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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

Maryland is in the Mid-Atlantic region on the east coast of the U.S., bordering Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and West Virginia. It is approximately 9,700 square miles in size, ranking 42 out of America's 50 states, and its population of approximately 6.2 million people places Maryland 18th in population amongst America's 50 states.

Maryland's economy includes technology, biosciences, manufacturing, and international trade. Of the approximately 3.0 million civilian employees, the state employs approximately 2.6 million people via 177,000 businesses. Approximately 82% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (9%), state government (4%) and federal government (6%).

Major employers include the University System of Maryland, Johns Hopkins Health System, Amazon, University of Maryland Medical System, Ahold Dehaize supermarkets (Giant, Food Lion, Martin's), National Institutes of Health, Johns Hopkins University, MedStar Health, Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, Walmart/Sam's Club, U.S. Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Major military employers include Fort George G. Meade, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Fort Detrick Campus, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington. Other federal agencies located in Maryland include the National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Security Agency, Social Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, and Census Bureau.

Maryland ranks 3rd amongst states in educational attainment, with approximately 40% of residents having a Bachelor's degree or higher and 19% with advanced degrees. For public schools, Maryland has approximately 773 elementary schools, 213 middle schools, 182 high schools, 23 vocational-tech schools, 101 combined schools, 47 charter schools, and 93 other schools. Total public school enrollment is 881,000 students. There are 56 institutions of higher education that have a total enrollment of over 360,000 people, including 12 within the University System of Maryland. Of those, 40 are four-year institutions and 16 are two-year institutions².

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	\$205,809
3-4 years	\$152,669
5 years	\$72,489
6-8 years	\$224,287
9-11 years	\$231,904
Total Children	\$887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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	\$19,195	\$71,459	26.9%	2
Anne Arundel	\$27,403	\$136,266	20.1%	4
Baltimore City	\$22,983	\$72,972	31.5%	2
Baltimore Co.	\$25,169	\$109,514	23.0%	3
Calvert	\$23,597	\$145,175	16.3%	4
Caroline	\$15,789	\$75,994	20.8%	4
Carroll	\$23,271	\$132,514	17.6%	4
Cecil	\$18,154	\$103,315	17.6%	4
Charles	\$22,872	\$130,440	17.5%	4
Dorchester	\$16,354	\$74,254	22.0%	3
Frederick	\$25,498	\$135,543	18.8%	4
Garrett	\$14,560	\$81,575	17.8%	4
Harford	\$26,555	\$125,929	21.1%	3
Howard	\$31,799	\$169,085	18.8%	4
Kent	\$19,606	\$103,341	19.0%	4
Montgomery	\$41,210	\$152,137	27.1%	2
Prince George's	\$25,941	\$115,235	22.5%	4
Queen Anne's	\$18,725	\$124,326	15.1%	4
St. Mary's	\$22,432	\$132,926	16.9%	4
Somerset	\$15,286	\$66,255	23.1%	3
Talbot	\$18,618	\$100,321	18.6%	4
Washington	\$17,452	\$90,782	19.2%	4
Wicomico	\$18,575	\$84,504	22.0%	4
Worcester	\$17,749	\$76,689	23.1%	3
Maryland	\$27,922	\$108,773	25.7%	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.

¹ Combined average of full-time care for an infant in a family child care home and a preschooler in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ² Current income as shown in the American Community Survey 2022. ³ Housing costs based on U.S. Bureau of the Census ACS 2022 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; ACS 2021 iTaxes from smartassett.com

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011	2022
0-2 years	215,677	205,809
3-4 years	149,276	152,669
5 years	73,189	72,489
6-8 years	216,607	224,287
9-11 years	224,348	231,904
Total	879,097	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	190,618	185,618
Aged 25-29	197,053	203,202
Aged 30-34	186,004	214,422
Total Aged 20-34	573,675	601,513

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Maryland
2022	
Females	1,618,655
Males	1,713,303
2011	
Females	1,706,926
Males	1,772,418
Change	
Females	-5.2%
Males	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females (16+) with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	422,297	413,845	-2.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	300,213	304,969	1.6%
Total Children 6-17 years old	864,593	880,924	1.9%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	672,897	685,892	1.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Maryland
2022	6,161,707
2021	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	197,840	193,076
Aged 25-29	191,621	200,877
Aged 30-34	175,800	209,952
Total Aged 20-34	565,261	603,905

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	5,598,250	6,035,558
Total number of households	2,128,377	2,318,124
Average household size	2.63	2.60

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	656,740	589,211.0	-10.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	485,688	472,371.0	-2.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	1,428,101		1,525,066		6.8%
Families Below Poverty Level	86,544	6.1%	947,79	6.2%	9.5%
All Families with Children Under 5	272,705		255,956		-6.1%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	32,625	12.0%	29,450	11.5%	-9.7%
All Families w Children Under 18	727,723		7144,70		-1.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	67,644	9.3%	68,942	9.6%	1.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	1,334,938		1,339,515		0.3%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	153,486	11.5%	158,474	11.8%	3.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	47,839	13.3%	431,27	12.3%	-9.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	105,647	10.8%	115,347	11.7%	9.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Housing Information

	2011	%	2022	%
Owner-Occupied housing	1,461,708	68.7%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	666,669	31.3%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$319,800		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,066		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,139		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$41,936
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$25,568
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$17,402

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income	2011	2022
Maryland	\$87,233	\$98,461.00

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Median Household Income ¹ :	2011	2022
Maryland	\$72,419	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households Maryland	
Under \$25,000	15.1%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.8%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.7%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	48.4%	61.6%
Total Households	2,128,377	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Programs	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$267.48	\$372.12
2-4 Years	\$232.56	\$273.60
5 years ¹	\$213.44	\$260.35
School Age Full ²	\$190.73	\$232.82
School Age B/A ³	\$135.78	\$143.41

- Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
- 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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	4,502	35,258
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	2,778	180,406
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	1,830	13,2370
Infant/Toddler	937	8,262
Part-Day	308	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	1,769	117,507
Employer-Sponsored Centers	47	3,389
Nursery Schools	438	N/A
Public Kindergarten	179	N/A
** Head Start	149	6,838
***Early Head Start	44	1,639
****Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	654	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler programs	4,350	9,712

¹Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	773	85
Middle Schools	213	5
Combined	101	446

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	30,718	9,296
Kindergarten	60,986	8,672
Grades 1 - 6	388,058	48,748
Total	479,762	66,716

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Jurisdiction

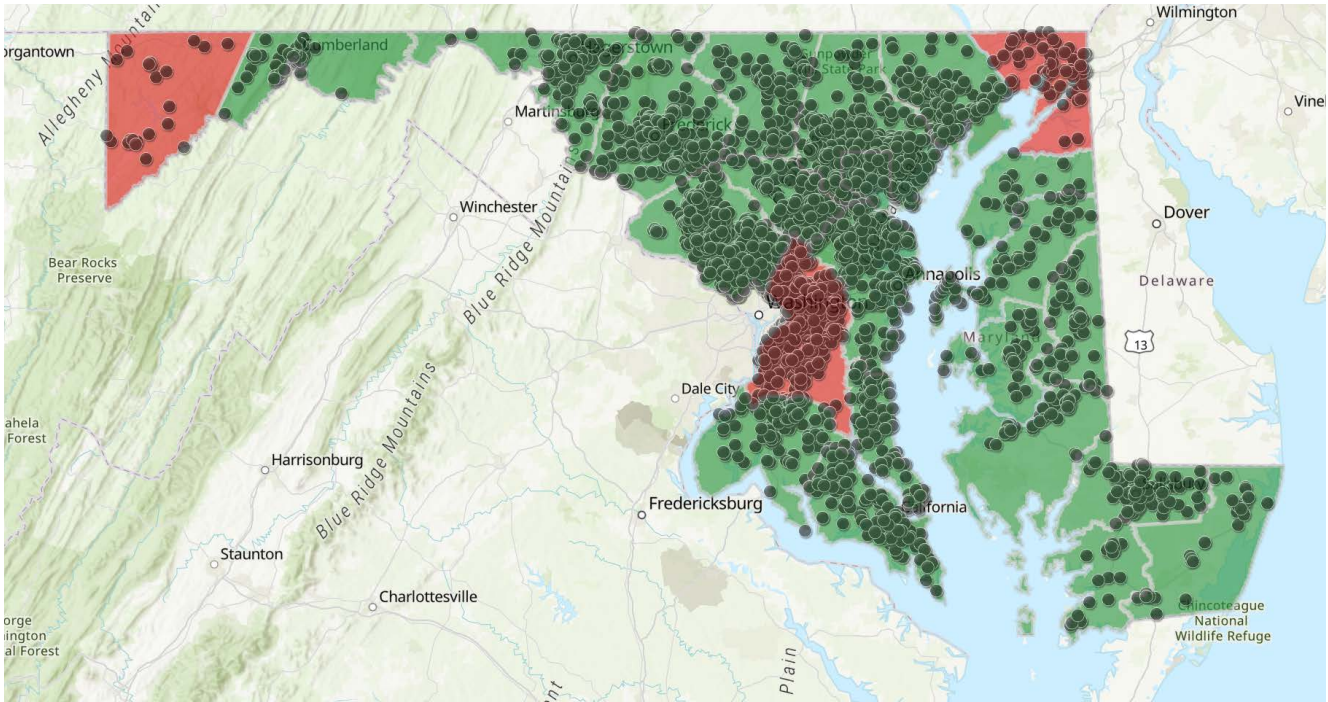
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Maryland as of June 30, 2023.

Jurisdiction	Family Providers	Capacity	8-12 Hour Centers	Capacity
Allegany	39	324	14	770
Anne Arundel	351	2,722	149	12,635
Baltimore City	418	3,242	209	9,314
Baltimore County	572	4,490	280	20,810
Calvert	74	602	33	1,822
Caroline	57	444	7	322
Carroll	93	714	47	4,070
Cecil	60	465	24	1,385
Charles	154	1,183	45	3,559
Dorchester	48	382	11	379
Frederick	270	2,073	70	5,823
Garrett	10	87	9	212
Harford	201	1,576	59	5,216
Howard	264	2,024	123	9,738
Kent	18	142	6	247
Montgomery	779	6,209	368	29,745
Prince Georges	634	5,022	244	17,045
Queen Anne's	64	474	12	821
Saint Mary's	124	962	24	1,639
Somerset	18	138	4	167
Talbot	37	295	16	1,012
Washington	117	912	36	2,435
Wicomico	80	623	29	2,412
Worcester	20	153	11	792
Totals	4,502	35,258	1,830	132,370

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

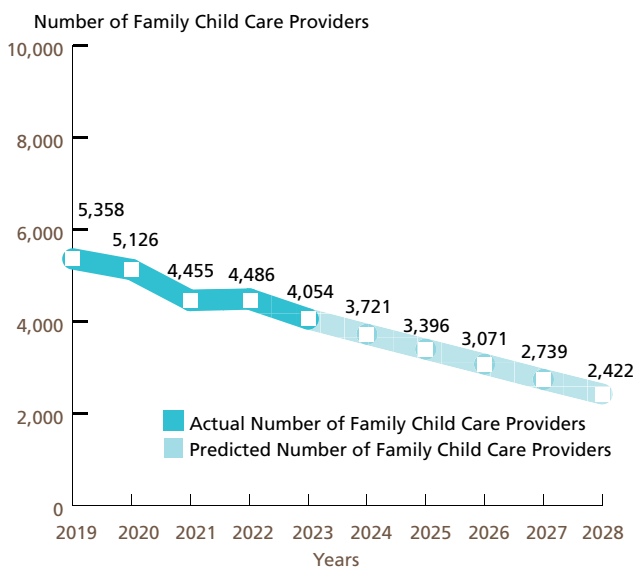
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

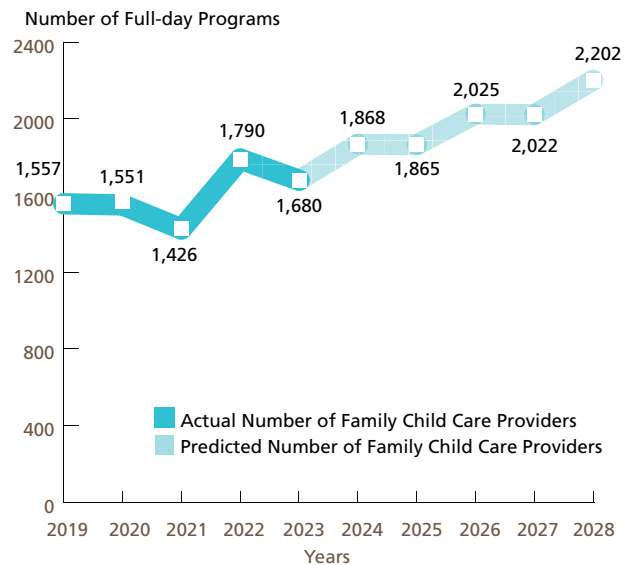


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Maryland 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Maryland 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

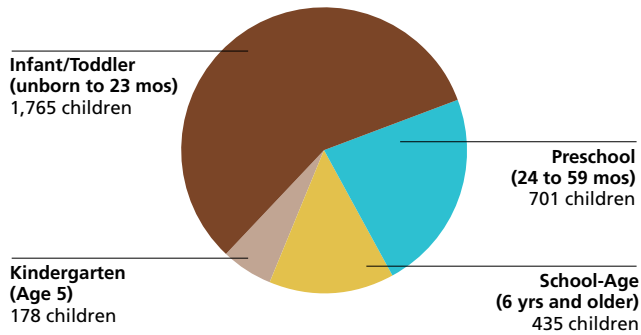


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

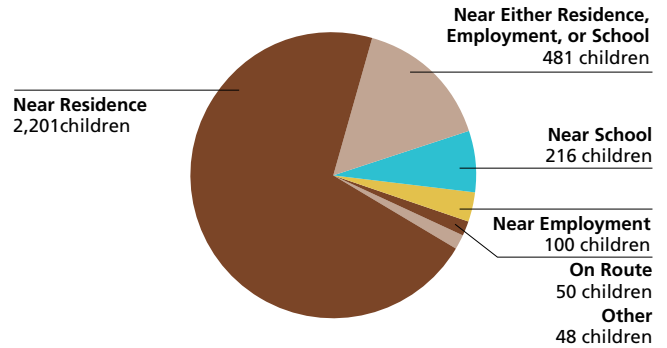
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

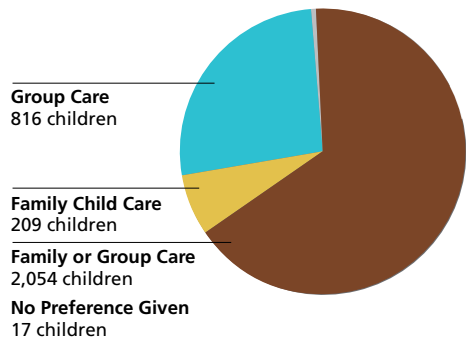
N=3,096



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

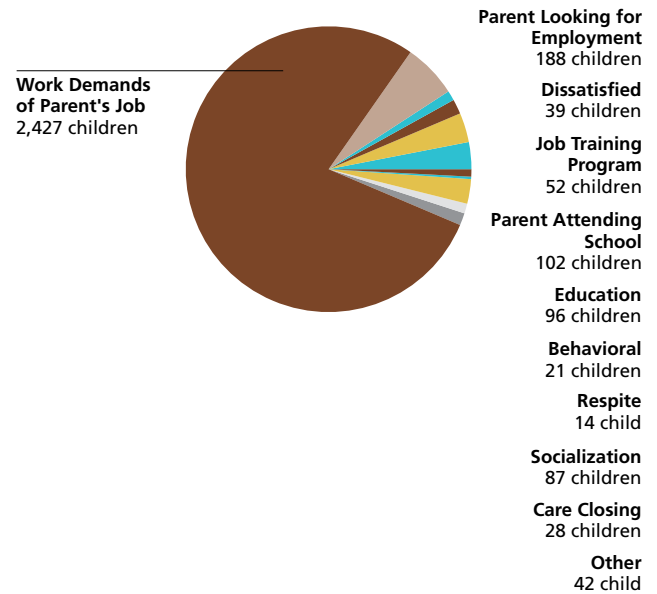
N=3,096



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=3,094



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
3,096 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=3,096

Full-time: 2,388 children

Part-time: 617 children

Other*: 91 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
759 (25% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
1,143 (37% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* 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

1,789 (40% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Maryland

1,091 (60% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Maryland FY23 Allocation (estimated)

\$138,065,136 = 16,693 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹

1,290 (29% of total family child care providers in Maryland)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs

726 (16% of total child care centers in Maryland)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Allegany County is located in Western Maryland between Garrett and Washington counties, and is in similar proximity to Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh. It is approximately 428 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 69,000 people, making it 16th in county population count in the state.

Allegany County's economy includes healthcare, education, and high technology manufacturing. Of the approximately 30,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 27,000 people via 1,500 businesses. Approximately 79% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (11%), state government (9%) and federal government (2%).

Major employers include the Western Maryland Health System, Frostburg State University, American Woodmark, Allegany College of Maryland, CSX Transportation, Rocky Gap Casino Resort, Walmart, and WebstaurantStore.

