

Child Care in Maryland

LOCATE: Child Care Database Information
Maryland Child Care Resource Network



Maryland Family Network works with parents of young children and with child care providers to ensure that all young children have secure relationships and learning opportunities – so they do acquire the skills and confidence to succeed in school and in life. The Maryland Child Care Resource Network (MCCRN), a project of the Maryland Family Network, is a public/private partnership designed to expand and improve child care delivery across the state. MCCRN works to improve the quality of early educational opportunities, to increase the availability of child care throughout Maryland, to help parents identify child care programs for their families, and to assist employers in developing work/family policies.

Number of Programs by Type

Jurisdiction	Total* Group	8-12 hour Child Care	Infant Child Care	Nursery School	Kindergarten	Part Day Program	School- Age Child Care	Head Start	Family Child Care
Allegany	18	18	4	5	1	2	9	6	33
Anne Arundel	242	237	66	39	16	32	148	4	300
Baltimore City	277	271	131	21	15	10	140	32	389
Baltimore County	377	370	135	60	22	34	222	10	505
Calvert	48	44	14	6	3	8	36	3	70
Caroline	8	7	2	2	N/A	1	4	2	47
Carroll	87	85	27	11	3	22	60	5	80
Cecil	38	38	12	4	1	5	28	1	45
Charles	75	74	31	9	2	7	57	2	141
Dorchester	13	13	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	39
Frederick	121	116	40	12	6	24	89	7	258
Garrett	10	10	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	3	11
Harford	96	94	28	18	3	17	69	3	178
Howard	187	182	69	30	15	11	111	3	241
Kent	8	8	4	2	2	N/A	5	1	13
Montgomery	511	480	169	121	51	57	295	26	712
Prince George's	351	333	123	33	10	19	256	16	559
Queen Anne's	17	17	4	3	N/A	N/A	10	1	57
St. Mary's	41	36	12	11	3	7	24	5	103
Somerset	7	7	5	N/A	N/A	1	4	2	19
Talbot	20	20	6	4	N/A	1	13	1	27
Washington	54	53	12	7	2	5	38	4	111
Wicomico	34	34	19	3	3	5	25	1	83
Worcester	18	14	7	4	1	2	8	3	20
Totals	2658	2564	933	405	159	270	1663	142	4041

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**Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program.*

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Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

CENTER BASED CARE				FAMILY CHILD CARE		
Jurisdiction	0-2 years	2 - 5 years	School Age	0-2 years	2 - 5 years	School Age
Anne Arundel	442.82	299.40	245.03	322.21	285.77	240.83
Allegany	N/A	N/A	N/A	206.25	183.13	180.00
Baltimore County	381.23	284.95	235.69	297.58	248.74	218.88
Baltimore City	367.55	297.46	242.50	268.58	218.24	176.00
Carroll	320.00	300.25	300.00	290.00	244.38	217.50
Cecil	N/A	N/A	N/A	237.50	211.88	150.00
Charles	492.00	261.75	174.00	320.00	253.89	221.83
Caroline	200.00	165.00	130.00	199.38	148.21	112.50
Calvert	322.50	229.88	223.50	253.00	189.50	150.00
Dorchester	N/A	N/A	N/A	150.00	136.25	120.00
Frederick	410.00	316.88	140.00	292.38	261.01	236.87
Garrett	N/A	N/A	N/A	185.00	175.00	115.00
Harford	806.67	505.33	305.00	300.56	260.71	200.42
Howard	502.57	387.64	342.50	343.54	286.99	241.25
Kent	245.00	185.00	205.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Montgomery	655.69	426.91	372.59	355.76	319.43	274.25
Prince George's	410.55	269.52	203.33	315.26	265.54	219.72
Queen Anne's	N/A	N/A	N/A	260.71	203.21	180.00
Saint Mary's	N/A	N/A	N/A	244.17	190.60	160.00
Somerset	N/A	N/A	N/A	185.00	162.50	162.50
Talbot	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Washington	N/A	N/A	N/A	255.00	208.77	160.00
Wicomico	275.00	222.42	243.00	201.25	172.26	153.00
Worcester	N/A	235.00	N/A	160.00	153.33	153.00
State Average	483.44	332.43	263.33	304.18	259.76	215.91

