	8.5%	3	5.4%
Maugansville	10	8.5%	2	3.6%
Old Forge	2	1.7%	2	3.6%
Pangborn	7	5.9%	2	3.6%
Paramount	5	4.2%	2	3.6%
Pleasant Valley	1	0.8%	1	1.8%
Potomac Heights	2	1.7%	4	7.1%
Rockland Wood	11	9.3%	2	3.6%
Salem Ave	10	8.5%	1	1.8%
Sharpsburg	4	3.4%	1	1.8%
Smithsburg	4	3.4%	4	7.1%
Williamsport	10	8.5%	4	7.1%
Winter St	2	1.7%	1	1.8%
Totals	118	100.0%	56	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

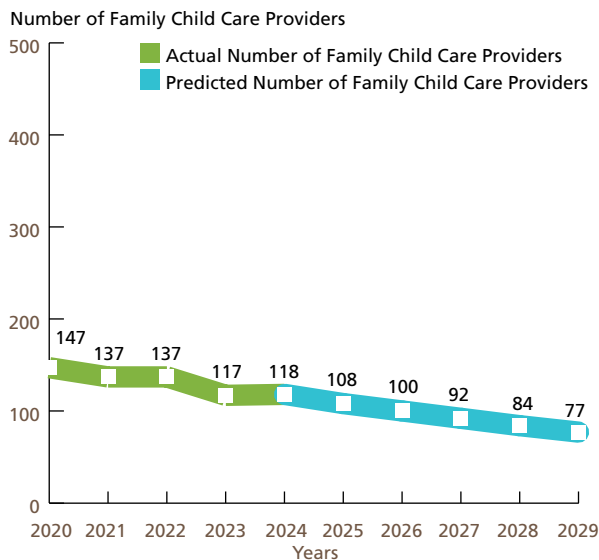
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

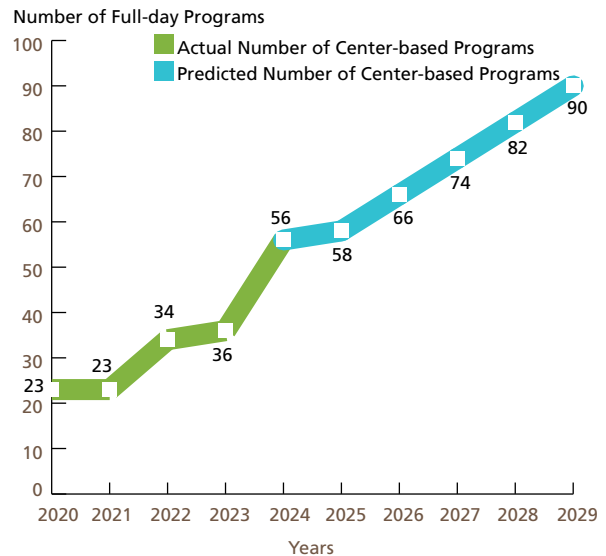


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Washington 2020-2029



**Center-based Programs in Washington 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)**

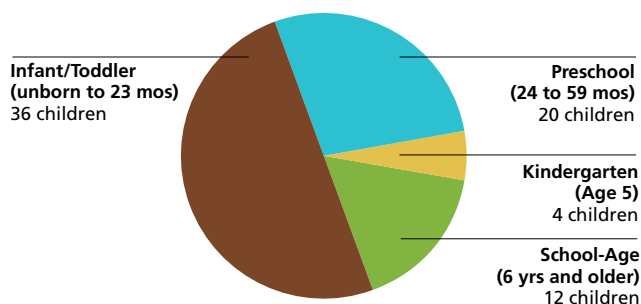


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

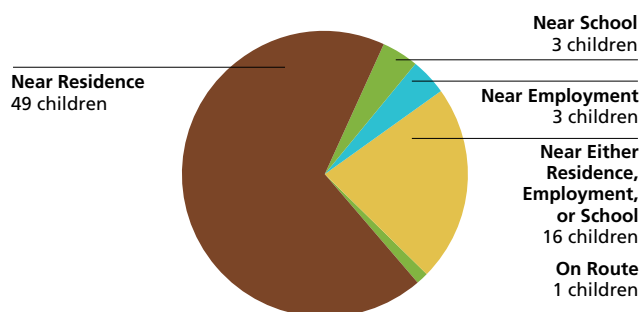
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