Approximately 20% of Allegany County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Allegany County has approximately 14 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 3 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 8,000 students. The county is home to Frostburg State University (four-year) and Allegany College of Maryland (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,711
3-4 years	1,347
5 years	781
6-8 years	1,964
9-11 years	2,111
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	7,914

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Allegany is \$71,459⁶. 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	\$19,194.76	27%
Infant ¹	\$7,540.00	
Preschooler ²	\$11,654.76	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$13,920.00	19%
Taxes ⁵	\$15,238.00	21%
Total	\$51,298.76	72%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Allegany County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$140.00	\$150.00
2-4 Years	\$131.67	\$150.00
5 Years ¹	\$131.67	\$150.00
School Age Full ²	\$131.67	\$150.00
School Age B/A ³	\$106.67	\$41.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
Allegheny	Maryland	Allegheny	Maryland	
0-2 years	2,163	215,677	1,711	205,809
3-4 years	1,258	149,276	1,347	152,669
5 years	622	73,189	781	72,489
6-8 years	2,125	216,607	1,964	224,287
9-11 years	2,219	224,348	2,111	231,904
Total	8,387	879,097	7,914	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	2,928	2,646
Aged 25-29	1,751	1,658
Aged 30-34	1,662	1,599
Total Aged 20-34	6,341	5,903

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Allegheny	Maryland
2022		
Females	13,014	1,618,655
Males	15,503	1,713,303
2011		
Females	17,717	1,706,926
Males	19,097	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-26.5%	-5.2%
Males	-18.8%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females (16+) with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	3,642	3,705	1.7%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	2,561	2,305	-10.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	8,584	7,675	-10.6%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	6,546	5,252	-19.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Allegheny	Maryland
2022	68,161	6,161,707
2021	68,684	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	3,532	3,186
Aged 25-29	2,699	2,357
Aged 30-34	2,585	2,505
Total Aged 20-34	8,816	8,048

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	66,924	60,951
Total number of households	28,596	27,462
Average household size	2.34	2.22

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	6501	5,381	-17.2%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	4775	3,863	-19.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	17,781		15,770		-11.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,700	9.6%	1,516	9.6%	-10.8%
All Families with Children Under 5	2,433		2,468		1.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	524	21.5%	546	22.1%	4.2%
All Families w Children Under 18	7,130		6,597		-7.5%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,213	17.0%	1,099	16.7%	-9.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	12,773		11,740		-8.1%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,480	19.4%	2,015	17.2%	-18.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	751	23.1%	688	23.0%	-8.4%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,729	18.2%	1,327	15.2%	-23.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Allegany	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	47,914		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	43,387	90.6%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	9,979	20.8%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Allegany	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	17,781	15,770	-11.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	2,347	2,699	15.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	6,501	6,097	-6.2%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Allegheny County) ¹	\$71,236
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ⁴	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ⁴	\$25,568
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Allegheny	\$71,459
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Allegheny	\$55,248
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

	Percent Households	
	Allegheny	Maryland
Under \$25,000	23.1%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	23.3%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.6%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	36.0%	61.6%
Total Households	27,462	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Housing Information

	Allegheny	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	19,252	70.1%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	8,210	29.9%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$143,300		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,160		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$743		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Unemployment Rate

	Allegheny	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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	39	324
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	21	1,028
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	14	770
Infant/Toddler	69	802
Part-Day	3	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	12	646
Employer-Sponsored Centers	1	20
Nursery Schools	5	N/A
Public Kindergarten	13	N/A
** Head Start	6	277
***Early Head Start	1	42
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	13	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	39	79

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	14	1
Middle Schools	4	0
Combined	0	6

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	459	32
Kindergarten	566	68
Grades 1 - 6	3,522	376
Total	4,547	476

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022. Private schools include MSDE approved schools and those operated by a tax-exempt religious organization which hold a letter of exemption from approval in accordance with State law.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by School District

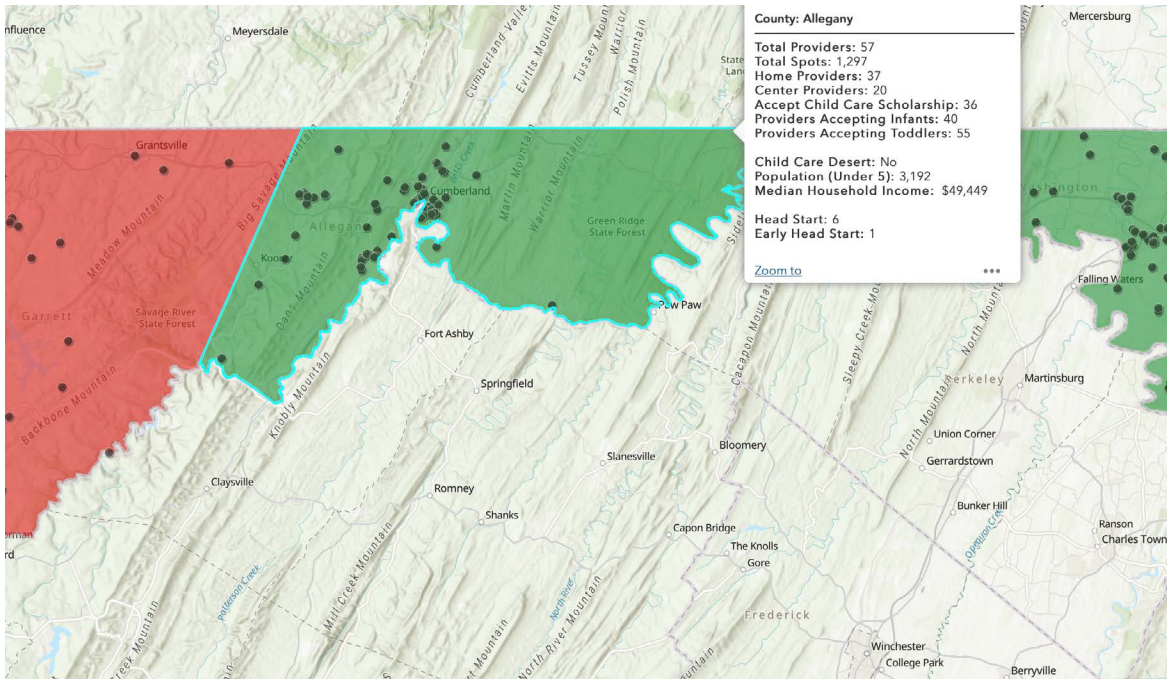
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Allegany as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Beall	4	10.3%	3	21.4%
Bel Air	2	5.1%	0	0.0%
Cash Valley	1	2.6%	2	14.3%
Cresaptown	5	12.8%	1	7.1%
Flintstone	1	2.6%	0	0.0%
Frost	1	2.6%	1	7.1%
George'S Creek	1	2.6%	0	0.0%
John Humbird	4	10.3%	0	0.0%
North East	1	2.6%	0	0.0%
Northeast	6	15.4%	2	14.3%
Parkside	2	5.1%	1	7.1%
South Penn	8	20.5%	0	0.0%
West Side	3	7.7%	3	21.4%
Westernport	0	0.0%	1	7.1%
Totals	39	100.0%	14	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

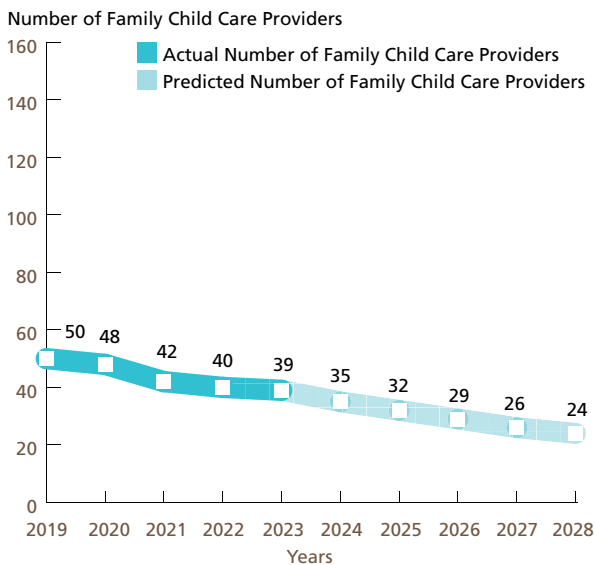
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

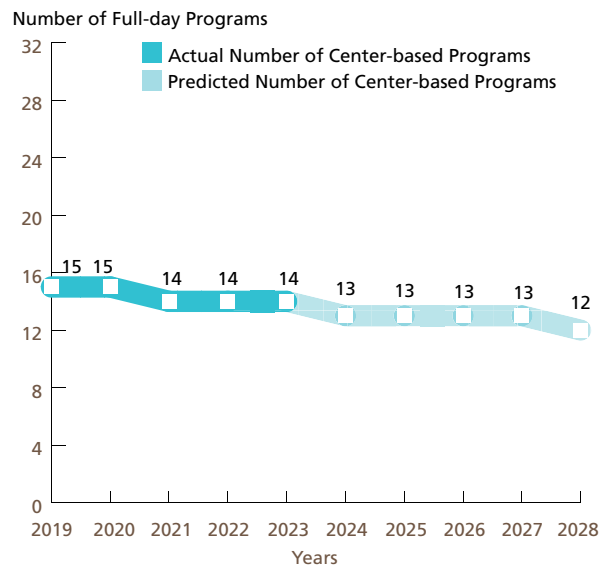


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Allegany 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Allegany 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

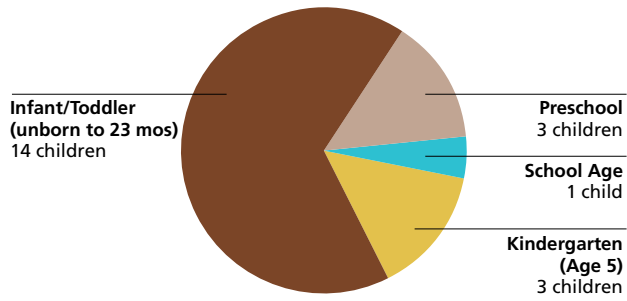


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

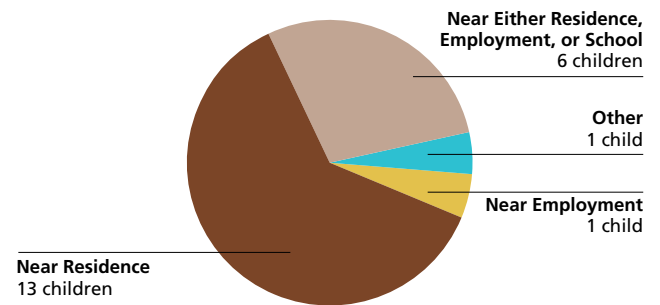
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

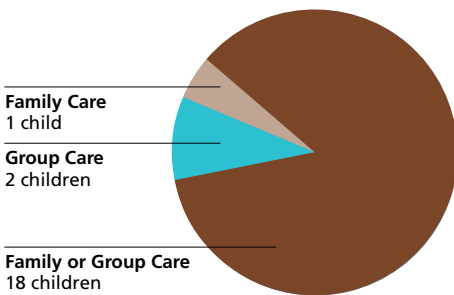
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

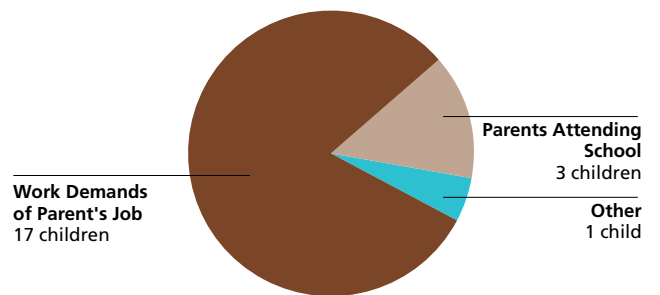
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=21



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
21 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=21

Full-time: 19 children

Part-time: 1 child

Other: 1 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
7 (33% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
10 (48% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Environment	1
Program	1
Caregiver	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Allegany County
23 (59% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Allegany County
10 (71% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Allegany County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$1,454,240

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
7 (18% of total family child care providers in Allegany)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
2 (14.29% of total child care centers in Allegany)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Anne Arundel County is located South of Baltimore and bordered by Baltimore City and Baltimore, Howard, Prince George’s, and Calvert Counties, with the Chesapeake Bay on its eastern border. It includes Annapolis, the Capital of Maryland. It is approximately 418 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 584,000 people, making it 4th in county population count in the state.

Anne Arundel County’s economy includes transportation, defense, telecommunications, retail, and warehousing and distribution. Of the approximately 305,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 259,000 people via 16,000 businesses. Approximately 87% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services. The rest are in local government (3%), state government (4%) and federal government (6%).

Major employers include Fort George G. Meade, at which several federal agencies are located, Northrup Grumman, Luminis Health, Southwest Airlines, UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center, U.S. Naval Academy/Naval Activity Support, Live! Casino, Amazon, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., Allegis Group, Anne Arundel Community College, DXC Technologies, Raytheon Technologies, and Jacobs.

Approximately 43% of Anne Arundel County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Anne Arundel County has approximately 81 elementary schools, 21 middle or combined schools, 13 high schools, 2 career/tech schools, and 2 charter schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 84,000 students. The county is home to St. John’s College and U.S. Naval Academy (four-year) and Anne Arundel Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	19,660
3-4 years	15,618
5 years	7,045
6-8 years	22,530
9-11 years	22,244
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	87,097

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Anne Arundel is \$136,266⁶. 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	\$27,403.48	20%
Infant ¹	\$13,591.24	
Preschooler ²	\$13,812.24	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$28,488.00	21%
Taxes ⁵	\$34,306.00	25%
Total	\$93,143.48	68%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Anne Arundel County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$288.03	\$418.89
2-4 Years	\$248.74	\$318.99
5 Years ¹	\$231.43	\$308.96
School Age Full ²	\$203.66	\$352.04
School Age B/A ³	\$141.00	\$165.12

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Anne Arundel	Maryland	Anne Arundel	Maryland
0-2 years	20,815	215,677	19,660	205,809
3-4 years	13,321	149,276	15,618	152,669
5 years	7,124	73,189	7,045	72,489
6-8 years	20,895	216,607	22,530	224,287
9-11 years	20,346	224,348	22,244	231,904
Total	82,501	879,097	87,097	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	15,726	16,236
Aged 25-29	17,956	18,673
Aged 30-34	17,188	21,473
Total Aged 20-34	50,870	56,382

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Anne Arundel	Maryland
2022		
Females	152,463	1,618,655
Males	172,092	1,713,303
2011		
Females	155,494	1,706,926
Males	172,608	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-1.9%	-5.2%
Males	-0.3%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	40,128	41,074	2.4%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	26,956	29,687	10.1%
Total Children 6-17 years old	78,681	85,312	8.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	59,439	66,246	11.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Anne Arundel	Maryland
2022	588,109	6,161,707
2021	584,064	6,148,545
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, 2021

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	19,565	18,537
Aged 25-29	18,197	19,924
Aged 30-34	16,918	21,504
Total Aged 20-34	54,680	59,965

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	516,105	577,602
Total number of households	197,348	221,704
Average household size	2.62	2.61

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	62,057	59,968	-3.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	44,943	47,154	4.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	138,085		152,630		10.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	5,102	3.7%	6,233	4.1%	22.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	27,021		26,354		-2.5%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	2,073	7.7%	2,070	7.9%	-0.1%
All Families w Children Under 18	67,931		70,464		3.7%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	4,003	5.9%	4,553	6.5%	13.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	122,709		130,323		6.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	9,108	7.4%	9,685	7.4%	6.3%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	2,806	8.3%	2,680	7.7%	-4.5%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	6,302	7.1%	7,005	7.3%	11.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Anne Arundel	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	409,052		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	382,651	93.5%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	180,512	44.1%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Anne Arundel	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	138,085	152,630	10.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	26,839	27,991	4.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	62,057	64,675	4.2%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (AA County) ¹	\$75,294
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$38,172
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$40,263
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$31,309
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$22,084

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Anne Arundel	\$136,266
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Anne Arundel	\$116,009
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Anne Arundel	Maryland
Under \$25,000	7.2%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	9.9%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.6%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	70.3%	61.6%
Total Households	221,704	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Anne Arundel	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	166,367	75.0%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	55,337	25.0%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$432,000		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,374		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,908		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	351	2,722
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	245	17,864
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	147	12,635
Infant/Toddler	5	27
Part-Day	37	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	154	11,456
Employer-Sponsored Centers	4	315
Nursery Schools	45	N/A
Public Kindergarten	48	N/A
**Head Start	4	316
***Early Head Start	1	85
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	48	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	342	764

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	81	7
Middle Schools	19	2
Combined	2	32

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	2,394	1,360
Kindergarten	5,966	852
Grades 1 - 6	37,546	6,320
Total	45,906	8,532

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE. *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

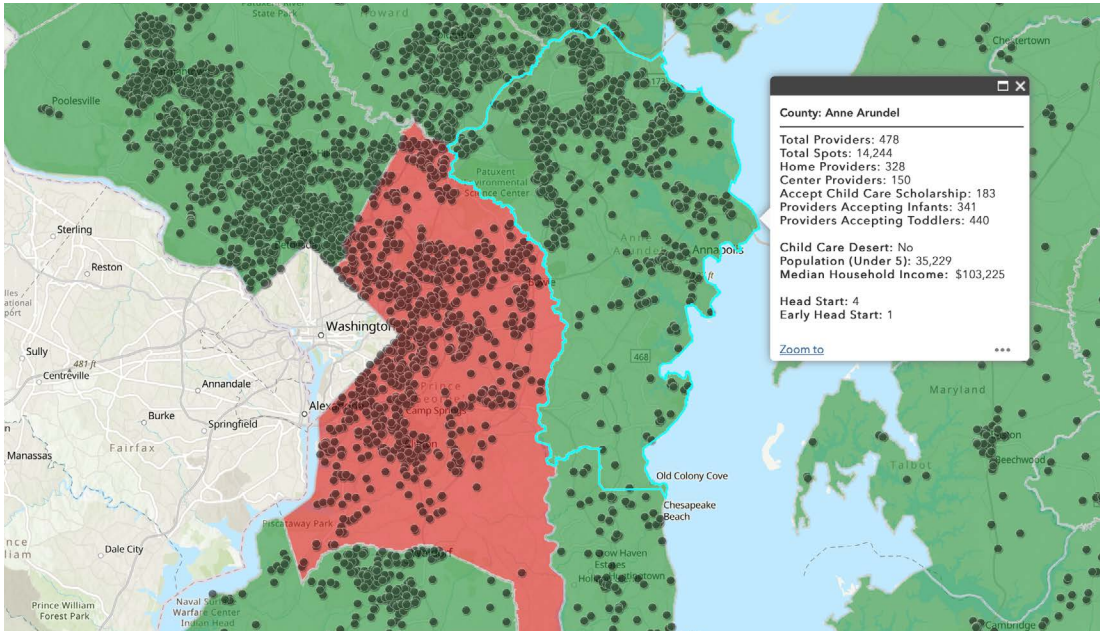
Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Community/Zip Code

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, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Annapolis 21401	13	3.7%	19	12.8%
Annapolis 21403	7	2.0%	4	2.7%
Annapolis 21409	17	4.8%	4	2.7%
Annapolis Junction 20701	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Arnold 21012	13	3.7%	5	3.4%
Baltimore 21225	2	0.6%	3	2.0%
Baltimore 21226	1	0.3%	1	0.7%
Brooklyn Park 21225	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Churchton 20733	4	1.1%	0	0.0%
Crofton 21113	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crofton 21114	11	3.1%	3	2.0%
Crownsville 21032	3	0.9%	3	2.0%
Davidsonville 21035	2	0.6%	6	4.0%
Deale 20751	1	0.3%	1	0.7%
Dunkirk 20754	2	0.6%	0	0.0%
Edgewater 21037	8	2.3%	6	4.0%
Edgewater 21401	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Fort Meade 20755	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Friendship 20758	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Galesville 20765	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Gambrills 21054	7	2.0%	13	8.7%
Glen Burnie 21060	24	6.8%	3	2.0%
Glen Burnie 21061	46	13.1%	11	7.4%
Hanover 21076	14	4.0%	10	6.7%
Harwood 20776	1	0.3%	1	0.7%
Jessup 20794	4	1.1%	1	0.7%
Laurel 20724	15	4.3%	2	1.3%
Linthicum 21090	8	1.4%	2	1.3%
Linthicum Heights 21090	3	0.9%	3	2.0%
Linthicum Heights 21225	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lothian 20711	2	0.6%	2	1.3%
Millersville 21108	16	4.6%	3	2.0%
Odenton 21113	23	6.6%	9	6.0%
Pasadena 21122	41	11.7%	17	11.4%
Riva 21140	4	1.1%	0	0.0%
Severn 21144	38	10.8%	3	2.0%
Severna Park 21146	15	4.3%	10	6.7%
Shady Side 20764	7	2.0%	0	0.0%
Tracys Landing 20779	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Totals	351	100.0%	149	100.0%

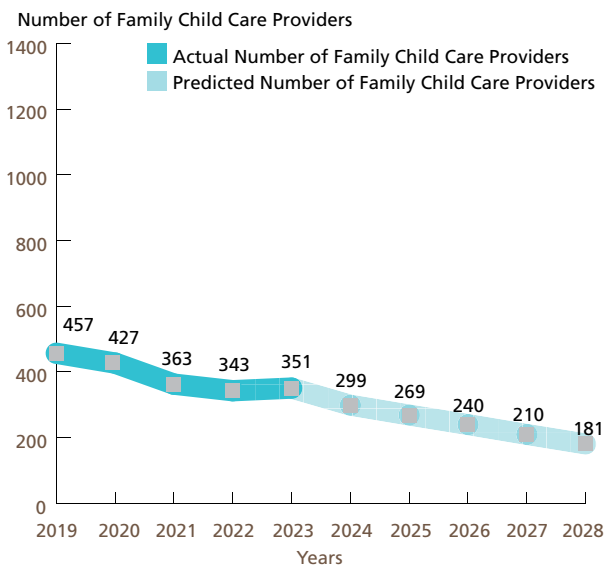
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

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.