Salaries for Child Care Workers in Maryland

Job Title	Average Annual Salary
Family Child Care Provider	\$ 43,465*
Child Care Center Director	\$ 41,656
Center Senior Staff/Teacher	\$ 25,772
Center Aide	\$ 17,715

Source: LOCATE: Child Care database information 06/2024,

**Gross income based on annual fees*

Infant Child Care

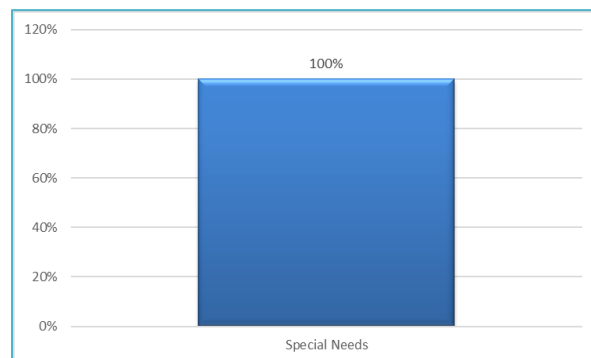
Although regulations permit infants to be cared for in center, most infants in regulated child care are in family child care homes.

JURISDICTION	FAMILY CHILD CARE		CENTER-BASED CARE	
	Licensed to Accept Infants	Willing to Accept Infants	Licensed to Accept Infants	Willing to Accept Infants
Allegany	33	30	18	4
Anne Arundel	300	260	242	66
Baltimore City	389	350	277	121
Baltimore County	505	442	377	135
Calvert	70	63	48	14
Caroline	47	35	8	1
Carroll	80	71	87	30
Cecil	45	43	38	15
Charles	141	122	75	31
Dorchester	39	32	13	6
Frederick	258	243	121	42
Garrett	11	10	10	9
Harford	178	157	96	33
Howard	241	198	187	66
Kent	13	11	8	4
Montgomery	712	654	511	182
Prince George's	559	510	351	117
Queen Anne's	57	52	17	3
St. Mary's	103	99	41	11
Somerset	19	15	7	5
Talbot	27	25	20	7
Washington	111	103	54	16
Wicomico	83	73	34	21
Worcester	20	17	18	6
Total	4041	3615	2658	945

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Maryland State Department of Education's regulations require that a family child care provider have no more than two children under the age of two, including his or her own, who are also under the age of two.

MAJOR REASONS PARENTS COULD NOT FIND CHILD CARE



Source: Maryland Child Care Resource Network Community Line Follow-Up Calls of June 2024 through June 2025.

Total Capacity*

** Providers/programs that were licensed by the Office of Child Care*

JURISDICTION	FAMILY CHILD CARE	CENTER-BASED CARE
Anne Arundel	2308	17682
Allegany	288	902
Baltimore City	3040	14449
Baltimore County	3974	25485
Calvert	573	2348
Caroline	372	399
Carroll	617	5660
Cecil	355	2132
Charles	1071	5014
Dorchester	311	505
Frederick	1975	7696
Garrett	96	294
Harford	1398	7051
Howard	1853	13327
Kent	109	287
Montgomery	5737	40272
Prince George's	4429	21858
Queen Anne's	427	995
Saint Mary's	801	2330
Somerset	151	348
Talbot	215	1181
Washington	864	3502
Wicomico	643	2801
Worcester	154	1002
Total	31761	177520

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**The number of spaces are licensed capacity from Maryland State Department of Education. This does not reflect providers who operate at a lower capacity than for which they are licensed.*

There are 204,663 regulated spaces for children in regulated childcare programs in Maryland.

- There are 1,170,267 children in Maryland under the age of 12.
- There are 635,557 Females in the workforce with children under age 18.

SOURCE: Geolytics Report, the US Census American Community Survey 2023