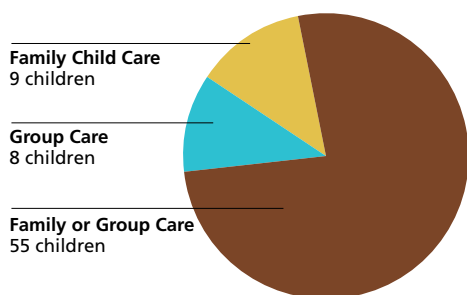
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

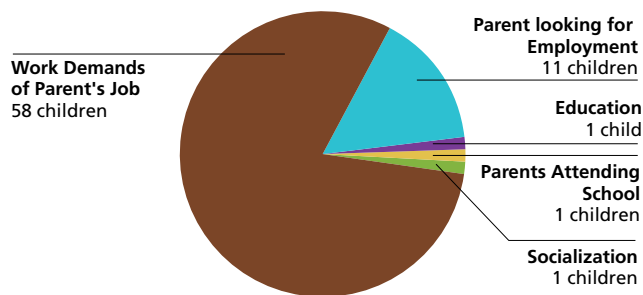
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=72



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
154 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=154

Full-time: 62 children

Part-time: 91 children

Other*: 1 children

* 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 (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
18 (12% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
32 (21% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Washington County
49 (42% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Washington County
18 (32% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$6,132,166

CCS Children Served
1,163

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
68 (58% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
22 (39% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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.

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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)

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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)

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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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Wicomico County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Wicomico County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Wicomico County has approximately 7,598 children from birth through age five, and 19.4 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Wicomico County is \$16,752 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$70,061 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$19,546, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,667. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	3,154
3-4 years	3,107
5 years	1,337
6-8 years	3,896
9-11 years	4,178
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	15,672

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Wicomico is \$90,334⁶. 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	\$7,576	
Preschooler ²	\$9,176	
Food ³	\$12,851	14.2%
Housing ⁴	\$19,068	21.1%
Taxes ⁵	\$11,582	12.8%
Total	\$60,253	66.7%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Wicomico County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$264.44	\$213.25
2-4 Years	\$207.86	\$178.19
5 years ¹	\$212.71	\$173.50
School Age Full ²	\$214.83	\$161.50
Before/After School Care ³	\$106.50	\$120.50

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Wicomico	Maryland	Wicomico	Maryland
0-2 years	3,590	214,524	3,154	207,705
3-4 years	2,613	151,773	3,107	151,635
5 years	1,178	75,351	1,337	73,868
6-8 years	3,259	217,506	3,896	224,060
9-11 years	4,000	225,975	4,178	235,994
Total	14,640	885,129	15,672	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	5,301	5,380
Aged 25-29	3,187	3,353
Aged 30-34	2,927	3,068
Total Aged 20-34	11,415	11,801

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Wicomico	Maryland
2013		
Females	27,484	1,622,793
Males	27,903	1,726,909
2023		
Females	26,570	1,581,677
Males	26,043	1,650,181
Change		
Females	3.4%	2.6%
Males	7.1%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	7,045	7,467	6.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	5,041	4,985	-1.1%
Total Children 6-17 years old	13,646	14,930	9.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	10,720	11,587	8.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Wicomico	Maryland
2023	104,117	6,170,738
2022	103,815	6,161,707
2021	103,223	6,148,545
2013	99,683	5,834,299
2011	97,862	5,736,545
2000	84,644	5,296,486
1990	74,339	4,780,753
1980	65,540	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	4,945	4,640
Aged 25-29	3,192	3,200
Aged 30-34	2,981	3,115
Total Aged 20-34	11,118	10,955

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	95,705	100,104
Total number of households	36,405	40,034
Average household size	2.63	2.50

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	10,135	9,093	-10.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	7,397	7,101	-4.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	24,644		25,394		3.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	2,703	11.0%	2,069	8.1%	-23.5%
All Families with Children Under 5	5,032		4,580		-9.0%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,340	26.6%	900	19.7%	-32.8%
All Families w Children Under 18	12,350		11,280		-8.7%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,307	18.7%	1,616	14.3%	-30.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	21,630		23,028		6.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	4,599	21.3%	3,744	16.3%	-18.6%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,871	30.4%	1,208	19.4%	-35.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,728	17.6%	2,536	15.1%	-7.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Wicomico	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	65,996		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	58,999	89.4%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	19,229	29.1%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Wicomico	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	24,644	25,394	3.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	4,913	4,600	-6.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	11,227	10,173	-9.4%

Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Wicomico County) ¹	\$70,061
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Wicomico County) ²	\$19,546
Child Care Center Director (Wicomico County) ³	\$38,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Wicomico County) ³	\$25,667
Center Aide (Wicomico County) ³	\$21,500

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Wicomico	\$90,334
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Wicomico	\$72,861
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Wicomico	Maryland
Under \$25,000	14.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.7%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.5%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	48.6%	62.9%
Total Households	40,034	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Wicomico	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	24,294	60.7%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	15,740	39.3%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$238,900		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,589		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,238		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Wicomico	Maryland
2001	4.8%	4.0%
2002	3.8%	3.9%
2003	4.4%	4.1%
2004	3.7%	3.9%
2005	3.8%	3.9%
2006	4.9%	3.7%
2007	3.6%	3.6%
2008	5.1%	4.5%
2009	7.7%	7.1%
2010	8.2%	7.3%
2011	8.5%	7.2%
2012	7.8%	6.5%
2013	7.4%	6.2%
2014	6.4%	5.6%
2015	6.8%	5.0%
2016	5.5%	4.5%
2017	6.0%	4.3%
2018	5.4%	4.5%
2019	4.7%	3.9%
2020	8.5%	8.3%
2021	6.6%	6.7%
2022	4.2%	3.7%
2023	1.9%	1.7%
2024	3.5%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	85	654
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	32	2,731
Public Pre-Kindergarten	11	N/A
Head Start	1	NA
Early Head Start	N/A	N/A

Of the providers in the county**

- 21 are licensed to accept infants with 206 total infant capacity
- 1 is a Head Start program
- 1 is a Early Head Start program
- 4 are nursery schools
- 7 offer Part Day
- 26 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 1,926

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Wicomico as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Delmar 21875	11	12.9%	1	3.1%
Eden 21822	0	0.0%	1	3.1%
Fruitland 21826	6	7.1%	3	9.4%
Hebron 21830	4	4.7%	3	9.4%
Mardela Springs 21837	3	3.5%	0	0.0%
Mardela Springs 21837-2436	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
Parsonsborg 21849	5	5.9%	1	3.1%
Pittsville 21850	2	2.4%	1	3.1%
Salisbury 21801	23	27.1%	9	28.1%
Salisbury 21804	25	29.4%	13	40.6%
Sharptown 21861	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
Willards 21874	4	4.7%	0	0.0%
Totals	85	100.0%	32	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	16	0
Middle Schools	3	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	2	7

Elementary School Enrollment

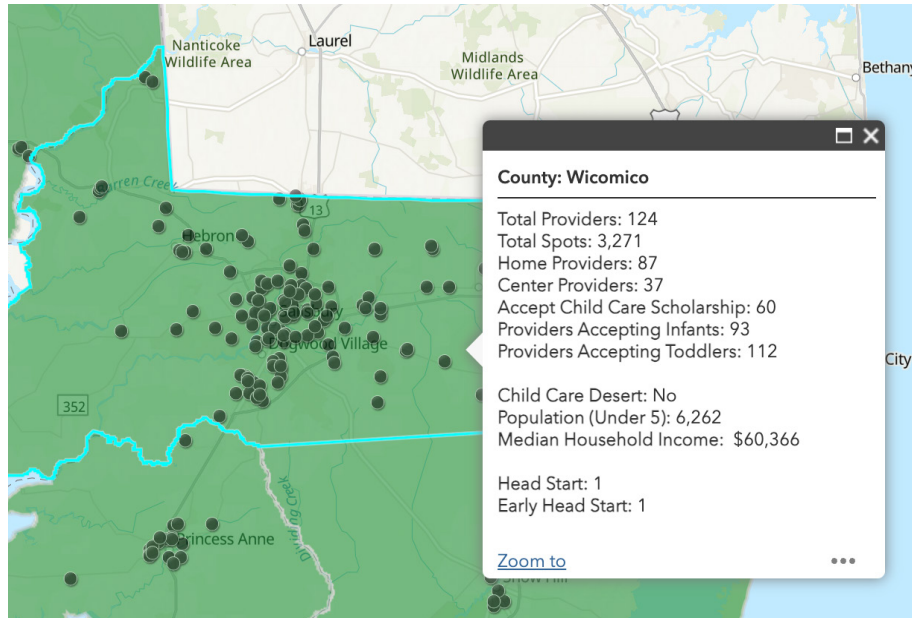
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	762	142
Kindergarten	1,192	187
Grades 1-5	6,737	908
Total	8,691	1,237