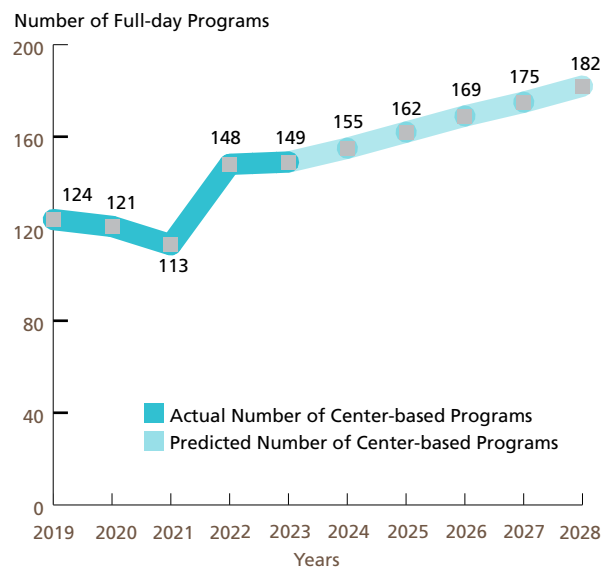


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Anne Arundel 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Anne Arundel 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



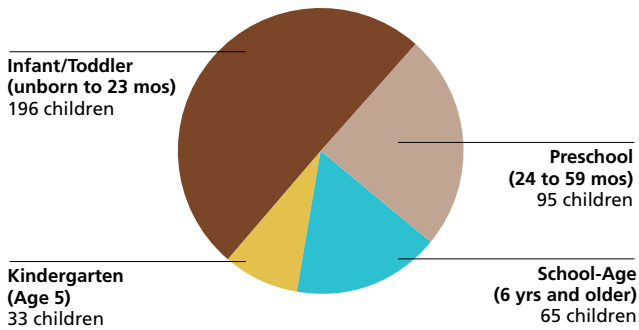
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

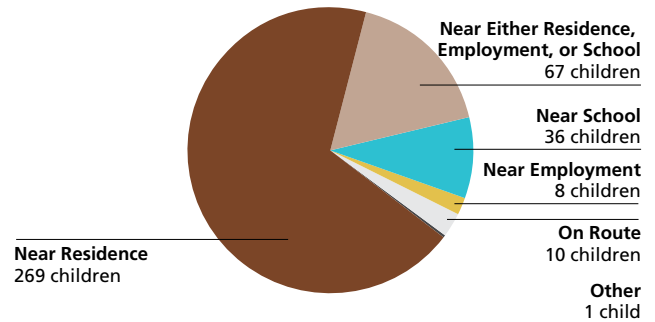
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

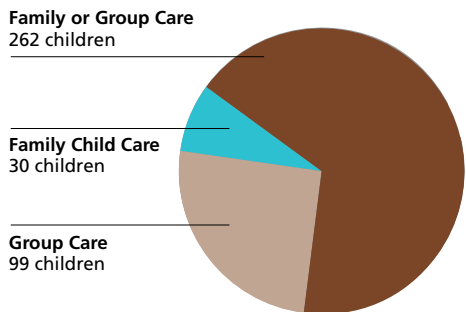
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

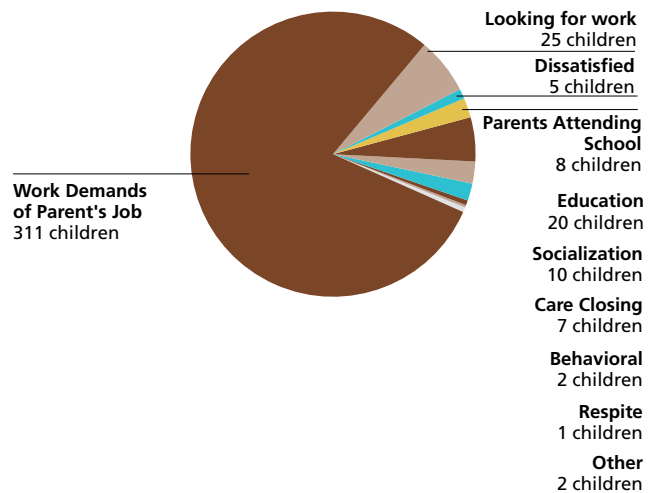
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=390



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
391 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N=391

Full-time: 300 children

Part-time: 82 children

Other*: 9 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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
105 (27% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
18 (5% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23)

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Care in Anne Arundel County

Factor	Count
Proximity	23
Environment	10
Cost	12
Hours	11
Caregiver	10
Program	10
Escort	3
Vacancy	2
Transportation	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Anne Arundel County
111 (27% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Anne Arundel County
75 (50% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Anne Arundel County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$11,772,632

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
116 (33% of total family child care providers in Anne Arundel)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
50 (34% of total child care centers in Anne Arundel)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Baltimore City Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Baltimore City is located South of Baltimore and bordered by Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties. It is approximately 80 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 592,000 people, making it 5th in city/county population count in the state.

Baltimore City's economy includes financial and professional services, health and bioscience technology, culture and tourism, information and creative services, logistics, and advanced manufacturing. Though the city has approximately 262,000 civilian employees, it employs approximately 340,000 people via 14,000 businesses. Approximately 80% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in education and health services, and professional and business services. The rest are in local government (7%), state government (10%) and federal government (3%).

Major employers include Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland Medical System, University system of Maryland, MedStar Health, LifeBridge Health, Mercy Health Services, Amazon, Exelon, Kennedy Krieger Institute, and St. Agnes HealthCare.

Approximately 34% of Baltimore City residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Baltimore City has approximately 22 elementary schools, 74 middle or combined schools, 16 high schools, 4 career/tech schools, and 30+ charter schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 76,000 students. The city is home to Coppin State University, Johns Hopkins University, Loyola University Maryland, Maryland Institute College of the Arts, Morgan State University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, University of Baltimore, and University of Maryland, Baltimore (four-year) and Baltimore City Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	20,832
3-4 years	14,579
5 years	7,214
6-8 years	18,352
9-11 years	19,631
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	80,608

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Baltimore City is \$72,972⁶. 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	\$ 22,982.96	31%
Infant ¹	\$10,483.20	
Preschooler ²	\$12,499.76	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$ 20,088.00	28%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 15,752.00	22%
Total	\$ 38,786.00	53%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Baltimore City	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$ 199.29	\$ 294.36
2-4 years	\$ 167.28	\$ 226.22
5 years ¹	\$ 166.46	\$ 241.08
School Age Full ²	\$ 157.03	\$ 202.09
School Age B/A ³	\$ 111.96	\$ 158.67

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Baltimore City	Maryland	Baltimore City	Maryland
0-2 years	25,757	215,677	20,832	205,809
3-4 years	15,577	149,276	14,579	152,669
5 years	7,642	73,189	7,214	72,489
6-8 years	19,989	216,607	18,352	224,287
9-11 years	21,671	224,348	19,631	231,904
Total	90,636	879,097	80,608	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	28,983	20,335
Aged 25-29	30,151	28,124
Aged 30-34	23,067	28,463
Total Aged 20-34	82,201	76,922

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Baltimore City	Maryland
2022		
Females	155,722	1,618,655
Males	140,948	1,713,303
2011		
Females	183,722	1,706,926
Males	165,590	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-15.2%	-5.2%
Males	-14.9%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	45,488	40,717	-10.5%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	31,935	29,426	-7.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	76,496	69,756	-8.8%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	57,878	49,387	-14.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Baltimore City	Maryland
2022	584,548	6,161,707
2021	592,211	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	26,041	18,013
Aged 25-29	26,698	25,436
Aged 30-34	21,229	26,014
Total Aged 20-34	73,968	69,463

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	596,748	562,695
Total number of households	238,959	247,232
Average household size	2.50	2.28

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	54,011	42,780	-20.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	38,853	32,752	-15.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	127,029		119,434		-6.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	22,435	17.7%	17,339	14.5%	-22.7%
All Families with Children Under 5	28,103		22,119		-21.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	8,634	30.7%	5,342	24.2%	-38.1%
All Families w Children Under 18	67,654		56,072		-17.1%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	17,592	26.0%	12,489	22.3%	-29.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	133,208		117,646		-11.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	42,547	31.9%	30,324	25.8%	-28.7%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	13,469	33.2%	8,611	24.6%	-36.1%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	29,078	31.4%	21,713	26.3%	-25.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Baltimore City	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	410,221		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	357,146	87.1%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	143,174	34.9%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Baltimore City	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	127,029	119,434	-6.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	24,405	21,476	-12.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	54,011	47,392	-12.3%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Baltimore City) ¹	\$77,769
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$28,151
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$34,856
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$23,253
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$18,153

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Baltimore City	\$72,972
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Baltimore City	\$58,349
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Baltimore City	Maryland
Under \$25,000	24.4%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	19.5%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.4%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	39.7%	61.6%
Total Households	247,232	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Baltimore City	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	118,072	47.8%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	129,160	52.2%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$202,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,674		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,235		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	418	3,242
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	304	14,417
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	209	9,314
Infant/Toddler	69	802
Part-Day	12	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	157	6,825
Employer-Sponsored Centers	6	433
Nursery Schools	22	N/A
Public Kindergarten	113	N/A
**Head Start	43	2,755
***Early Head Start	5	362
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	113	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	400	811

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFNLOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	22	10
Middle Schools	3	1
Combined	71	38

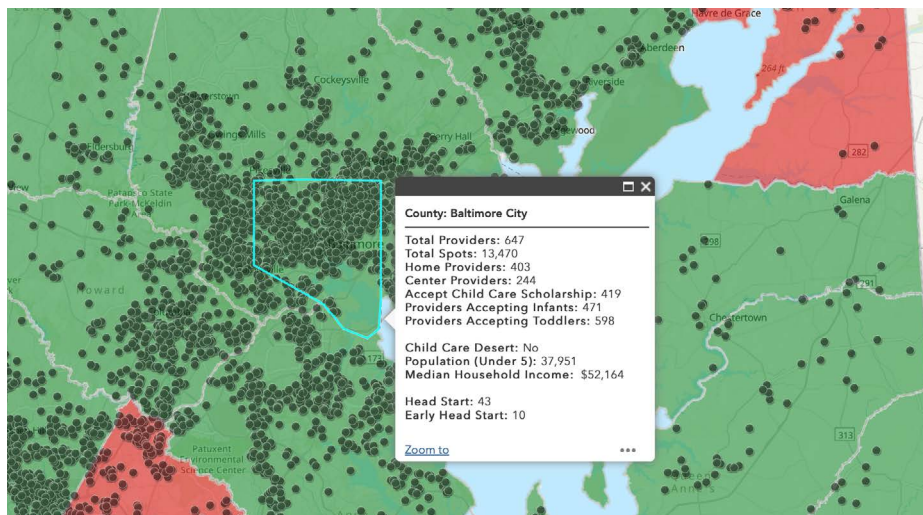
Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	3,767	339
Kindergarten	5,470	796
Grades 1 - 6	33,746	4,137
Total	42,983	5,272

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

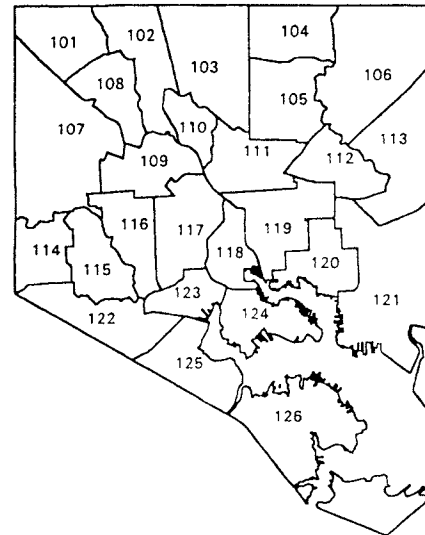
Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.



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, 2023.

	Family Child Care	% of Total	Center Child Care	% of Total
101 Upper Park Heights	16	3.8%	9	4.3%
102 Mount Washington	3	0.7%	3	1.4%
103 Roland Park	3	0.7%	13	6.2%
104 Chinquapin	38	9.1%	5	2.4%
105 Govans-Northwood	32	7.7%	9	4.3%
106 Hamilton	43	10.3%	13	6.2%
107 Forest Park	25	6.0%	18	8.6%
108 Lower Park Heights	14	3.3%	8	3.8%
109 Druid Hill	12	2.9%	4	1.9%
110 Hampden	1	0.2%	1	0.5%
111 Waverly	10	2.4%	9	4.3%
112 Clifton	28	6.7%	7	3.3%
113 Gardenville	40	9.6%	17	8.1%
114 Ten Hills	18	4.3%	2	1.0%
115 Irvington	17	4.1%	9	4.3%
116 Rosemont	21	5.0%	12	5.7%
117 West Baltimore	28	6.7%	13	6.2%
118 Metrocenter	0	0.0%	13	6.2%
119 East Baltimore	22	5.3%	9	4.3%
120 Highlandtown	17	4.1%	10	4.8%
121 Canton	3	0.7%	4	1.9%
122 Morrell Park	6	1.4%	3	1.4%
123 Carroll Park	3	0.7%	0	0.0%
124 South Baltimore	2	0.5%	8	3.8%
125 Cherry Hill	12	2.9%	1	0.5%
126 Brooklyn	0	0.0%	2	1.0%
Totals	418	100%	209	100.0%

Supply of Regulated Child Care

Overview of Child Care in Baltimore

Family Child Care

Providers willing to accept infants (0-11 months):	371
Providers willing to accept infants (12-23 months):	377
Providers willing to accept school-age children before and/or after school:	326
Providers willing to accept half-day children before and/or after preschool or kindergarten:	325
Providers willing to accept CCS1 vouchers from the Baltimore City Department of Social Services:	308
Providers willing to offer evening, overnight and/or weekend care:	207
Providers who serve meals:	338
Providers who have experience caring for a child with special needs:	282
Total Number of Family Child Care Providers:*	409

Group Child Care

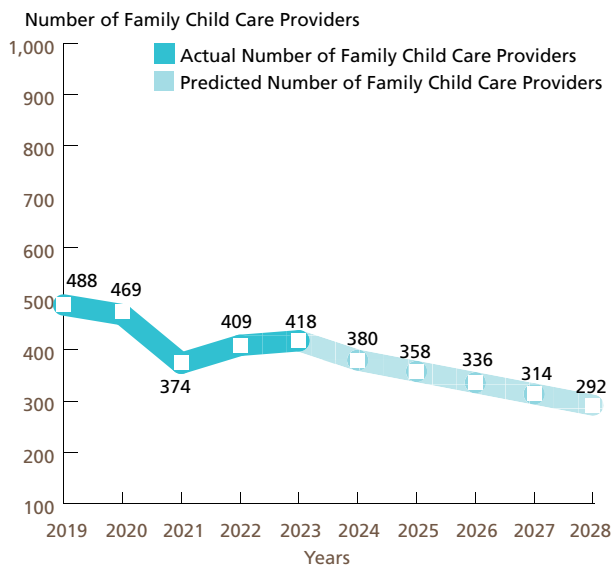
Programs willing to accept infants (0-11 months):	116
Programs willing to accept infants (12-23 months):	117
Programs willing to accept school-age children before and/or after school:	117
Programs willing to accept half-day children before and/or after preschool or kindergarten:	99
Programs willing to accept CCS1 vouchers from the Baltimore City Department of Social Services:	150
Programs willing to offer evening, overnight and/or weekend care:	39
Programs who serve meals:	151
Programs who have experience caring for a child with special needs:	136
Total Number of Group Child Care Providers:*	283

¹Child Care Scholarship

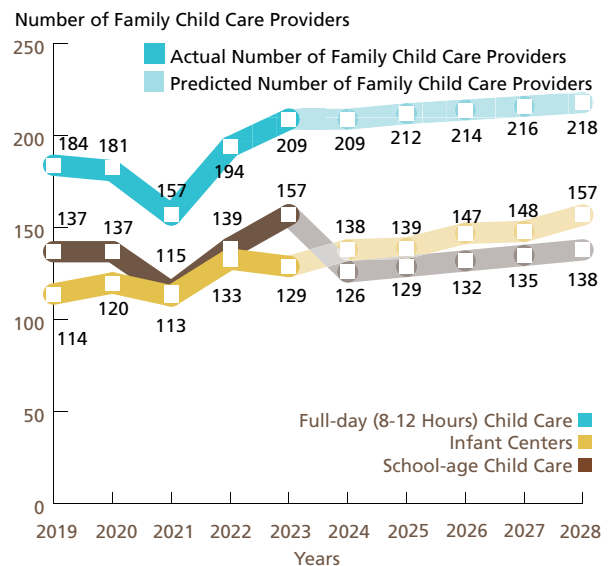
*Numbers do not total because providers may offer more than one type of service. Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Baltimore 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Baltimore 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



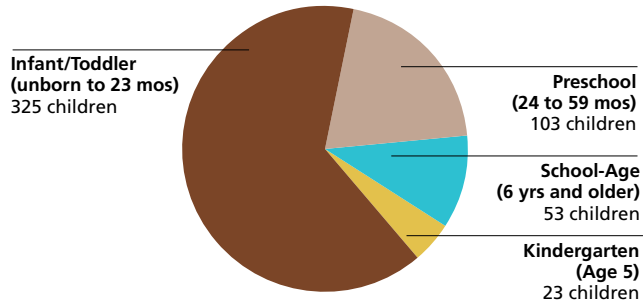
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand of Regulated Child Care

Children Served by Age

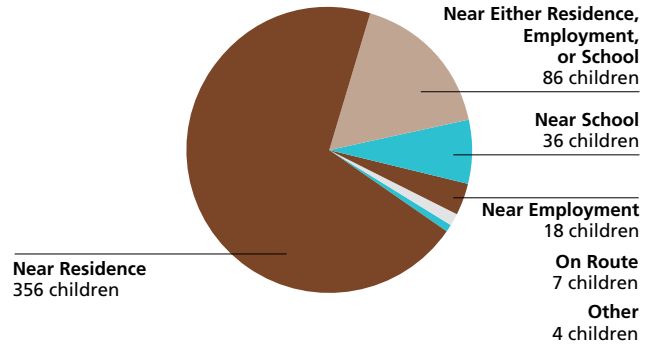
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

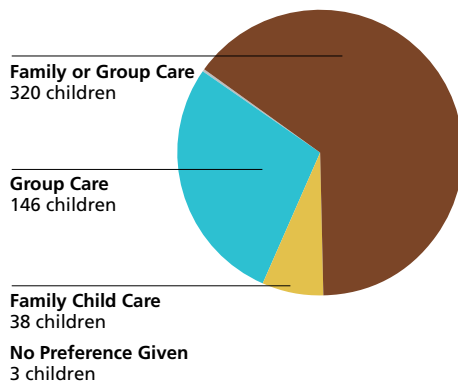
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

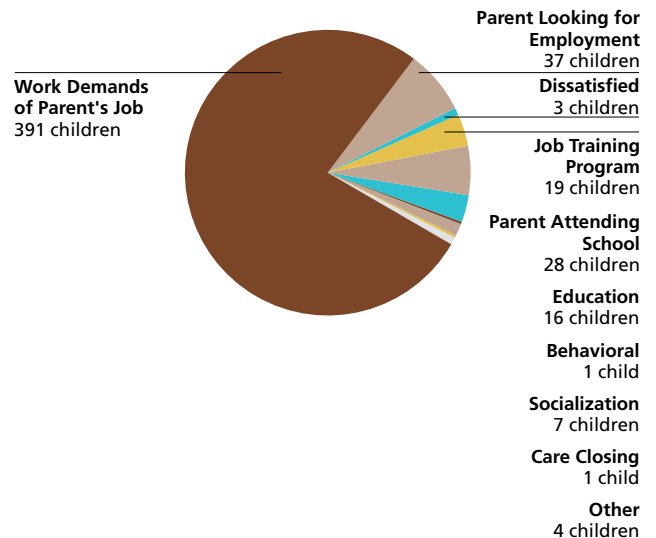
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=507



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
507 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=507

Full-time: 404 children

Part-time: 89 children

Other*: 14 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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
108 (21% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
215 (42% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Environment	16
Proximity	16
Program	10
Cost	12
Caregiver	9
Hours	9
Vacancy	2
Escort	2

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore City
310 (74% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore City
137 (66% of total child care centers)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Baltimore City FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$16,857,546 = 2,375 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
144 (34% of total family child care providers in Baltimore)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
73 (66% of total child care centers in Baltimore)

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.

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.	%
ALL REGIONS	\$58,349	198.87	18%	192.27	17%	170.46	15%	159.49	14%	100.4	9%	99.22	9%
Canton	\$80,984	205	13%	180	12%	158.33	10%	158.33	10%	100	6%	80	5%
Carroll Park	\$43,866	283.33	34%	266.67	32%	216.33	26%	198.33	24%	158.33	19%	151.67	18%
Cherry Hill	\$66,334	207	16%	188	15%	174.55	14%	168.41	13%	101.5	8%	100.5	8%
Chinquapin	\$88,679	217.97	13%	212.36	12%	184.51	11%	172.9	10%	104.6	6%	105.18	6%
Clifton	\$44,121	184.38	22%	178.13	21%	149.25	18%	143.63	17%	87.14	10%	90.68	11%
Druid Hill	\$54,657	191.33	18%	182.22	17%	178.5	17%	166.75	16%	102.22	10%	111	11%
East Baltimore	\$65,562	216.8	17%	211.71	17%	184.18	15%	166.75	13%	113.16	9%	107.5	9%
Forest Park	\$42,632	193.84	24%	192.25	23%	172.73	21%	161.74	20%	90.77	11%	95.31	12%
Gardenville	\$58,621	182.5	16%	175.3	16%	161.71	14%	149	13%	100.62	9%	99.21	9%
Govans/Northwood	\$47,150	201.25	22%	191.79	21%	168.1	19%	157.24	17%	110.65	12%	104.42	12%
Hamilton	\$79,835	200.76	13%	194.41	13%	167.5	11%	156.99	10%	91.88	6%	94.06	6%
Hampden	\$74,430	275	19%	275	19%	250	17%	250	17%	0	0%	0	0%
Highlandtown	\$80,984	208.92	13%	196.92	13%	175.67	11%	165.27	11%	89.23	6%	94.23	6%
Irvington	\$48,725	183.07	20%	177.73	19%	160.06	17%	151.09	16%	106.54	11%	105	11%
Lower Park Heights	\$44,679	179.58	21%	175	20%	151.92	18%	146.92	17%	106.11	12%	98.5	11%
Morrell Park	\$88,962	168.33	10%	161.67	9%	191.25	11%	173.75	10%	141.67	8%	120	7%
Mount Washington	\$64,544	217.5	18%	217.5	18%	205	17%	156	13%	87.5	7%	87.5	7%
Roland Park	\$106,925	375	18%	375	18%	375	18%	220	11%	80	4%	80	4%
Rosemont	\$53,506	174.44	17%	169.72	16%	147.67	14%	135.4	13%	90	9%	89.67	9%
South Baltimore	\$88,962	400	23%	400	23%	287.5	17%	277.5	16%	125	7%	150	9%
Ten Hills	\$48,725	198.82	21%	198.61	21%	173.33	18%	166.39	18%	93.93	10%	89.64	10%
Upper Park Heights	\$42,357	193.18	24%	187.92	23%	172.83	21%	169.08	21%	115.45	14%	107	13%
Waverly	\$56,250	194.67	18%	184.67	17%	162.78	15%	158.33	15%	98.67	9%	98.67	9%
West Baltimore	\$87,321	195.87	12%	190.43	11%	167.68	10%	152.2	9%	95.68	6%	91.3	5%

*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, 6/23. 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	\$58,349	309.01	28%	298.2	27%	241.72	22%	216.62	19%	119.02	11%	122.49	11%
Brooklyn	\$43,707	225	27%	225	27%	200	24%	187.5	22%	130	15%	130	15%
Canton	\$80,984	250	16%	250	16%	230	15%	226.67	15%	150	10%	125	8%
Cherry Hill	\$66,334	325	25%	325	25%	275	22%	212.5	17%	175	14%	175	14%
Chinquapin	\$88,679	300	18%	300	18%	229	13%	179	10%	69	4%	97	6%
Clifton	\$44,121	291.75	34%	260.5	31%	193.88	23%	183.96	22%	92.85	11%	99.21	12%
Druid Hill	\$54,657	285	27%	272.5	26%	210	20%	190	18%	95	9%	118.33	11%
East Baltimore	\$65,562	353.73	28%	325.53	26%	286.01	23%	242.02	19%	83.33	7%	88.63	7%
Forest Park	\$42,632	283.75	35%	273.56	33%	205.17	25%	186.17	23%	120.42	15%	121.25	15%
Gardenville	\$58,621	261.82	23%	257.27	23%	198.62	18%	183.48	16%	132.58	12%	126.36	11%
Govans/Northwood	\$47,150	265	29%	265	29%	195.33	22%	187	21%	105	12%	130	14%
Hamilton	\$79,835	234.67	15%	209.33	14%	183.3	12%	170.75	11%	110.2	7%	110.2	7%
Hampden	\$74,430	393	27%	393	27%	295	21%	295	21%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Highlandtown	\$80,984	406.33	26%	411.2	26%	318.32	20%	273.99	18%	72	5%	72	5%
Irvington	\$48,725	280.83	30%	268.33	29%	213.57	23%	181.07	19%	129.14	14%	132	14%
Lower Park Heights	\$44,679	311.8	36%	311.8	36%	233	27%	223.08	26%	128.75	15%	135.6	16%
Metro Center	\$66,970	344.8	27%	341.23	26%	282.65	22%	237.77	18%	135	10%	180.5	14%
Morrell Park	\$88,962	275	16%	275	16%	205	12%	179.17	10%	141.67	8%	141.67	8%
Mount Washington	\$64,544	449	36%	449	36%	413.72	33%	321	26%	100	8%	100	8%
Roland Park	\$106,925	559.33	27%	559.33	27%	337.12	16%	330.87	16%	70	3%	156.67	8%
Rosemont	\$53,506	274	27%	250	24%	206	20%	156.9	15%	103.75	10%	102.14	10%
South Baltimore	\$88,962	528.25	31%	494.1	29%	368.76	22%	295.86	17%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ten Hills	\$48,725	NA	NA	NA	NA	185	20%	177.5	19%	NA	NA	100	11%
Upper Park Heights	\$42,357	244.93	30%	239.69	29%	217.98	27%	208.72	26%	74.29	9%	57.22	7%
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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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Baltimore County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Baltimore County surrounds and is mostly North of Baltimore City, and borders Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Anne Arundel Counties. It is approximately 598 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 851,000 people, making it 3rd in county population count in the state.

Baltimore County's economy includes multiple sectors, including health, technology, and banking. Of the approximately 429,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 365,000 people via 22,000 businesses. Approximately 86% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (8%), state government (3%) and federal government (3%).

Major employers include the U.S. Social Security Administration, Amazon, University System of Maryland, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MedStar Franklin Square Hospital Center, T. Rowe Price Associates, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, McCormick and Company, CCBC, CareFirst BlueCross, Stanley Black and Decker Global Tools and Storage, and Sheppard Pratt Health System.

Approximately 40% of Baltimore County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Baltimore County has approximately 109 elementary schools, 27 middle or combined schools, 21 high schools, 3 career/tech schools, and 1 charter school¹. Total public school enrollment is 111,000 students. The county is home to Goucher College, Stevenson University, Towson University, and University of Maryland, Baltimore County (four-year) and Community College of Baltimore County (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	27,533
3-4 years	21,359
5 years	9,432
6-8 years	30,846
9-11 years	30,974
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	120,144

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Baltimore Co. is \$109,514⁶. 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	\$25,168.52	23%
Infant ¹	\$12,152.92	
Preschooler ²	\$13,015.60	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$34,655.00	32%
Taxes ⁵	\$23,388.00	21%
Total	\$86,157.52	79%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Baltimore County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$246.96	\$360.25
2-4 Years	\$213.86	\$232.51
5 years ¹	\$194.77	\$236.82
School Age Full ²	\$179.00	\$199.67
School Age B/A ³	\$133.00	\$127.25

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Baltimore Co.	Maryland	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
0-2 years	28,284	215,677	27,533	205,809
3-4 years	19,577	149,276	21,359	152,669
5 years	9,756	73,189	9,432	72,489
6-8 years	28,439	216,607	30,846	224,287
9-11 years	28,002	224,348	30,974	231,904
Total	114,058	879,097	120,144	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	29,214	26,777
Aged 25-29	28,362	27,985
Aged 30-34	25,384	30,106
Total Aged 20-34	82,960	84,868

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2022		
Females	227,055	1,618,655
Males	227,085	1,713,303
2011		
Females	227,774	1,706,926
Males	226,463	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-0.3%	-5.2%
Males	0.3%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	55,734	55,376	-0.6%
Children Under 6 with a ll custodial parents working	40,608	40,191	-1.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	112,512	119,209	6.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	87,521	93,947	7.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2022	850,737	6,161,707
2021	850,702	6,148,545
2011	802,487	5,736,545
2000	754,292	5,296,486
1990	692,134	4,780,753
1980	655,615	4,216,975

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 1980, 1990, 2000;

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	27,886	26,233
Aged 25-29	25,778	26,545
Aged 30-34	23,530	27,981
Total Aged 20-34	77,194	80,759

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	783,504	830,855
Total number of households	315,127	328,611
Average household size	2.49	2.53

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	89,328	78,046	-12.6%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	66,384	63,811	-3.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	203,641		210,131		3.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	10,925	5.4%	14,784	7.0%	35.3%
All Families with Children Under 5	37,840		33,347		-11.9%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,790	10.0%	4,568	13.7%	20.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	99,586		96,389		-3.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	7,900	7.9%	11,161	11.6%	41.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	174,240		180,724		3.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	16,938	9.7%	25,466	14.1%	50.3%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	5,336	11.3%	7,050	14.8%	32.1%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	11,602	9.1%	18,416	13.2%	58.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Baltimore Co.	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	589,611		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	540,754	91.7%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	242,699	41.2%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Baltimore Co.	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	203,641	210,131	3.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	37,185	34,738	-6.6%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	89,328	86,045	-3.7%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Baltimore County) ¹	\$75,841
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$39,234
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$39,084
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$22,624
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$16,392

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Baltimore County	\$109,514
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Baltimore County	\$88,157
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Baltimore Co	Maryland
Under \$25,000	12.2%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	15.1%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	15.3%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	57.4%	61.6%
Total Households	328,611	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Baltimore Co.	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	218,610	66.5%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	110,001	33.5%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$310,800		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,949		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,479		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	572	4,490
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	404	27,106
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	280	20,810
Infant/Toddler	138	1,330
Part-Day	38	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	245	16,237
Employer-Sponsored Centers	9	605
Nursery Schools	67	N/A
Public Kindergarten	79	N/A
**Head Start	12	547
***Early Head Start	2	92
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	79	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	556	1,193

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	109	14
Middle Schools	26	0
Combined	1	73

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	3,766	1,296
Kindergarten	7,644	1,581
Grades 1 - 6	48,388	9,425
Total	59,798	12,302

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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

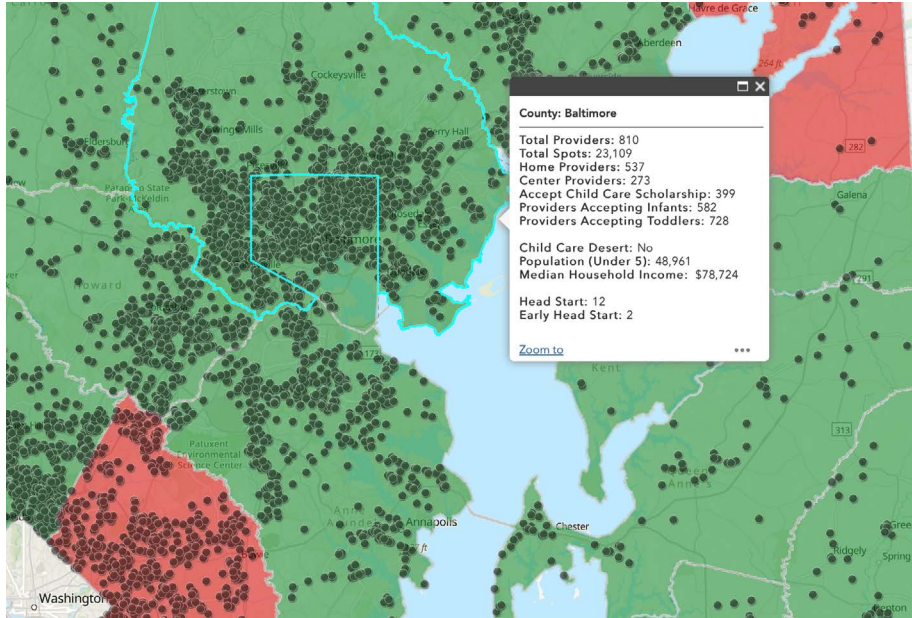
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Baltimore Co. as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Arbutus 21227	2	0.3%	0	0.0%
Arbutus 21229	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Baldwin 21013	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Baltimore 21117	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Baltimore 21204	2	0.3%	6	2.1%
Baltimore 21206	12	2.1%	1	0.4%
Baltimore 21207	51	8.9%	9	3.2%
Baltimore 21208	10	1.7%	8	2.9%
Baltimore 21209	3	0.5%	4	1.4%
Baltimore 21212	4	0.7%	2	0.7%
Baltimore 21215	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Baltimore 21219	5	0.9%	3	1.1%
Baltimore 21220	18	3.1%	8	2.9%
Baltimore 21221	14	2.4%	4	1.4%
Baltimore 21222	24	4.2%	10	3.6%
Baltimore 21224	2	0.3%	2	0.7%
Baltimore 21227	25	4.4%	9	3.2%
Baltimore 21228	39	6.8%	11	3.9%
Baltimore 21229	7	1.2%	2	0.7%
Baltimore 21234	28	4.9%	9	3.2%
Baltimore 21235	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Baltimore 21236	8	1.4%	11	3.9%
Baltimore 21237	16	2.8%	5	1.8%
Baltimore 21239	4	0.7%	0	0.0%
Baltimore 21244	26	4.5%	15	5.4%
Baltimore 21250	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Baltimore 21252	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Baltimore 21286	1	0.2%	7	2.5%
Baltimore 21207	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Brooklandville 21022	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Catonsville 21228	14	2.4%	2	0.7%
Cockeysville 21030	7	1.2%	11	3.9%
Dundalk 21222	6	1.0%	7	2.5%
Edgemere 21219	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ellicott City 21042	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Essex 21221	2	0.3%	4	1.4%
Fork 21051	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Freeland 21053	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Glen Arm 21057	1	0.2%	1	0.4%
Glyndon 21071	0	0.0%	2	0.7%
Gwynn Oak 21207	10	1.7%	1	0.4%

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Halethorpe 21227	2	0.3%	3	1.1%
Hampstead 21074	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Hunt Valley 21030	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Hunt Valley 21031	0	0.0%	2	0.7%
Hydes 21082	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Idlewyde 21239	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Kingsville 21087	1	0.2%	3	1.1%
Long Green 21057	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Lutherville 21093	13	2.3%	5	1.8%
Lutherville				
Timonium 21093	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Middle River 21220	6	1.0%	1	0.4%
Monkton 21111	4	0.7%	3	1.1%
Nottingham 21236	12	2.1%	4	1.4%
Nottingham 21237	0	0.0%	2	0.8%
Oella 21043	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Owings Mills 21117	34	5.9%	32	11.4%
Parksville 21234	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Parkton 21120	3	0.5%	4	1.4%
Parkville 21234	13	2.3%	2	0.7%
Parkville 21239	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Perry Hall 21128	3	0.5%	7	2.5%
Perry Hall 21236	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Phoenix 21131	3	0.5%	2	0.7%
Pikesville 21208	13	2.3%	3	1.1%
Randallstown 21133	44	7.7%	11	3.9%
Reisterstown 21136	25	4.4%	7	2.5%
Rosedale 21237	12	2.1%	3	1.1%
Rossville 21237	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sparks 21152	0	0.0%	3	1.1%
Sparrows Point 21219	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Timonium 21093	3	0.5%	3	1.1%
Towson 21204	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Towson 21286	5	0.9%	2	0.7%
Upperco 21155	1	0.2%	1	0.4%
White Hall 21161	2	0.3%	1	0.4%
White Marsh 21162	5	0.9%	2	0.7%
Windsor Mill 21244	18	3.1%	7	2.5%
Woodlawn 21207	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Woodstock 21163	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Totals	572	100.0%	280	100.0%

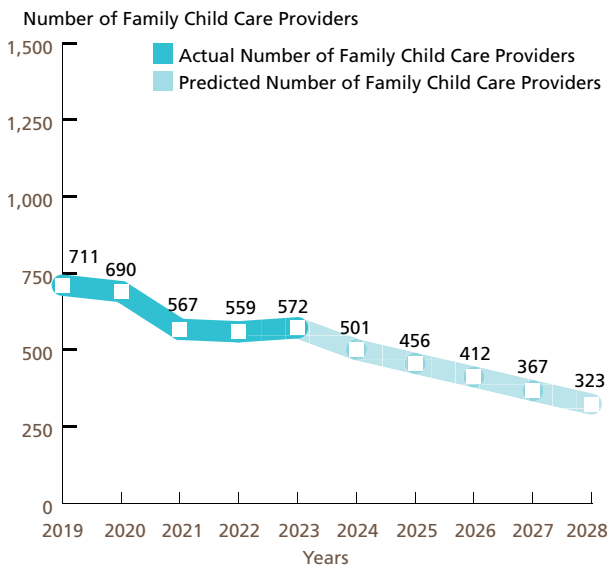
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

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.

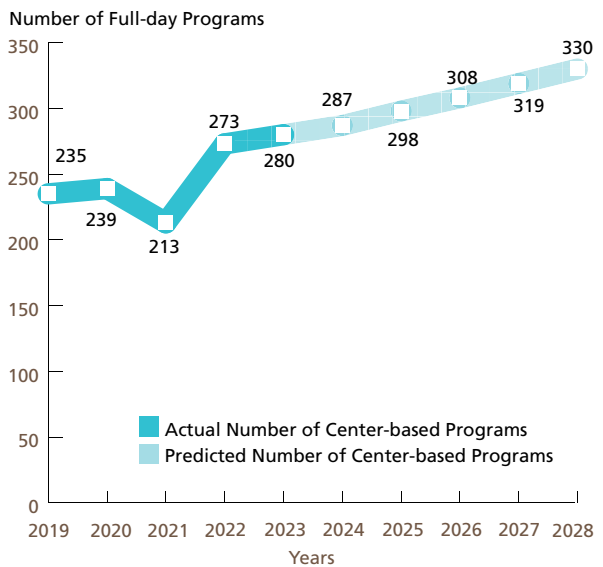


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Baltimore 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Baltimore 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

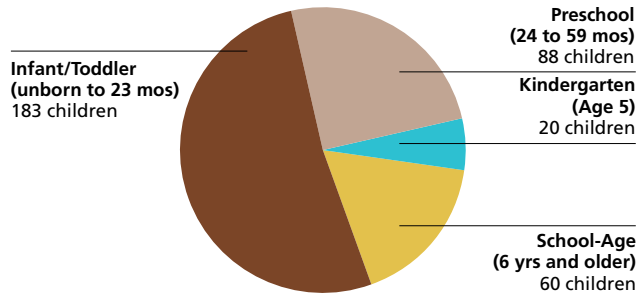


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

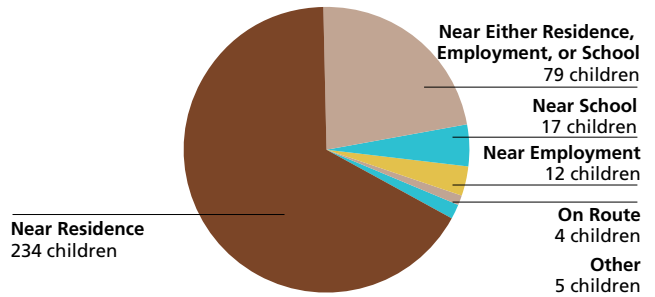
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

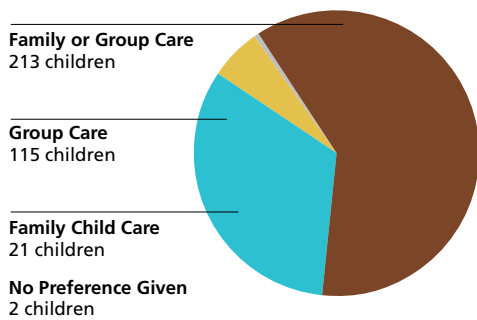
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

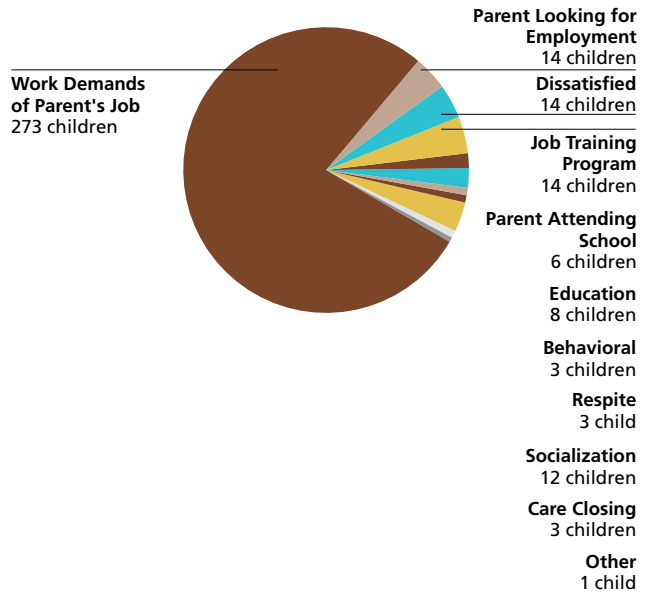
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=351



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
351 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=351

Full-time: 270 children

Part-time: 73 children

Other*: 8 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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
118 (34% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
122 (35% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Program	9
Environment	8
Proximity	8
Caregiver	8
Hours	8
Cost	7
Vacancy	3
Transportation	2

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore County
255 (45% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Baltimore County
172 (61.0% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Baltimore County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$27,788,683 = 3,415 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
169 (30% of total family child care providers in Baltimore)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
110 (39% of total child care centers in Baltimore)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Calvert County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Calvert County is located in Southern Maryland, South of Anne Arundel County and also bordering Prince George's, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, with its eastern border on the Chesapeake Bay. It is approximately 213 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 93,000 people, making it 15th in county population count in the state.