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

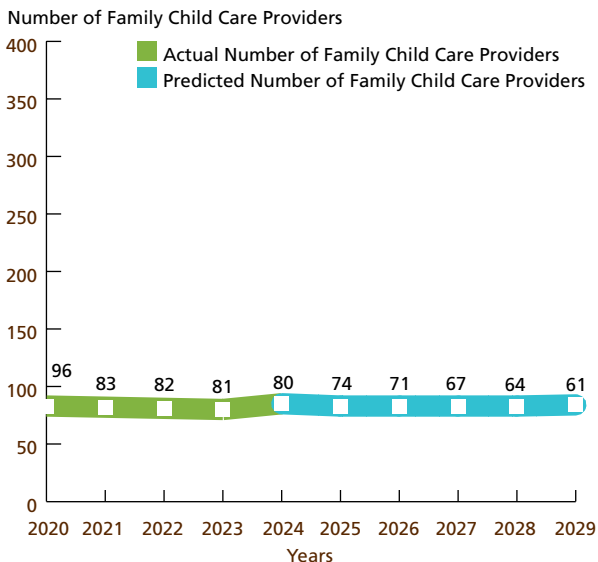
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

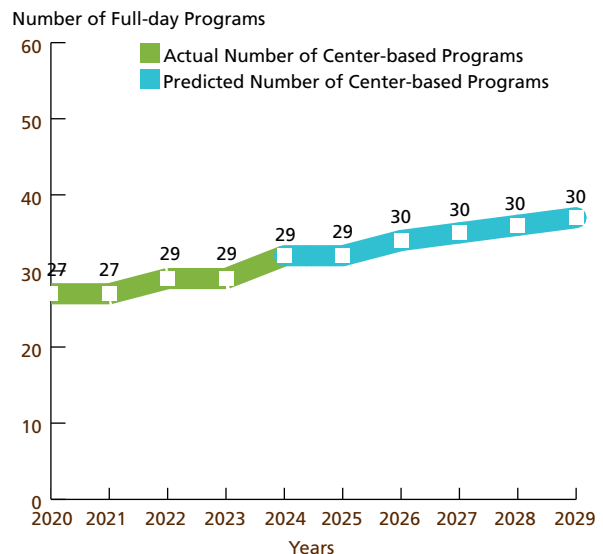


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Wicomico 2020-2029



Center-based Programs in Wicomico 2020-2029
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

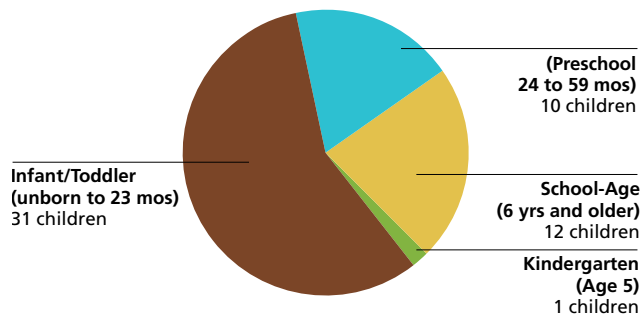


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

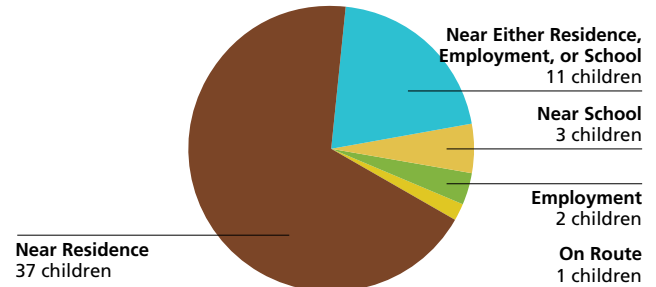
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

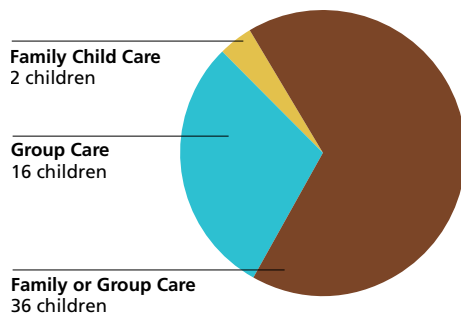
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

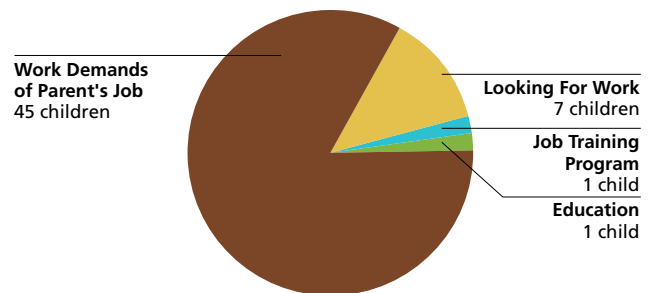
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=54



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
54 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=54

Full-time: 48 children

Part-time: 6 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

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
26 (48% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
21 (39% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24)

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Wicomico County
42 (53% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Wicomico County
20 (69% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$8,384,582

CCS Children Served
1,458

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
44 (52% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
19 (59% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

Current Population Estimates: Current Population Estimates are based on the American Community Survey 2022.

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.

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Worcester County Report

The Maryland Child Care Resource Network and Maryland Family Network, Inc. are co-publishers of this Worcester County Report for the Network's Maryland Child Care Demographics Report series. The series includes reports for the State, for each of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Worcester County has approximately 21,497 children from birth through age five, and 14.0 percent of them live in households below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the average weekly cost for full-time child care in Worcester County is \$18,078 per year.

No one would suggest that public school teachers are paid what they deserve. However, child care providers, based on average gross income, earn far less than their public school counterparts, who earn \$73,535 on average. Meanwhile, in the same location, a family child care providers makes just \$18,562, and a child care center teacher earns only \$25,568. Many educators who we entrust to teach and care for our children are forced to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

The Maryland General Assembly expanded access to the Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program in recent years. Also, in 2024, the Moore Administration committed new State funds in the amounts of \$218 million for FY 2024 and \$270 million for FY 2025 for the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP). These have proven to be a significant step in removing barriers to families' access to child care.

We encourage you to reach out to your local [Child Care Resource Center](#). MFN is the State Coordinating Entity of these centers which make up the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Each center provides leadership, professional development, coaching, and other services to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in communities across the state.

We hope the following demographic information is helpful as we continue to make improvements for Maryland's youngest children and those who care for them.

Child Population 2023

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,400
3-4 years	752
5 years	345
6-8 years	1,505
9-11 years	1,393
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	5,395

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Worcester is \$90,334⁶. 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	\$18,078	20.0%
Infant ¹	\$8,476	
Preschooler ²	\$9,602	
Food ³	\$12,851	14.2%
Housing ⁴	\$22,380	24.8%
Taxes ⁵	\$12,462	13.8%
Total	\$65,771	72.8%

¹Average annual cost of care for an infant in a family child care home as reported by child care providers to LOCATE: Child Care 2023-2024. ²Average annual cost of care for a two year old in a child care center as reported by providers to LOCATE: Child Care. 2023-2024. ³National Average cost of food based on a moderate cost plan. (Moderate cost of food at home estimated for food family of four cost level. U.S. Department of Agriculture 20. ⁴Home owner costs of a mortgage, American Community Survey, US Census. ⁵smartasset.com: state and local taxes, federal taxes, Medicare and FICA. Does not reflect the earned income credit. ⁶Current median income, ACS, US Census, 2023.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Worcester County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$176.00	\$354.00
2-4 Years	\$161.00	\$235.42
5 years ¹	\$140.00	\$221.75
School Age Full ²	\$141.80	\$206.00
Before/After School Care ³	\$116.00	\$117.00

Average weekly cost of Full-time care as reported by child care programs to MFN's LOCATE: Child Care. ¹Average weekly cost of care 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. ²Average weekly cost of care for a 6+ year old school age child, out of school child care. ³Average weekly cost of before and after school care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2013		2023	
	Worcester	Maryland	Worcester	Maryland
0-2 years	1,418	214,524	1,400	207,705
3-4 years	861	151,773	752	151,635
5 years	444	75,351	345	73,868
6-8 years	1,660	217,506	1,505	224,060
9-11 years	1,638	225,975	1,393	235,994
Total	6,021	885,129	5,395	893,262

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Age breakouts in the ACS are slightly different instead of ages 0-1; 2-4; 5-9; and 10-11 they are 0-2; 3-4; 5; 6-8; and 9-11