Calvert County's economy includes the health and food industries. Of the approximately 48,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 22,000 people via 1,900 businesses. Approximately 79% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (19%), state government (2%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include CalvertHealth Medical Center, Exelon/Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Giant Food, Walmart, Weis Market, The Arc of Southern Maryland, Rod N Reel Resort, and Cove Point LNG.

Approximately 36% of Calvert County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Calvert County has approximately 13 elementary schools, 6 middle or combined schools, 4 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 15,000 students. The county is home to College of Southern Maryland (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	2,718
3-4 years	2,044
5 years	1,003
6-8 years	3,770
9-11 years	3,795
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	13,330

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Calvert is \$145,175⁶. 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	\$23,597.08	16%
Infant ¹	\$11,484.20	
Preschooler ²	\$12,112.88	
Food³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing⁴	\$27,552.00	19%
Taxes⁵	\$37,930.00	26%
Total	\$92,025.08	63%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Calvert County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$255.00	\$285.00
2-4 Years	\$178.06	\$220.33
5 years ¹	\$171.67	\$196.00
School Age Full ²	\$162.50	\$145.00
School Age B/A ³	\$106.50	\$145.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Calvert	Maryland	Calvert	Maryland
0-2 years	2,769	215,677	2,718	205,809
3-4 years	2,198	149,276	2,044	152,669
5 years	1,304	73,189	1,003	72,489
6-8 years	3,799	216,607	3,770	224,287
9-11 years	4,391	224,348	3,795	231,904
Total	14,461	879,097	13,330	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	2,216	2,786
Aged 25-29	2,191	2,342
Aged 30-34	2,266	2,774
Total Aged 20-34	6,673	7,902

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Calvert	Maryland
2022		
Females	22,867	1,618,655
Males	27,155	1,713,303
2011		
Females	25,017	1,706,926
Males	27,291	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-8.6%	-5.2%
Males	-0.5%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	6,111	5,660	-7.4%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	4,255	4,130	-2.9%
Total Children 6-17 years old	16,427	15,408	-6.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	12,474	11,662	-6.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Calvert	Maryland
2022	93,244	6,161,707
2021	92,515	6,148,545
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

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	2,442	2,786
Aged 25-29	2,113	2,697
Aged 30-34	2,062	2,770
Total Aged 20-34	6,617	8,253

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2010	2022
Total household population	87,455	92,690
Total number of households	30,381	33,284
Average household size	2.88	2.78

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	11,213	9,593	-14.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	8,428	7,363	-12.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	23,272		24,745		6.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	736	3.2%	686	2.8%	-6.8%
All Families with Children Under 5	3,854		3,607		-6.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	293	7.6%	104	2.9%	-64.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	12,401		11,269		-9.1%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	610	4.9%	417	3.7%	-31.6%

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	23,157		21,417		-7.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,331	5.7%	964	4.5%	-27.6%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	304	6.2%	176	3.7%	-42.1%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,027	5.6%	788	4.7%	-23.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Calvert	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	64,176		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	60,629	94.5%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	22,831	35.6%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Calvert	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	23,272	24,745	6.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	3,644	3,829	5.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	11,213	10,464	-6.7%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Calvert County) ¹	\$80,185
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$29,191
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$57,500
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$38,500
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$11,750

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Calvert	\$145,175
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Calvert	\$128,078
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Calvert	Maryland
Under \$25,000	7.0%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	8.2%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	10.5%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	74.4%	61.6%
Total Households	33,284	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Calvert	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	28,671	86.1%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	4,613	13.9%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$418,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,296		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,589		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	74	602
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	49	2,441
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	33	1,822
Infant/Toddler	14	99
Part-Day	9	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	38	2,057
Employer-Sponsored Centers	1	20
Nursery Schools	7	N/A
Public Kindergarten	12	N/A
**Head Start	3	100
***Early Head Start	0	32
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	12	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	69	140

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

²EHS is not included for this county because the programs are new and the capacity is not yet available.

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	13	2
Middle Schools	6	0
Combined	0	4

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	414	86
Kindergarten	1,043	74
Grades 1 - 6	6,640	392
Total	8,097	552

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported 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 Calvert as of June 30, 2023.

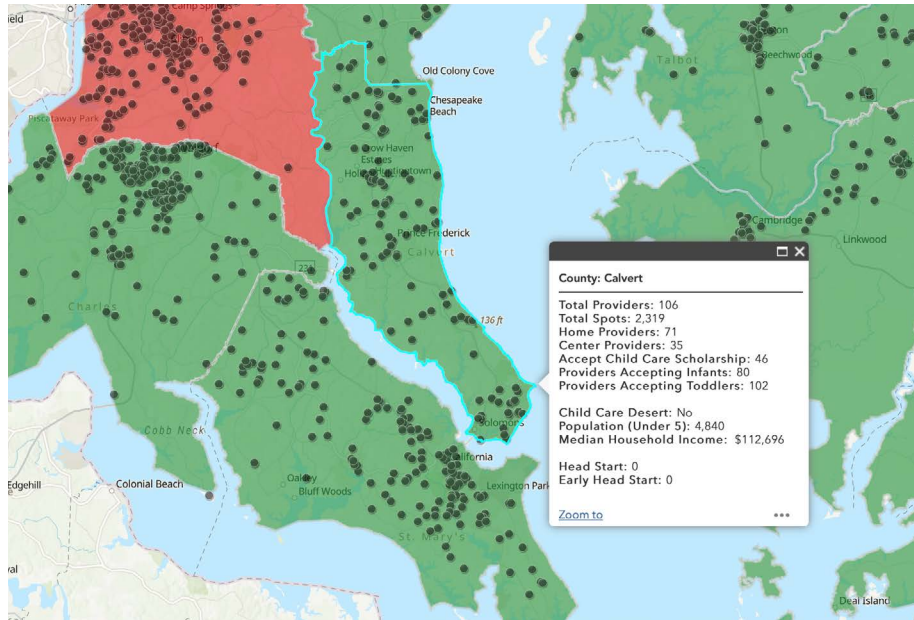
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Chesapeake Beach 20732	7	9.5%	0	0.0%
Dundirk 20754	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Dunkirk 20754	1	1.4%	3	9.1%
Huntingtown 20639	16	21.6%	10	30.3%
Lusby 20657	17	23.0%	2	6.1%
Owings 20736	11	14.9%	5	15.2%
Port Republic 20676	3	4.1%	0	0.0%
Prince Frederick 20678	11	14.9%	7	21.2%
Saint Leonard 20685	7	9.5%	2	6.1%
Solomons 20688	0	0.0%	2	6.1%
Sunderland 20639	0	0.0%	1	3.0%
Sunderland 20689	1	1.4%	1	3.0%
Totals	74	100.0%	33	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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

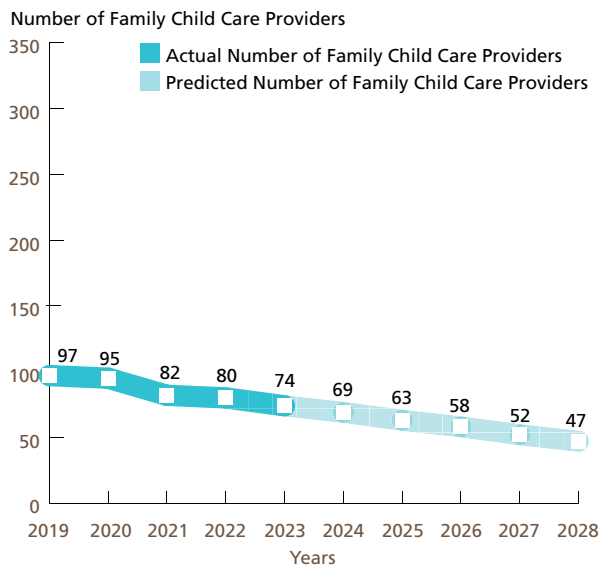
Maryland Child Care Supply and Demand Map

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.

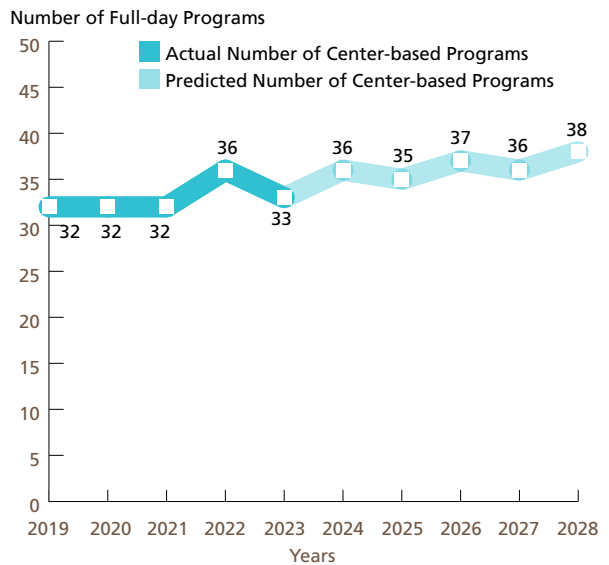


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Calvert 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Calvert 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

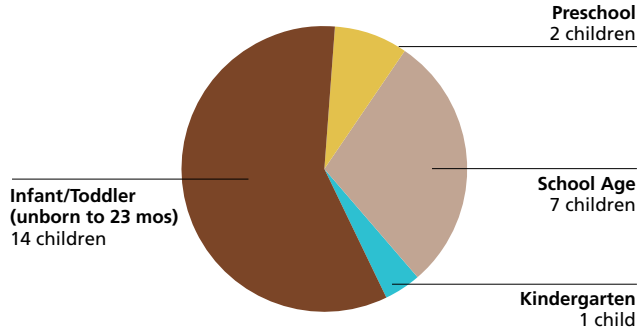


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

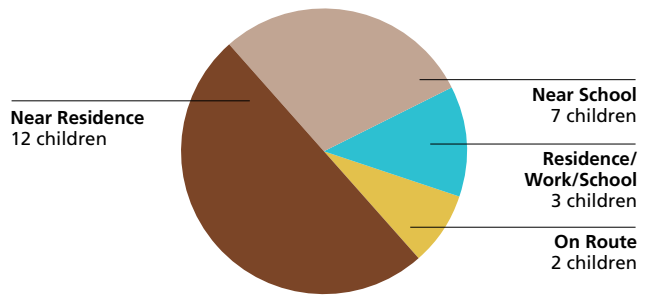
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

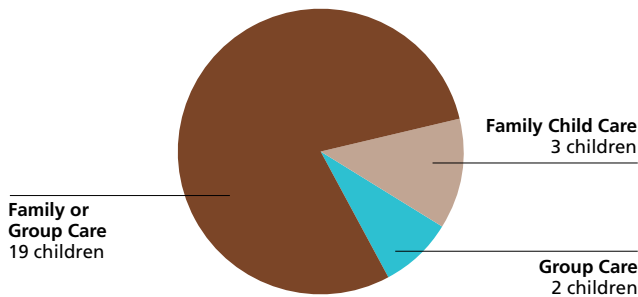
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

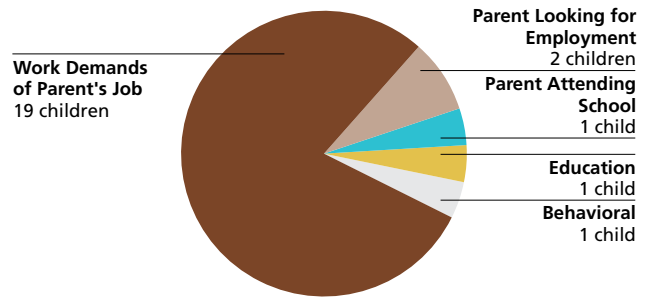
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=24



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
24 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=24

Full-time: 18 children

Part-time: 5 children

Other: 1 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
7 (29% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
6 (25% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Environment	4
Program	2
Proximity	1
Cost	1
Caregiver	1
Hours	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Calvert County
28 (38% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Calvert County
21 (64% of total child care centers)

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

Calvert County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$992,297 = 144 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
29 (39% of total family child care providers in Calvert)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
13 (39% of total child care centers in Calvert)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Caroline County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Caroline County is located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore and borders Queen Anne’s, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties. It is approximately 321 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 33,000 people, making it 20th in county population count in the state.

Caroline County’s economy includes manufacturing, transportation and logistics, and agriculture. Of the approximately 17,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 9,800 people via 700 businesses. Approximately 82% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (16%), state government (2%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Dart Container, Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, Choptank Transport, Preston Automotive Group, H&M Bay, Walmart, Medifast, and Choptank Community Health System.

Approximately 19% of Caroline County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Caroline County has approximately 5 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 5,600 students. The county is home to Chesapeake College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

0-2 years	1,302
3-4 years	724
5 years	434
6-8 years	1,385
9-11 years	1,366
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	5,211

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Caroline is \$75,994⁶. 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	\$15,789.28	21%
Infant ¹	\$8,119.28	
Preschooler ²	\$7,670.00	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$19,848.00	26%
Taxes ⁵	\$16,262.00	21%
Total	\$54,845.28	72%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Caroline County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$144.44	\$ 180.00
2-4 Years	\$117.00	\$ 147.50
5 years ¹	\$101.00	\$ 141.39
School Age Full ²	\$101.00	\$1398.16
School Age B/A ³	\$84.00	\$ 120.83

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Caroline	Maryland	Caroline	Maryland
0-2 years	1,440	215,677	1,302	205,809
3-4 years	818	149,276	724	152,669
5 years	434	73,189	434	72,489
6-8 years	1,717	216,607	1,385	224,287
9-11 years	1,126	224,348	1,366	231,904
Total	5,535	879,097	5,211	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	884	813
Aged 25-29	1,004	1,005
Aged 30-34	1,025	1,106
Total Aged 20-34	2,913	2,924

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Caroline	Maryland
2022		
Females	8,157	1,618,655
Males	8,651	1,713,303
2011		
Females	8,926	1,706,926
Males	10,103	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-8.6%	-5.2%
Males	-14.4%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,554	2,224	-12.9%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,762	1,322	-25.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	5,178	5,010	-3.2%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	3,861	3,460	-10.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Caroline	Maryland
2022	33,320	6,161,707
2021	33,234	6,148,545
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, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,034	1,023
Aged 25-29	979	849
Aged 30-34	979	1,112
Total Aged 20-34	2,992	2,984

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	32,336	32,755
Total number of households	11,842	12,013
Average household size	2.73	2.73

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,577	3,226	-9.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,539	2,483	-2.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	8,579		8,380		-2.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	642	7.5%	823	9.8%	28.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,582		1,372		-13.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	169	10.7%	381	27.8%	125.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	4,067		3,991		-1.9%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	465	11.4%	718	18.0%	54.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	8,190		7,574		-7.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,170	14.3%	1,597	21.1%	36.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	251	11.2%	516	28.0%	105.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	919	15.5%	1,081	18.9%	17.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Caroline	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	22,837		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	19,279	84.4%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	4,044	17.7%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Caroline	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	8,579	8,380	-2.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	1,493	1,449	-2.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	3,577	3,505	-2.0%
Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Caroline County) ¹	\$65,207
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ⁴	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ⁴	\$25,568
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

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Maryland	\$120,081

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Median Household Income¹:

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Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,654		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,074		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%
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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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	57	444
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	12	514
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	7	322
Infant/Toddler	3	14
Part-Day	2	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	4	247
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	3	N/A
Public Kindergarten	5	N/A
**Head Start	3	134
***Early Head Start	3	95
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	5	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	55	116

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private
Elementary Schools	5	0
Middle Schools	2	0
Combined	0	3

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private
Pre-Kindergarten	305	14
Kindergarten	371	0
Grades 1 - 6	2,388	3
Total	3,064	17

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022. Private schools include MSDE approved schools and those operated by a tax-exempt religious organization which hold a letter of exemption from approval in accordance with State law.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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, 2023.

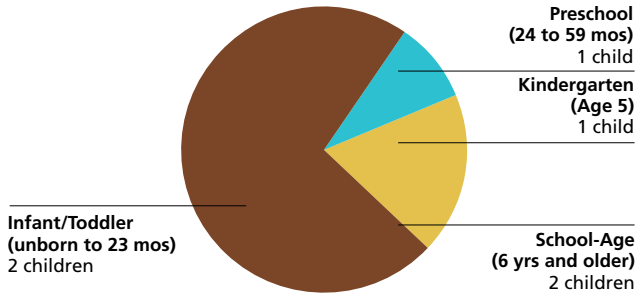
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Denton 21629	17	29.8%	1	14.3%
Federsburg 21632	9	15.8%	1	14.3%
Goldsboro 21636	3	5.3%	0	0.0%
Goldsboro 21639	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
Greensboro 21639	2	3.5%	2	28.6%
Henderson 21640	4	7.0%	0	0.0%
Preston 21655	16	28.1%	2	28.6%
Ridgely 21660	5	8.8%	1	14.3%
Totals	57	100.0%	7	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
 Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

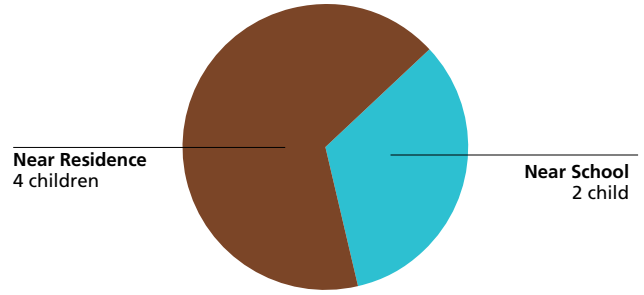
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

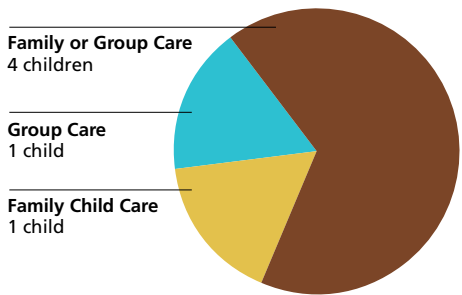
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

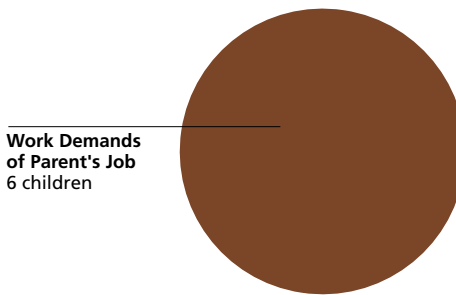
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=6



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
6 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=6

Full-time: 3 children

Part-time: 3 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
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
1 (17% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
0 (0% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Care in Caroline County

Factor	Count
Proximity	3
Cost	3
Caregiver	3
Environment	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Caroline County
18 (32% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Caroline County
3 (43% of total child care centers)

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

Caroline County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$467,508 = 90 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
17 (30% of total family child care providers in Caroline)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
1 (14% of total child care centers in Caroline)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Carroll 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

Carroll County is located on Maryland’s Northern border and borders Frederick, Howard, and Baltimore Counties. It is approximately 452 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 172,000 people, making it 9th in county population count in the state.