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,357	1,339
Aged 25-29	1,127	1,301
Aged 30-34	994	1,377
Total Aged 20-34	3,478	4,017

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Worcester	Maryland
2023		
Females	13,161	1,622,793
Males	13,821	1,726,909
2013		
Females	12,361	1,581,677
Males	13,747	1,650,181
Change		
Females	6.5%	2.6%
Males	0.5%	4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,628	2,358	-10.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,897	1,780	-6.2%
Total Children 6-17 years old	6,293	6,355	1.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	5,029	5,120	1.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Total Population

	Worcester	Maryland
2023	53,279	6,170,738
2022	52,827	6,161,707
2021	52,322	6,148,545
2013	51,479	5,834,299
2011	51,307	5,736,545
2000	46,543	5,296,486
1990	35,028	4,780,753
1980	30,889	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2011, 2013, 2021, 2022, 2023

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2013	2023
Aged 20-24	1,293	1,321
Aged 25-29	1,393	1,301
Aged 30-34	1,162	1,191
Total Aged 20-34	3,848	3,813

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Households

	2013	2023
Total household population	50,742	52,564
Total number of households	20,530	23,827
Average household size	2.47	2.21

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2013	2023	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,894	4,235	8.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,911	3,355	15.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	13,452		15,341		14.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	952	7.1%	798	5.2%	-16.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,685		1,808		7.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	316	18.8%	175	9.7%	-44.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	4,797		5,136		7.1%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	612	12.8%	540	10.5%	-11.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Children and Poverty

	2013	% in Poverty	2023	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	9,206		9,074		-1.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,521	16.5%	999	11.0%	-34.3%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	459	20.6%	294	14.0%	-35.9%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,062	15.2%	705	10.1%	-33.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Worcester	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	40,516		3,922,827	
High School Graduate or Higher	37,962	93.7%	3,479,996	88.7%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	13,238	32.7%	1,443,918	36.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Families

Worcester	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	13,452	15,341	14.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	1,650	1,827	10.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	4,340	4,577	5.5%
Maryland	2013	2023	% Change
Total Families	1,529,098	1,438,269	-5.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 6*	259,293	265,044	2.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Children Under Age 18	643,591	646,709	0.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2013, 2023

*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 Average Salary (Worcester County) ¹	\$73,535
Public School Teacher Average Salary (Maryland) ¹	\$79,420
Family Child Care Provider Gross Income (Worcester Worcester County) ²	\$18,562
Child Care Center Director (Worcester County) ³	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Worcester County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (Worcester County) ³	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary, MSDE. ²Gross pay based on average cost of care, as reported to LOCATE by child care providers. ³Salary as reported to LOCATE: Child Care by center directors.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Worcester	\$102,724
Maryland	\$88,738

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Median Household Income¹:

Worcester	\$81,455
Maryland	\$73,538

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Worcester	Maryland
Under \$25,000	12.2%	11.3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.8%	12.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.9%	13.2%
\$75,000 +	54.2%	62.9%
Total Households	23,827	2,339,510

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Housing Information

	Worcester	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	18,286	76.7%	1,578,702	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	5,541	23.3%	760,808	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$348,100		\$397,700	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,865		\$2,301	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,180		\$1,662	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2023

Unemployment Rate

	Worcester	Maryland
2001	4.2%	4.0%
2002	3.5%	3.9%
2003	3.6%	4.1%
2004	4.1%	3.9%
2005	3.7%	3.9%
2006	4.9%	3.7%
2007	3.7%	3.6%
2008	4.8%	4.5%
2009	7.5%	7.1%
2010	8.3%	7.3%
2011	8.8%	7.2%
2012	8.0%	6.5%
2013	7.7%	6.2%
2014	6.6%	5.6%
2016	5.7%	4.5%
2017	8.9%	4.3%
2018	6.4%	4.5%
2019	5.5%	3.9%
2020	11.2%	8.3%
2021	7.4%	6.7%
2022	5.3%	3.7%
2023	1.9%	1.7%
2024	3.4%	3.2%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2024.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity

	# of Programs	Capacity
Registered Family Child Care Providers and Large Family Child Care Homes	19	148
Licensed and Letter of Compliance Child Care Centers	18	1,108
Public Pre-Kindergarten	5	N/A
Head Start	3	NA
Early Head Start	N/A	N/A