Carroll County’s economy includes manufacturing, transportation, health and business service, and agriculture. Of the approximately 92,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 57,000 people via 4,600 businesses. Approximately 85% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (11%), state government (2%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Carroll Hospital- Lifebridge Health Center, McDaniel College, Penguin Random House, Integrate- Fairhaven, Carroll Community College, Walmart, EVAPCO, Carroll Lutheran Village, English American Tailoring, Northrop Grumman, and Weis Markets.

Approximately 38% of Carroll County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Carroll County has approximately 22 elementary schools, 8 middle or combined schools, 7 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 26,000 students. The county is home to McDaniel College (four-year) and Carroll Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	4,930
3-4 years	4,406
5 years	2,026
6-8 years	6,030
9-11 years	6,274
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	23,666

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Carroll is \$132,514⁶. 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	\$23,271.04	18%
Infant ¹	\$11,158.16	
Preschooler ²	\$12,112.88	
Food³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing⁴	\$26,664.00	20%
Taxes⁵	\$33,521.00	25%
Total	\$86,402.04	65%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023).

³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).

⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.

⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.

⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Carroll County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
	0-23 Months	\$226.67
2-4 Years	\$181.67	\$257.50
5 years ¹	\$168.00	\$245.00
School Age Full ²	\$138.75	\$225.00
School Age B/A ³	\$ 96.25	\$200.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers.

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

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Carroll	Maryland	Carroll	Maryland
0-2 years	4,962	215,677	4,930	205,809
3-4 years	4,310	149,276	4,406	152,669
5 years	2,261	73,189	2,026	72,489
6-8 years	6,270	216,607	6,030	224,287
9-11 years	7,507	224,348	6,274	231,904
Total	25,310	879,097	23,666	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	4,381	5,109
Aged 25-29	3,625	4,321
Aged 30-34	3,960	5,094
Total Aged 20-34	11,966	14,524

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Carroll	Maryland
2022		
Females	43,747	1,618,655
Males	50,837	1,713,303
2011		
Females	45,434	1,706,926
Males	51,937	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-3.7%	-5.2%
Males	-2.1%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	11,250	11,083	-1.5%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	7,315	8,394	14.8%
Total Children 6-17 years old	29,424	25,310	-14.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	22,648	20,196	-10.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Carroll	Maryland
2022	173,225	6,161,707
2021	172,148	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	5,107	5,337
Aged 25-29	3,817	4,608
Aged 30-34	3,831	5,245
Total Aged 20-34	12,755	15,190

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	163,478	169,527
Total number of households	59,314	63,318
Average household size	2.76	2.68

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	20,619	17,889	-13.2%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	14,869	14,432	-2.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	44,655		46,884		5.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,789	4.0%	1,644	3.5%	-8.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	7,484		7,463		-0.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	692	9.2%	356	4.8%	-48.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	22,028		20,714		-6.0%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,494	6.8%	1,046	5.0%	-30.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	41,434		37,113		-10.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,831	6.8%	1,939	5.2%	-31.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	893	9.7%	365	4.0%	-59.1%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,938	6.0%	1,574	6.2%	-18.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Caroline	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	120,559		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	113,544	94.2%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	46,722	38.8%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Carroll	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	44,655	46,884	5.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	7,586	7,731	1.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	20,619	19,342	-6.2%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Carroll County) ¹	\$72,281
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$31,509
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$48,333
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$20,007
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$12,000

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Carroll	\$132,514
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Carroll	\$111,672
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Carroll	Maryland
Under \$25,000	8.5%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	12.0%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.1%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	67.3%	61.6%
Total Households	63,318	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Carroll	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	52,580	83.0%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	10,738	17.0%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$390,200		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,222		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,283		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Unemployment Rate

	Carroll	Maryland
2001	2.8%	4.0%
2002	2.6%	3.9%
2003	2.7%	4.1%
2004	2.5%	3.9%
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2014	4.6%	5.6%
2015	4.1%	5.0%
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Before/after School	64	4,188
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	10	N/A
Public Kindergarten	18	N/A
**Head Start	5	119
***Early Head Start	3	62
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	18	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	92	192

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Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

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

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	443	754
Kindergarten	1,817	153
Grades 1 - 6	11,575	861
Total	13,835	1,768

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported 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 Carroll as of June 30, 2023.

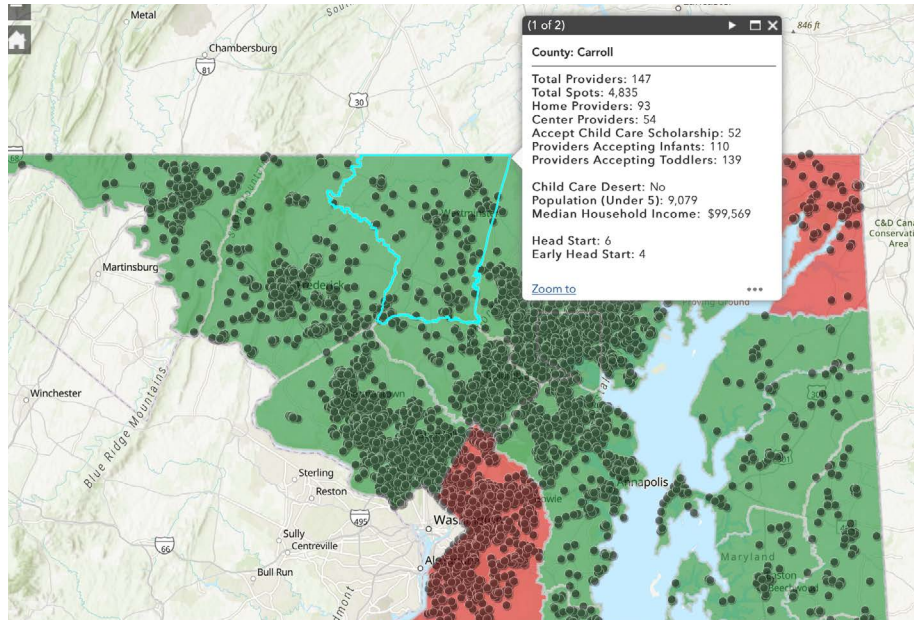
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Eldersburg 21784	9	9.7%	6	12.8%
Finksburg 21048	6	6.5%	5	10.6%
Hampstead 21074	8	8.6%	5	10.6%
Keymar 21757	1	1.1%	0	0.0%
Lineboro 21102	0	0.0%	2	4.3%
Manchester 21102	7	7.5%	2	4.3%
Mount Airy 21771	12	12.9%	6	12.8%
New Windsor 21776	2	2.2%	0	0.0%
Reisterstown 21136	1	1.1%	0	0.0%
Skyesville 21784	1	1.1%	0	0.0%
Sykesville 21784	11	11.8%	4	8.5%
Taneytown 21787	9	9.7%	2	4.3%
Union Bridge 21791	1	1.1%	1	2.1%
Union Bridge 21794	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Westminster 21157	12	12.9%	8	17.0%
Westminster 21158	9	9.7%	6	12.8%
Woodbine 21797	4	4.3%	0	0.0%
Totals	93	100.0%	47	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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

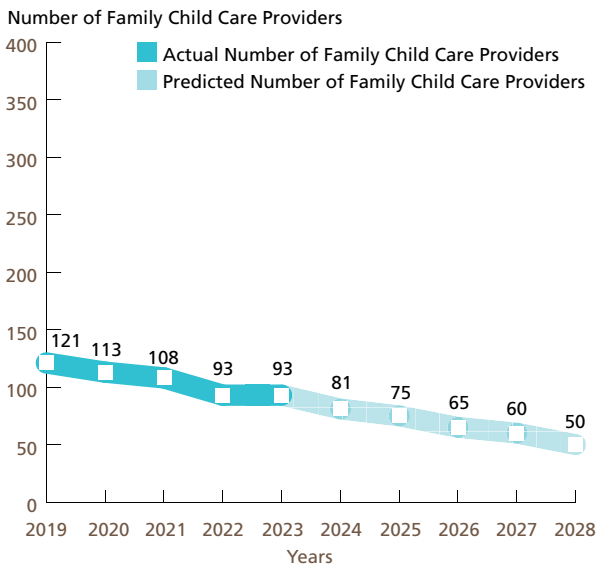
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

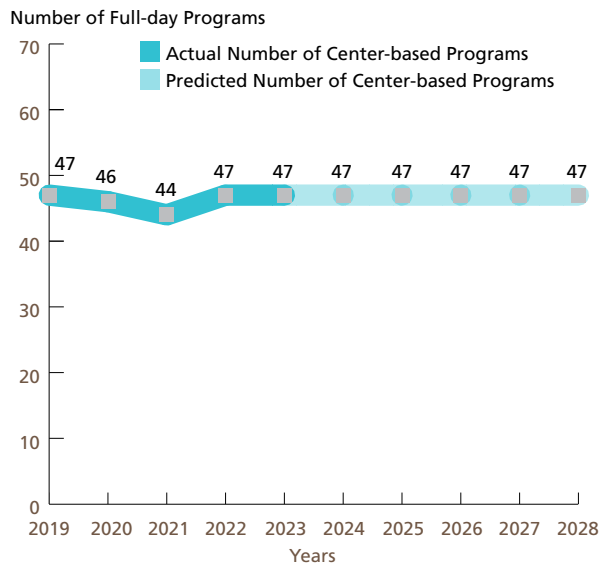


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Carroll 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Carroll 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

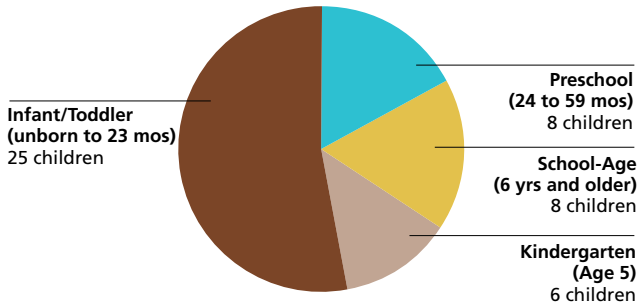


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

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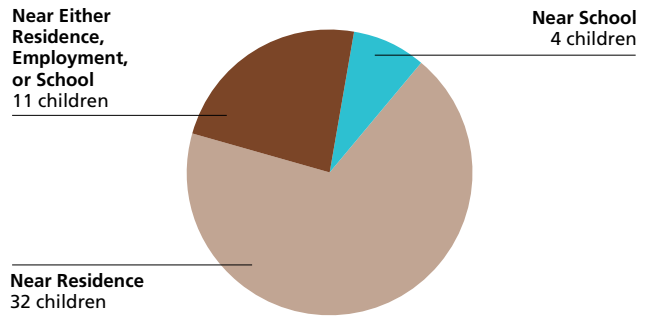


Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

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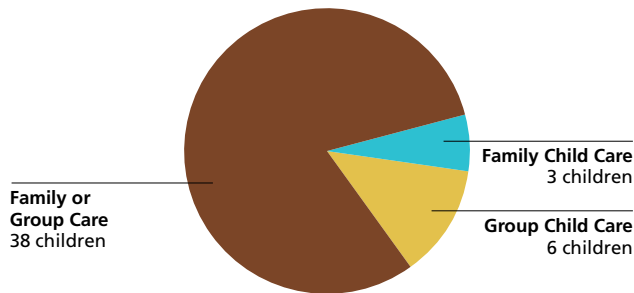


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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

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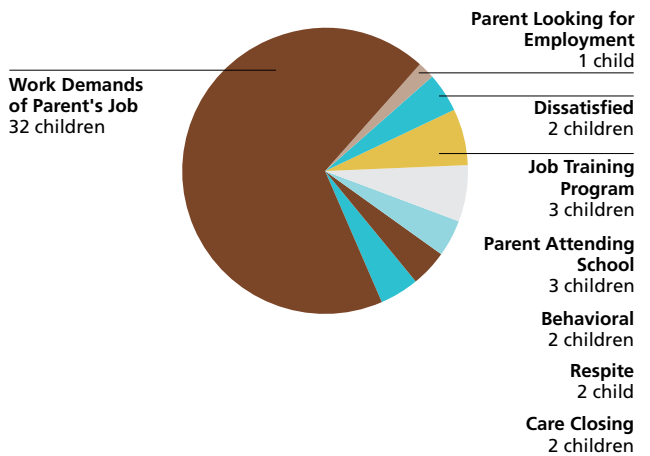


Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=47



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
47 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N=47

Full-time: 35 children

Part-time: 11 children

Other: 1 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
12 (26% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
10 (21% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Care in Carroll County

Factor	Count
Environment	10
Proximity	23
Program	10
Cost	12
Escort	3
Caregiver	10
Transportation	1
Hours	11
Vacancy	2

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Carroll County
17 (18% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Carroll County
35 (74% of total child care centers)

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

Carroll County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$2,073,248 = 245 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
33 (35% of total family child care providers in Carroll)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
25 (53% of total child care centers in Carroll)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Cecil 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

Cecil County is located on Maryland's Northern border and borders Harford and Kent Counties. It is approximately 360 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 103,000 people, making it 13th in county population count in the state.

Cecil County's economy includes transportation, health, and food industries. Of the approximately 52,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 34,000 people via 2,000 businesses. Approximately 81% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and leisure and hospitality. The rest are in local government (11%), state government (2%) and federal government (7%).

Major employers include W.L. Gore & Associates, Perry Point VA Medical Center, ChristianaCare, Union Hospital, Amazon, Terumo Medical Products, IKEA, Cecil College, Northrop Grumman Space Systems, and Medline Distribution.

Approximately 26% of Cecil County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Cecil County has approximately 17 elementary schools, 6 middle or combined schools, 5 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 15,000 students. The county is home to Cecil College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	3,310
3-4 years	2,506
5 years	1,039
6-8 years	3,712
9-11 years	4,210
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	14,777

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Cecil is \$101,315⁶. 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	\$18,154.24	18%
Infant ¹	\$9,507.16	
Preschooler ²	\$8,647.08	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$22,872.00	23%
Taxes ⁵	\$23,742.00	23%
Total	\$49,560.00	49%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Cecil County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$175.00	\$265.00
2-4 Years	\$156.67	\$214.28
5 years ¹	\$145.00	\$179.14
School Age Full ²	\$140.00	\$168.42
School Age B/A ³	\$140.00	\$161.20

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Cecil	Maryland	Cecil	Maryland
0-2 years	3,853	215,677	3,310	205,809
3-4 years	2,610	149,276	2,506	152,669
5 years	1,209	73,189	1,039	72,489
6-8 years	3,985	216,607	3,712	224,287
9-11 years	4,605	224,348	4,210	231,904
Total	16,262	879,097	14,777	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	2,900	2,999
Aged 25-29	2,849	3,176
Aged 30-34	2,886	3,208
Total Aged 20-34	8,635	9,383

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Cecil	Maryland
2022		
Females	24,543	1,618,655
Males	28,337	1,713,303
2011		
Females	27,373	1,706,926
Males	30,736	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-10.3%	-5.2%
Males	-7.8%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	7,334	6,472	-11.8%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	4,873	3,836	-21.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	16,854	15,188	-9.9%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	11,949	11,401	-4.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Cecil	Maryland
2022	103,876	6,161,707
2021	103,370	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	3,125	3,151
Aged 25-29	2,703	3,110
Aged 30-34	2,765	3,347
Total Aged 20-34	8,593	9,608

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	99,097	102,316
Total number of households	35,943	39,338
Average household size	2.76	2.60

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	11,873	9,345	-21.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	8,098	7,046	-13.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	26,182		27,538		5.2%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,635	6.2%	1,993	7.2%	21.9%
All Families with Children Under 5	4,581		4,026		-12.1%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	843	18.4%	793	19.7%	-5.9%
All Families w Children Under 18	13,155		11,831		-10.1%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,455	11.1%	1,479	12.5%	1.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	25,222		22,816		-9.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,312	13.1%	3,126	13.7%	-5.6%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,083	17.4%	1,100	19.0%	1.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,229	11.7%	2,026	12.2%	-9.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Cecil	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	72,203		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	66,029	91.4%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	19,316	26.8%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Cecil	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	26,182	27,538	5.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	4,383	3,902	-11.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	11,873	10,324	-13.0%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Cecil County) ¹	\$77,661
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ³	\$28,800
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ⁴	\$25,568
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Cecil	\$103,315
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Cecil	\$86,869
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Cecil	Maryland
Under \$25,000	12.8%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	16.1%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.7%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	56.4%	61.6%
Total Households	39,338	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Cecil	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	29,560	75.1%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	9,778	24.9%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$292,500		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,906		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,322		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	60	465
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	36	1,921
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	24	1,385
Infant/Toddler	10	87
Part-Day	6	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	25	1,210
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	4	N/A
Public Kindergarten	16	N/A
**Head Start	1	134
***Early Head Start	1	35
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	16	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	59	119

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

* Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	17	1
Middle Schools	6	0
Combined	0	10

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	705	38
Kindergarten	1,031	101
Grades 1 - 6	6,305	574
Total	8,041	713

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

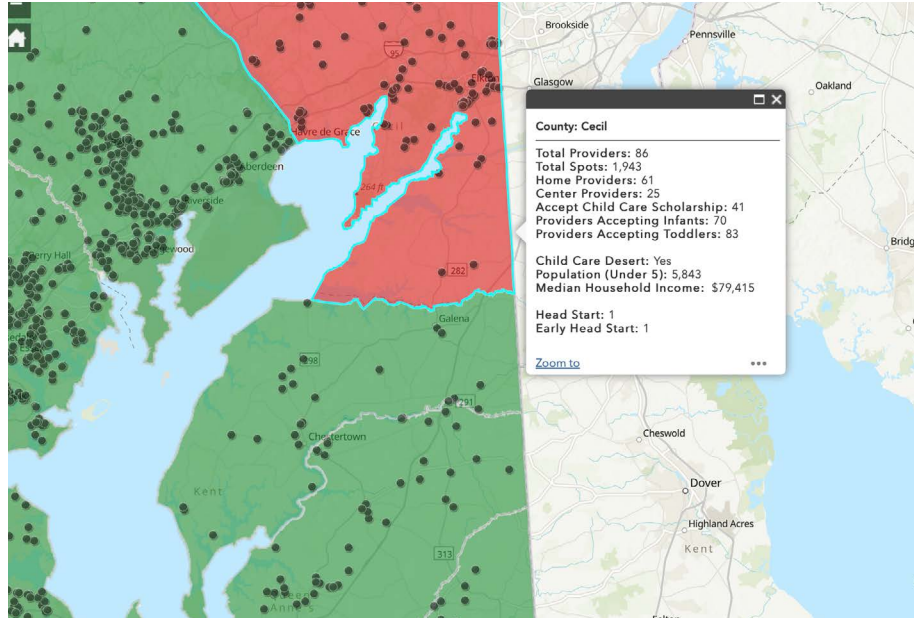
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Cecil as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Cecilton 21913	0	0.0%	1	4.2%
Charlestown 21914	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Chesapeake City 21915	1	1.7%	2	8.3%
Childs 21916	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Colora 21917	2	3.3%	1	4.2%
Conowingo 21918	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Elkton 21921	35	58.3%	11	45.8%
North East 21901	7	11.7%	5	20.8%
Perryville 21903	4	6.7%	2	8.3%
Port Deposit 21904	4	6.7%	0	0.0%
Rising Sun 21911	6	10.0%	2	8.3%
Warwick 21912	1	1.7%	0	0.0%
Totals	60	100%	24	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

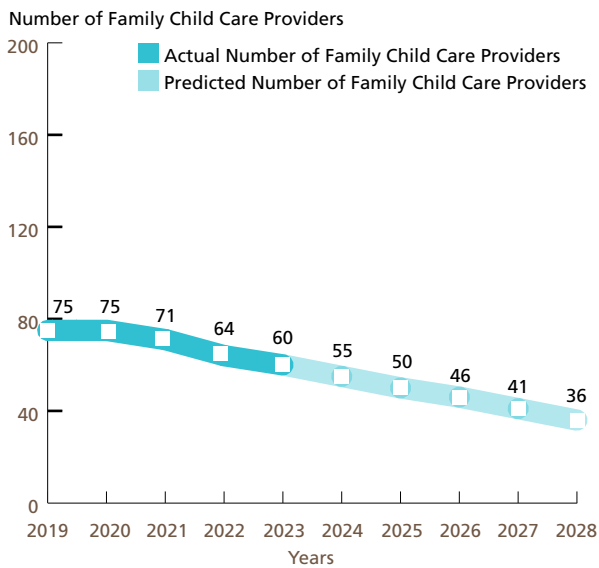
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

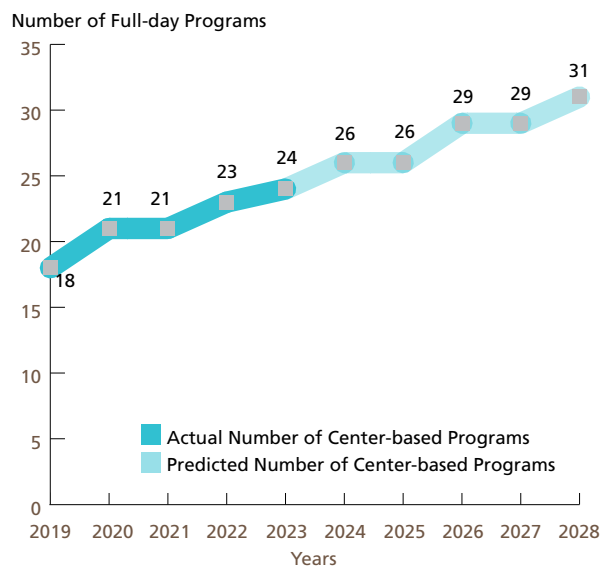


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Cecil 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Cecil 2019-2028
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



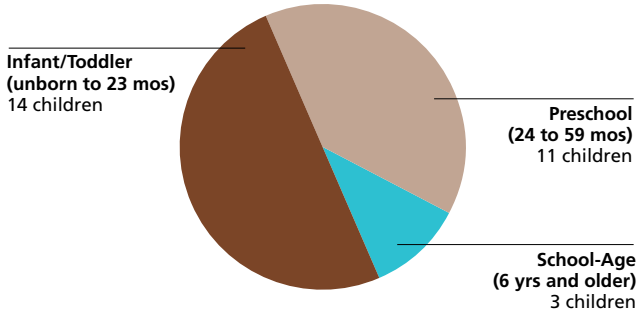
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

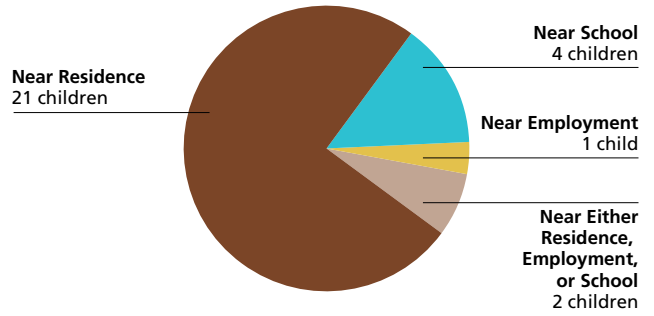
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

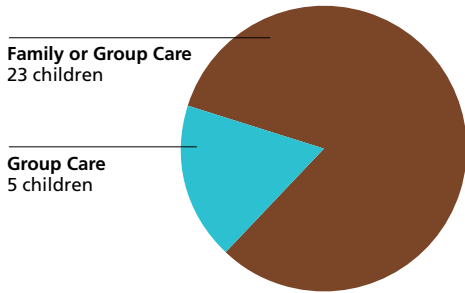
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

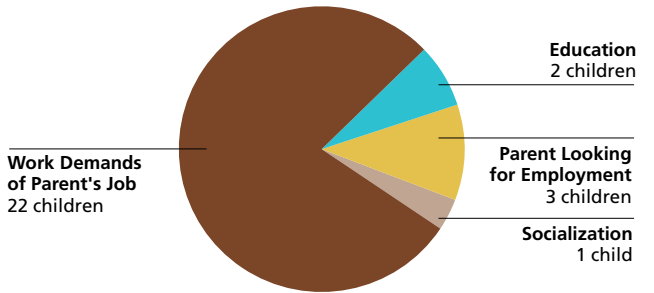
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=28



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
28 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=28

Full-time: 18 children

Part-time: 10 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23)
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
8 (29% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
17 (61% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Cecil County

Factor	Count
No Vacancies for Infant	1
No Vacancies for Preschool	1
Other	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Care in Cecil County

Factor	Count
Environment	1
Program	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Cecil County
24 (40% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Cecil County
17 (71% of total child care centers)

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

Cecil County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$1,901,405 = 269 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
32 (53% of total family child care providers in Cecil)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
9 (38% of total child care centers in Cecil)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Charles 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

Charles County is located in Southern Maryland, bordering Prince George's, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties. It is approximately 452 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 165,000 people, making it 10th in county population count in the state.

Charles County's economy includes health and engineering industries. Of the approximately 84,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 40,000 people via 3,000 businesses. Approximately 74% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and leisure and hospitality. The rest are in local government (17%), state government (1%) and federal government (7%).

Major employers include Naval Support Facility Indian Head, Charles County Board of Education, Charles County Government, University of Maryland Medical System, Walmart, College of Southern Maryland, Waldorf Chevy/Cadillac, Honda, Ford, Toyota/Scion/Dodge, Amazon, SMECO, Albertsons, and Target.

Approximately 31% of Charles County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Charles County has approximately 22 elementary schools, 8 middle or combined schools, 7 high schools, and 1 charter school¹. Total public school enrollment is 28,000 students. The county is home to College of Southern Maryland (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	5,327
3-4 years	4,348
5 years	1,650
6-8 years	6,842
9-11 years	7,011
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	25,178

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Charles is \$130,440⁶. 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	\$22,872.20	18%
Infant ¹	\$12,286.56	
Preschooler ²	\$10,585.64	
Food³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing⁴	\$28,932.00	22%
Taxes⁵	\$23,963.00	18%
Total	\$78,713.20	60%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Charles County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$262.30	\$415.00
2-4 Years	\$225.83	\$258.40
5 years ¹	\$200.50	\$320.00
School Age Full ²	\$162.50	N/A
School Age B/A ³	\$136.82	N/A

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Charles	Maryland	Charles	Maryland
0-2 years	5,447	215,677	5,327	205,809
3-4 years	4,067	149,276	4,348	152,669
5 years	1,916	73,189	1,650	72,489
6-8 years	6,330	216,607	6,842	224,287
9-11 years	6,829	224,348	7,011	231,904
Total	24,589	879,097	25,178	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	4,236	5,159
Aged 25-29	4,357	5,035
Aged 30-34	4,490	5,351
Total Aged 20-34	13,083	15,545

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Charles	Maryland
2022		
Females	45,166	1,618,655
Males	45,737	1,713,303
2011		
Females	44,539	1,706,926
Males	44,222	1,772,418
Change		
Females	1.4%	-5.2%
Males	3.4%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	11,086	10,930	-1.4%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	8,281	8,552	3.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	26,159	27,327	4.5%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	21,338	22,032	3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Charles	Maryland
2022	167,035	6,161,707
2021	165,209	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	4,481	5,533
Aged 25-29	4,163	5,202
Aged 30-34	4,026	5,259
Total Aged 20-34	12,670	15,994

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	143,967	165,647
Total number of households	50,305	59,205
Average household size	2.86	2.80

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	18,615	17,819	-4.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	14,374	14,916	3.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	38,005		43,205		13.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,455	3.8%	1,619	3.7%	11.3%
All Families with Children Under 5	6,374		6,947		9.0%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	486	7.6%	313	4.5%	-35.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	20,488		21,514		5.0%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,162	5.7%	1,154	5.4%	-0.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	38,409		39,419		2.6%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,877	7.5%	2,820	7.2%	-2.0%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	871	23.1%	613	6.4%	-29.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,006	18.2%	2,207	7.4%	10.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Charles	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	112,613		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	106,357	94.4%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	34,977	31.1%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Charles	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	38,005	43,205	13.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	6,551	6,943	6.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	18,615	19,284	3.6%
Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Charles County) ¹	\$72,781
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$34,376
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$40,333
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$27,945
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$22,361

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Charles	\$130,440
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Charles	\$116,882
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Charles	Maryland
Under \$25,000	7.7%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	9.2%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.4%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	70.6%	61.6%
Total Households	59,205	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Charles	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	47,245	79.8%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	11,960	20.2%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$382,800		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,411		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,839		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

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Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	154	1183
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	71	4858
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	45	3559
Infant/Toddler	29	252
Part-Day	8	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	55	4024
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	9	N/A
Public Kindergarten	21	N/A
**Head Start	N/A	N/A
***Early Head Start	N/A	N/A
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	21	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	146	292

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

²EHS is not included for this county because the programs are new and the capacity is not yet available.

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	22	1
Middle Schools	8	0
Combined	0	10

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	958	101
Kindergarten	1,755	214
Grades 1 - 6	11,472	930
Total	14,185	1,245

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported 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, 2023.

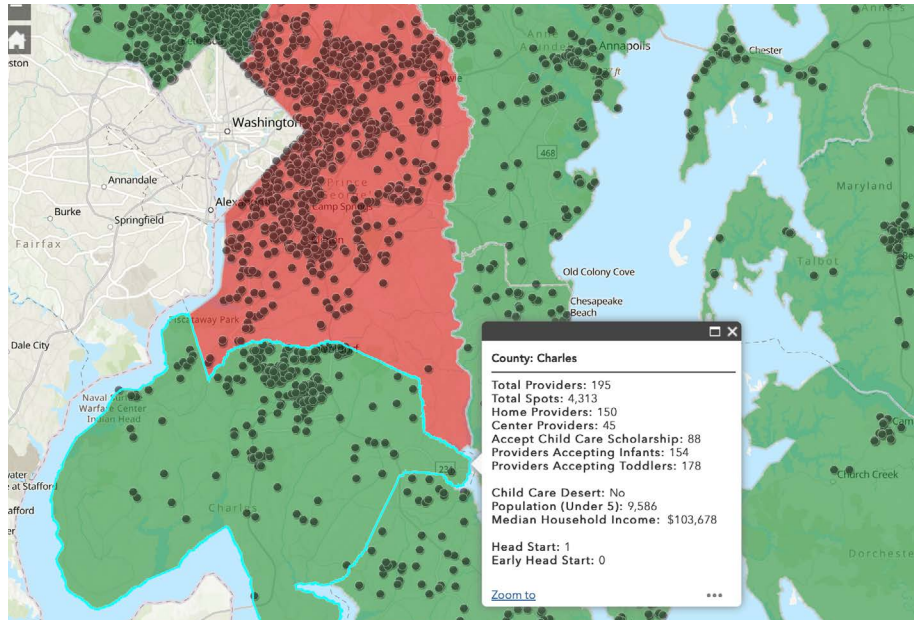
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Bryans Road 20616	6	3.9%	0	0.0%
Bryantown 20617	1	0.6%	1	2.2%
Charlotte Hall 20622	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Cobb Island 20625	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Hughesville 20637	5	3.2%	2	4.4%
Indian Head 20640	4	2.6%	3	6.7%
La Plata 20646	15	9.7%	9	20.0%
Marbury 20658	2	1.3%	0	0.0%
Nanjemoy 20662	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Newburg 20664	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Pomfret 20675	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Port Tobacco 20677	0	0.0%	1	2.2%
Waldorf 20601	30	19.5%	9	20.0%
Waldorf 20602	39	25.3%	10	22.2%
Waldorf 20603	30	19.5%	8	17.8%
Welcome 20693	2	1.3%	0	0.0%
White Plains 20695	13	8.4%	2	4.4%
Totals	154	100%	45	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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

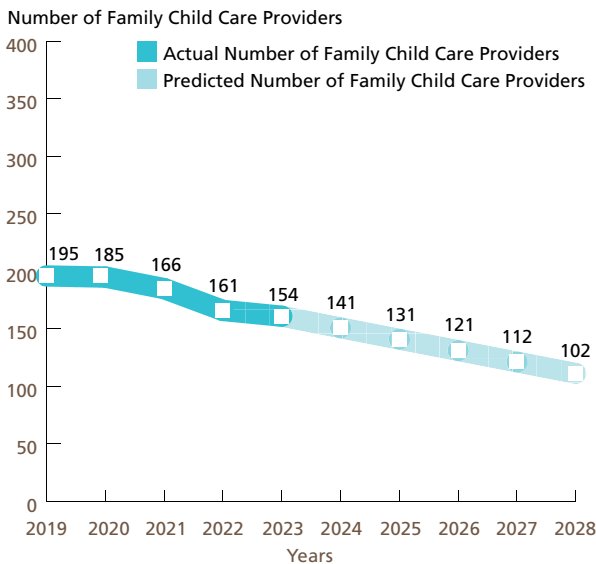
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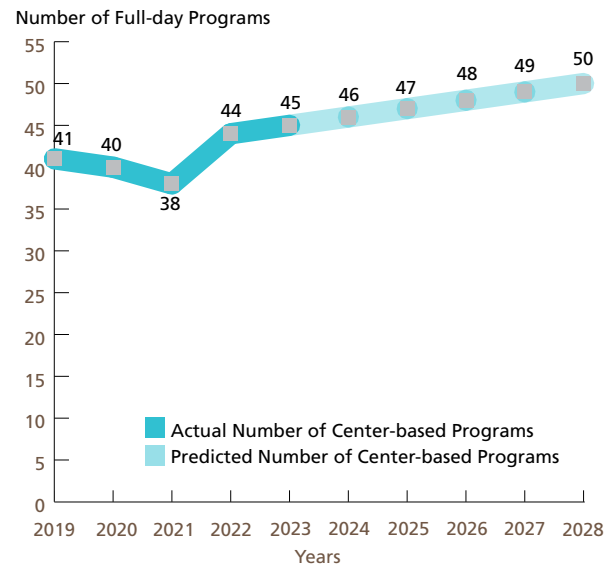


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Charles 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Charles 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

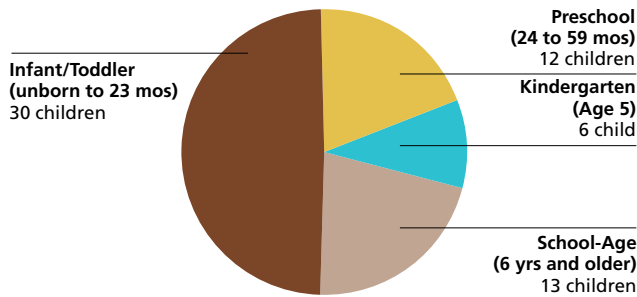


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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

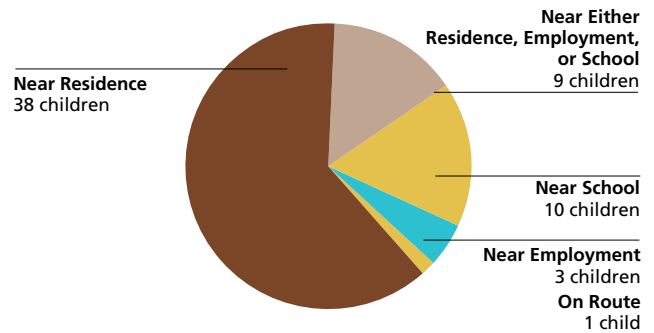
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

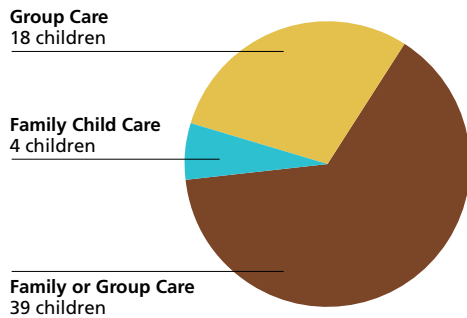
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

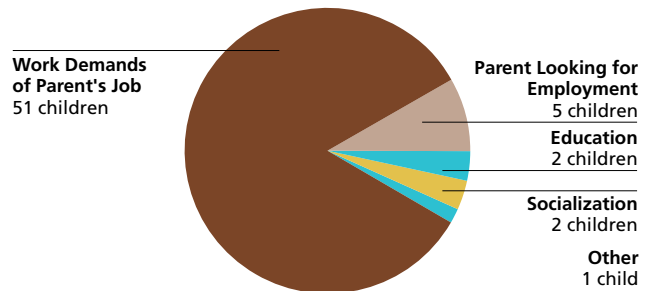
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=60



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
61 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N=61

Full-time: 45 children

Part-time: 15 children

Other*: 1 child

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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
13 (21% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
28 (46% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Hours	3
Proximity	2
Caregiver	2
Program	1
Escort	1
Environment	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Charles County
60 (39% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Charles County
33 (73% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Charles County FY23 Allocation (estimated)

\$4,468,893 = 572 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
46 (30% of total family child care providers in Charles)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
16 (36% of total child care centers in Charles)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Dorchester County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Dorchester County is located in Eastern Maryland, bordering Talbot, Caroline, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties, with the Chesapeake Bay on its western border. It is approximately 593 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 32,000 people, making it 21st in county population count in the state.

Dorchester County's economy includes technology and startup industries. Of the approximately 15,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 12,000 people via 750 businesses. Approximately 82% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in manufacturing and education and health services. The rest are in local government (10%), state government (7%) and federal government (2%).

Major employers include Amick Farms, Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Eastern Shore Hospital Center, B&G Foods, Preston Autoplex, University of Maryland Horn Point Laboratory, Protenergy Natural Foods, Walmart, and Signature Healthcare at Mallard Bay.