Of the providers in the county**

- 8 are licensed to accept infants with 85 total infant capacity
- 3 are Head Start programs
- 0 are Early Head Start programs
- 4 are nursery schools
- 2 offer Part Day
- 8 offer before and/or after school care with a capacity of 608

* State Funded

** The programs in this section do not total because a program may offer more than one of these options

*** Federally Funded. MSDE

Source Maryland Family Network, LOCATE Child Care and Maryland State Department of Education, and HHS Office of Head Start.

of Programs: MFN LOCATE: Child Care 2024

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 Worcester as of June 30, 2024.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Berlin 21811	8	42.1%	10	55.6%
Newark 21841	0	0.0%	2	11.1%
Ocean City 21842	0	0.0%	2	11.1%
Pocomoke City 21851	6	31.6%	2	11.1%
Snow Hill 21863	3	15.8%	1	5.6%
Stockton 21864	0	0.0%	1	5.6%
Whaleyville 21872	2	10.5%	0	0.0%
Totals	19	100.0%	18	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/24.

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

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	6	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined Elementary and Middle	2	1

Elementary School Enrollment

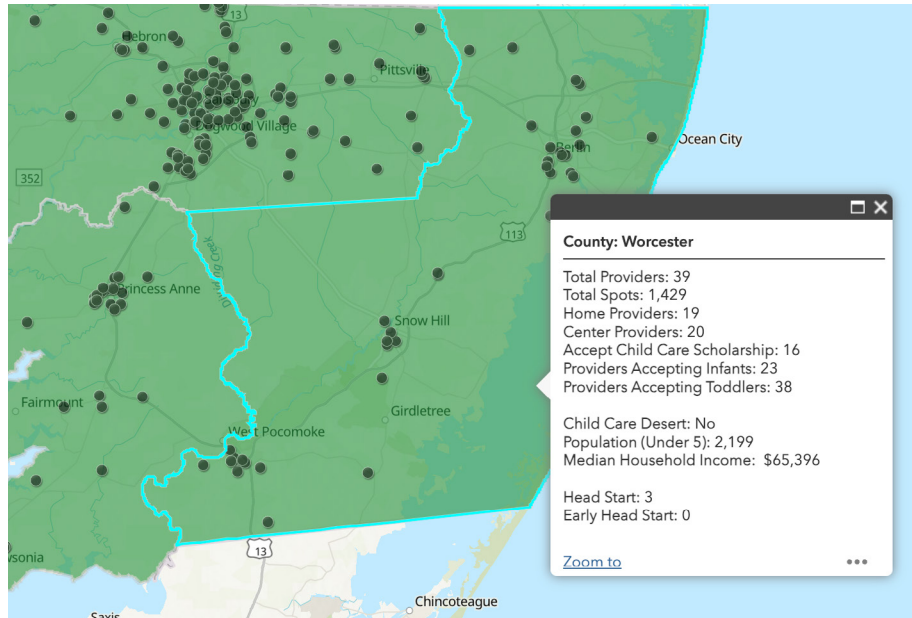
	Public	Private*
Pre-kindergarten	481	98
Kindergarten	458	67
Grades 1-5	2,736	465
Total	3,675	630

Source: MSDE 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 2023.

* Self reported data from Maryland nonpublic schools to MSDE.

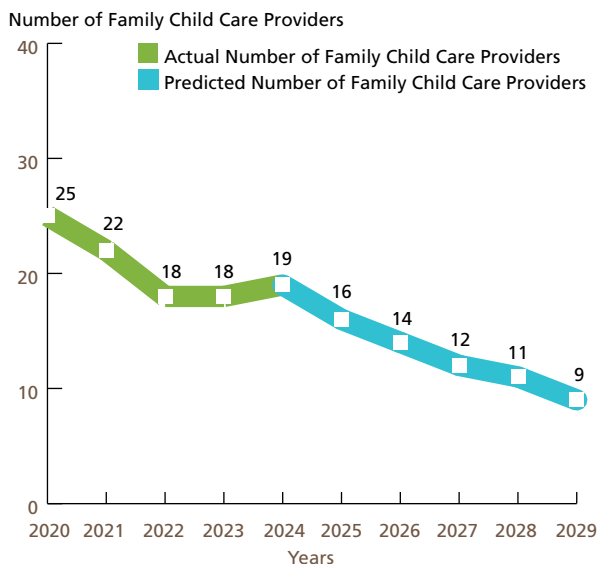
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

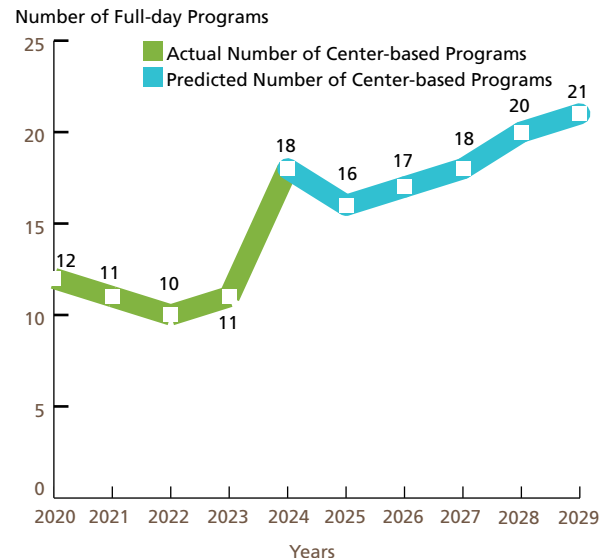


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Worcester 2017-2026



Center-based Programs in Worcester 2017-2026
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

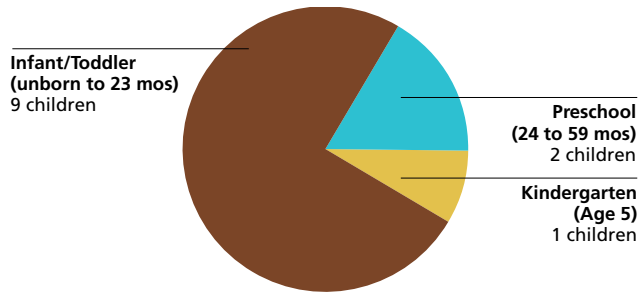


Source: Maryland Family Network, LOCATE: Child Care (June 2024)

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

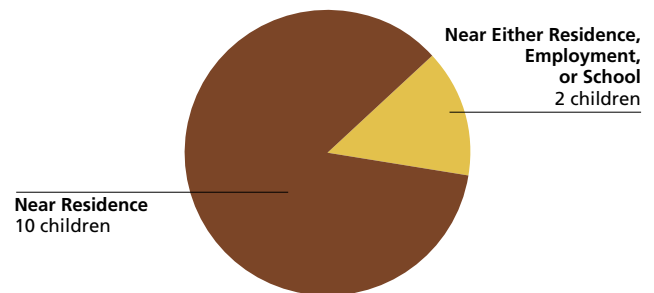
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

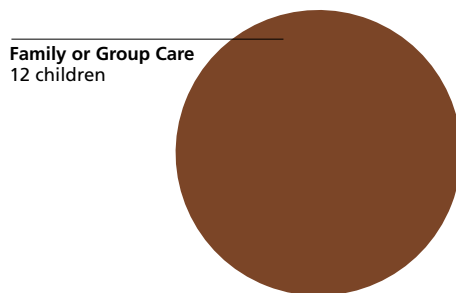
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

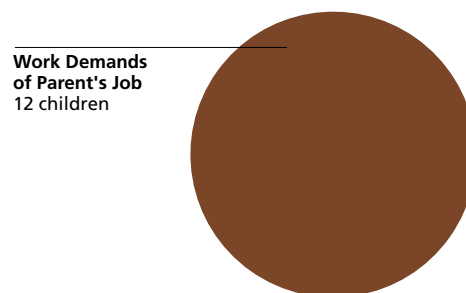
N=12



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=12



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
12 children (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=12
Full-time: 12 children

* 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 (7/1/23-6/30/24).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
5 (42% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
3 (25% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Worcester County
9 (47% of all family providers in the county)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Worcester County
6 (25% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network Baltimore, June 2023.
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

FY 24 CCS Expenditure
\$2,527,152

CCS Children Served
341

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
7 (37% of all family providers in the county)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
10 (56% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/23-6/30/24)

¹In 2023, LOCATE: Child Care changed the method of tracking providers with Special Needs Experience. Providers now are able to indicate experience with individual special needs. In 2024 and future years, this number will increase as we identify those providers. This number cannot be compared to earlier Demographics.

Definitions

The American Community Survey (ACS): is 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 inform how trillions of dollars in federal 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 2022.

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 \$31,200 in 2023. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2022)

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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