Approximately 20% of Dorchester County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Dorchester County has approximately 6 elementary schools, 3 middle or combined schools, 2 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 4,500 students. The county is home to University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (offers joint graduate programs with other University System of Maryland institutions) and Chesapeake College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	814
3-4 years	938
5 years	322
6-8 years	1,368
9-11 years	700
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	4,142

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Dorchester is \$74,254⁶. 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	\$16,354.00	22%
Infant ¹	\$7,540.00	
Preschooler ²	\$8,814.00	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$19,524.00	26%
Taxes ⁵	\$15,716.00	21%
Total	\$54,540.00	73%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Dorchester County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$150.00	\$ 240.00
2-4 Years	\$145.00	\$ 210.00
5 years ¹	\$145.00	N/A
School Age Full ²	\$145.00	N/A
School Age B/A ³	\$145.00	\$ 50.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Dorchester	Maryland	Dorchester	Maryland
0-2 years	1,115	215,677	814	205,809
3-4 years	926	149,276	938	152,669
5 years	418	73,189	322	72,489
6-8 years	977	216,607	1,368	224,287
9-11 years	1,099	224,348	700	231,904
Total	4,535	879,097	4,142	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,007	879
Aged 25-29	967	981
Aged 30-34	861	1,093
Total Aged 20-34	2,835	2,953

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Dorchester	Maryland
2022		
Females	8,092	1,618,655
Males	7,785	1,713,303
2011		
Females	8,267	1,706,926
Males	7,723	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-2.1%	-5.2%
Males	0.8%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,341	1,972	-15.8%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,884	1,558	-17.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	3,959	4,470	12.9%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	3,346	3,760	12.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Dorchester	Maryland
2022	32,557	6,161,707
2021	32,486	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	893	831
Aged 25-29	843	843
Aged 30-34	818	908
Total Aged 20-34	2,554	2,582

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	31,900	32,018
Total number of households	13,528	13,216
Average household size	2.36	2.42

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,439	2,621	-23.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,670	2,211	-17.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	9,103		8,377		-8.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	904	9.9%	727	8.7%	-19.6%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,355		882		-34.9%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	302	22.3%	296	33.6%	-2.0%
All Families w Children Under 18	4,066		3,442		-15.3%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	784	19.3%	612	17.8%	-21.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	6,956		6,812		-2.1%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,586	22.8%	1,703	25.0%	7.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	467	23.0%	583	33.4%	24.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,119	22.7%	1,120	22.1%	0.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Dorchester	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	23,327		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	20,472	87.8%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	4,468	19.2%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Dorchester	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	9,103	8,377	-8.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	1,345	964	-28.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	3,439	3,133	-8.9%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Dorchester County) ¹	\$61,548
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ³	\$30,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ³	\$23,192
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Dorchester	\$74,254
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Dorchester	\$57,490
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Dorchester	Maryland
Under \$25,000	19.8%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	24.2%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.9%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	39.1%	61.6%
Total Households	13,216	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Dorchester	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	9,046	68.4%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	4,170	31.6%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$226,000		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,627		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$968		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

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Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	48	382
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	14	547
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	11	379
Infant/Toddler	5	17
Part-Day	0	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	9	282
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	1	N/A
Public Kindergarten	7	N/A
**Head Start	2	68
***Early Head Start	9	88
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	7	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	46	88

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	6	0
Middle Schools	2	0
Combined	1	3

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	276	7
Kindergarten	283	29
Grades 1 - 6	1,945	80
Total	2,504	116

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

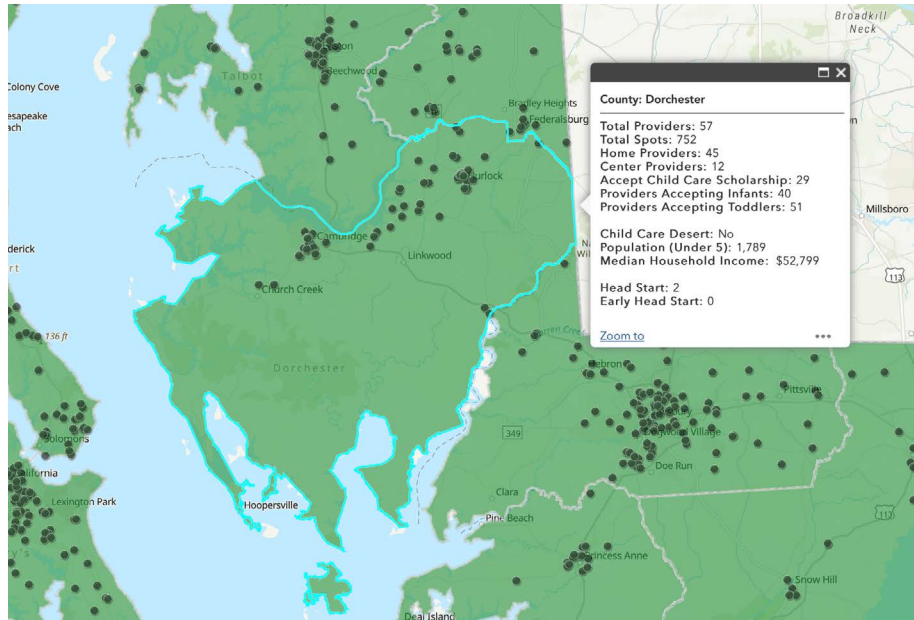
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Dorchester as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Cambridge 21613	9	18.8%	10	90.9%
Church Creek 21622	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
East New Market 21631	11	22.9%	0	0.0%
Hurlock 21643	25	52.1%	1	9.1%
Secretary 21664	1	2.1%	0	0.0%
Vienna 21869	2	4.2%	0	0.0%
Totals	48	100.0%	11	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
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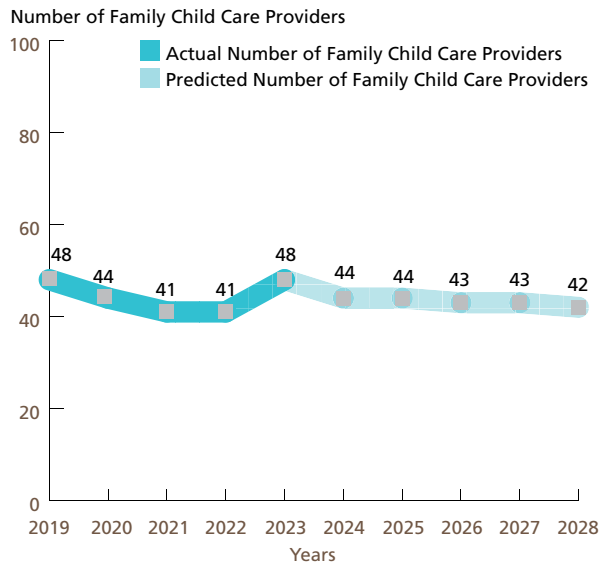
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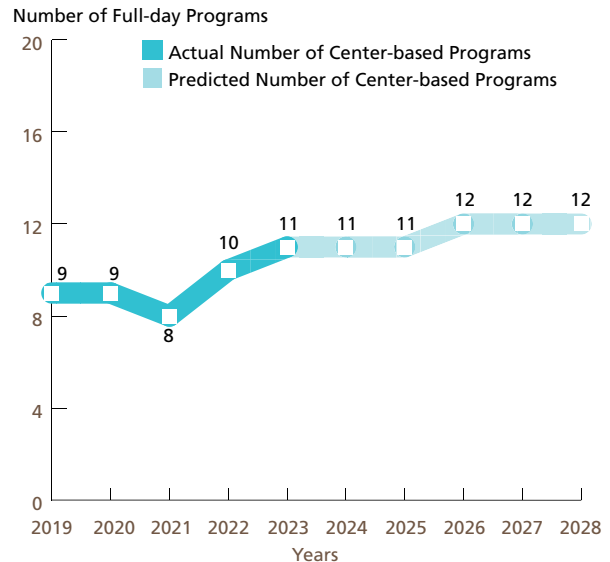


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Dorchester 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Dorchester 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

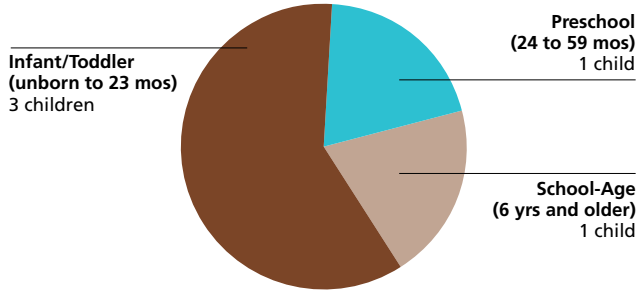


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 Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

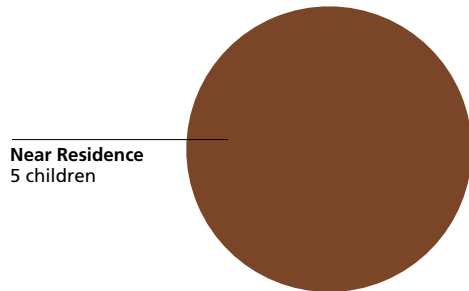
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

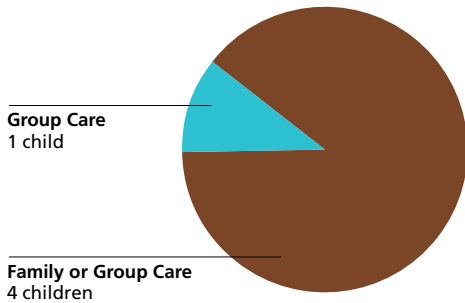
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

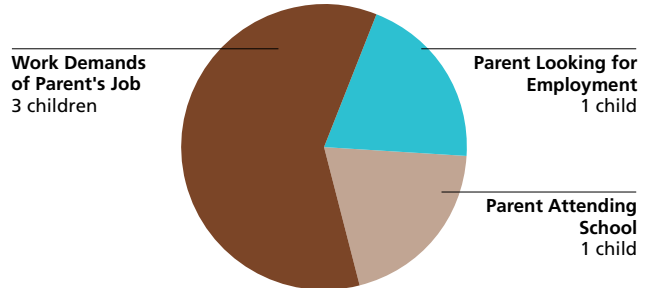
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Reason Child Care is Needed

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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
5 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=5

Full-time: 3 children

Part-time: 2 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
4 (80% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
1 (20% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* 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 Dorchester County
25 (52% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Dorchester County
6 (55% of total child care centers)

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

Dorchester County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$732,991 = 131 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
12 (25% of total family child care providers in Dorchester)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
5 (45% of total child care centers in Dorchester)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Frederick 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

Frederick County is located on Maryland's Northern border and is bordered by Washington, Carroll, Howard, and Montgomery Counties. It is approximately 663 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 267,000 people, making it 7th in county population count in the state.

Frederick County's economy includes science and energy industries. Of the approximately 132,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 103,000 people via 7,000 businesses. Approximately 84% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services. The rest are in local government (11%), state government (1%) and federal government (4%).

Major employers include Fort Detrick, Frederick Health, Leidos Biomed/ Frederick National, Frederick Community College, Thermo Fisher Scientific, AstraZeneca, Costco, Mount St. Mary's University, Legal and General America, NVR, Lonza, Aldi, and Kite a Gilead Company.

Approximately 44% of Frederick County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Frederick County has approximately 39 elementary schools, 13 middle or combined schools, 10 high schools, 1 career/tech school, and 4 charter schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 47,000 students. The county is home to Hood College and Mount St. Mary's University (four-year) and Frederick Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	9,161
3-4 years	6,742
5 years	3,554
6-8 years	10,256
9-11 years	11,004
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	40,717

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Frederick is \$135,543⁶. 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	\$25,498.20	19%
Infant ¹	\$12,207.52	
Preschooler ²	\$13,290.68	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$19,524.00	14%
Taxes ⁵	\$15,716.00	12%
Total	\$63,684.20	47%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Frederick County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
	0-23 Months	\$251.07
2-4 Years	\$211.90	\$370.00
5 years ¹	\$190.33	\$310.00
School Age Full ²	\$187.31	\$310.00
School Age B/A ³	\$135.83	\$230.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Frederick	Maryland	Frederick	Maryland
0-2 years	8,833	215,677	9,161	205,809
3-4 years	6,220	149,276	6,742	152,669
5 years	3,458	73,189	3,554	72,489
6-8 years	9,632	216,607	10,256	224,287
9-11 years	9,483	224,348	11,004	231,904
Total	37,626	879,097	40,717	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	6,614	8,185
Aged 25-29	6,778	7,741
Aged 30-34	7,091	9,038
Total Aged 20-34	20,483	24,964

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Frederick	Maryland
2022		
Females	70,012	1,618,655
Males	81,316	1,713,303
2011		
Females	66,507	1,706,926
Males	75,773	1,772,418
Change		
Females	5.3%	-5.2%
Males	7.3%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	18,122	19,033	5.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	12,499	13,423	7.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	38,949	42,251	8.5%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	28,365	31,813	12.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Frederick	Maryland
2022	273,829	6,161,707
2021	267,498	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	6,760	8,488
Aged 25-29	6,569	8,124
Aged 30-34	6,798	9,150
Total Aged 20-34	20,127	25,762

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	227,009	269,320
Total number of households	85,048	99,891
Average household size	2.67	2.70

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	29,945	30,180	0.8%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	21,122	23,173	9.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	61,292		71,714		17.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	2,303	3.8%	3,264	4.6%	41.7%
All Families with Children Under 5	11,264		12,628		12.1%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	821	7.3%	826	6.5%	0.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	31,971		35,293		10.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,881	5.9%	2,526	7.2%	34.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	58,587		62,551		6.8%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	4,216	7.2%	4,621	7.4%	9.6%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,303	8.8%	1,071	6.8%	-17.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,913	6.7%	3,550	7.6%	21.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Frederick	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	186,771		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	174,200	93.3%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	81,479	43.6%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Frederick	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	61,292	71,714	17.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	12,017	13,695	14.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	29,945	32,560	8.7%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Frederick County) ¹	\$77,537
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$36,327
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$38,860
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$28,800
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$17,400

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Frederick	\$135,543
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Frederick	\$115,724
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Frederick	Maryland
Under \$25,000	7.6%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	10.0%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.8%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	69.6%	61.6%
Total Households	99,891	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Frederick	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	76,338	76.4%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	23,553	23.6%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$412,500		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,309		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,633		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	270	2,073
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	125	7,591
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	70	6,823
Infant/Toddler	40	380
Part-Day	29	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	92	6,348
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	14	N/A
Public Kindergarten	25	N/A
**Head Start	9	242
***Early Head Start	3	
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	25	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	259	565

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	39	1
Middle Schools	13	0
Combined	0	14

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	1,539	645
Kindergarten	3,184	250
Grades 1 - 6	20,427	1,081
Total	25,150	1,976

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

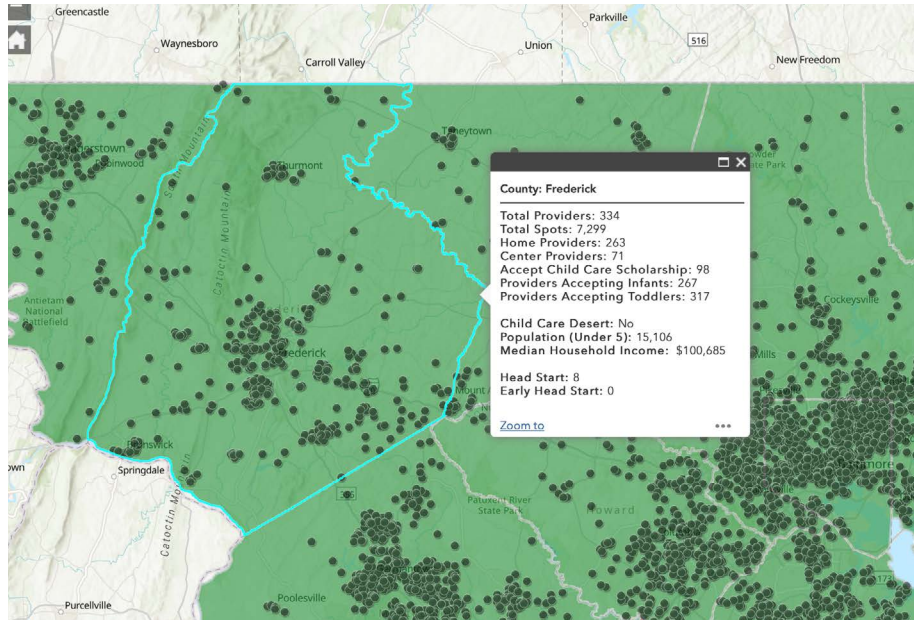
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Frederick as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Adamstown 21710	5	1.9%	2	2.9%
Ballenger Creek 21703	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Brunswick 21716	5	1.9%	1	1.4%
Brunswick 21758	5	1.9%	0	0.0%
Clarksburg 20871	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Emmitsburg 21727	3	1.1%	1	1.4%
Frederick 21070	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Frederick 21701	24	8.9%	13	18.6%
Frederick 21702	49	18.1%	12	17.1%
Frederick 21703	49	18.1%	4	5.7%
Frederick 21704	23	8.5%	4	5.7%
Frederick 21754	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Ijamsville 21754	4	1.5%	5	7.1%
Jefferson 21755	6	2.2%	2	2.9%
Keymar 21757	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Knoxville 21758	3	1.1%	0	0.0%
Libertytown 21762	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Middletown 21769	11	4.1%	5	7.1%
Monrovia 21770	9	3.3%	4	5.7%
Mount Airy 21771	14	5.2%	1	1.4%
Myersville 21773	7	2.6%	2	2.9%
New Market 21774	12	4.4%	4	5.7%
Point Of Rocks 21777	3	1.1%	0	0.0%
Rocky Ridge 21778	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Sabillasville 21780	2	0.7%	0	0.0%
Smithsburg 21783	2	0.7%	0	0.0%
Thurmont 21788	12	4.4%	2	2.9%
Union Bridge 21791	4	1.5%	0	0.0%
Urbana 21704	1	0.4%	1	1.4%
Walkersville 21793	12	4.4%	4	5.7%
Woodsboro 21798	2	0.7%	0	0.0%
Totals	270	100.0%	70	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
 NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

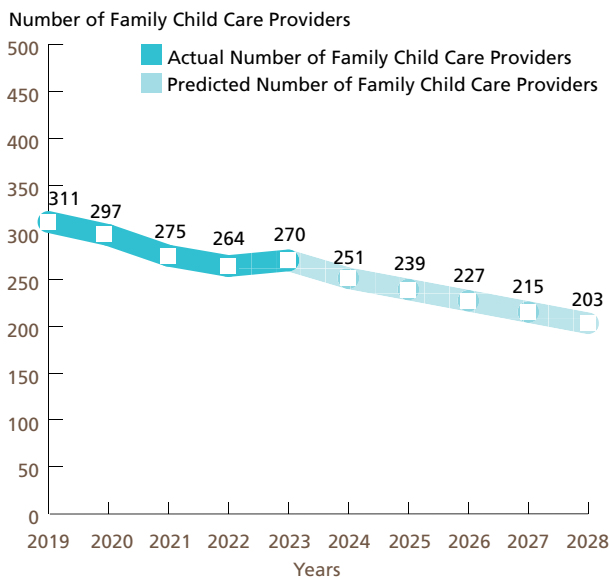
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

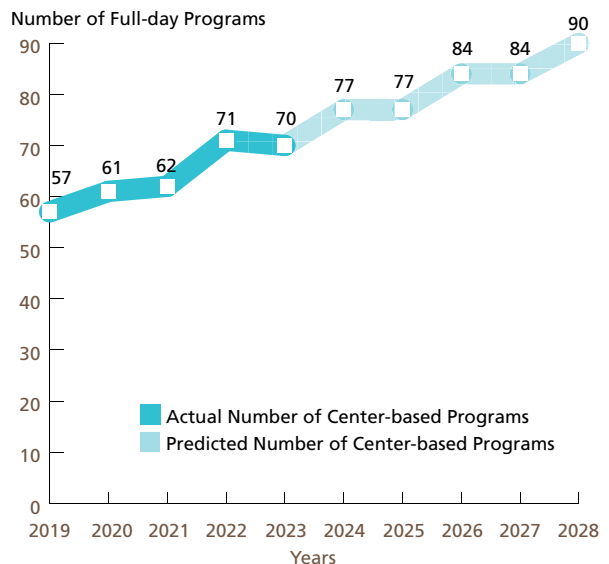


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Frederick 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Frederickville 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

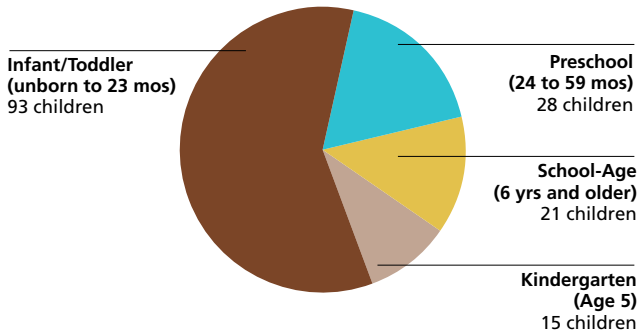


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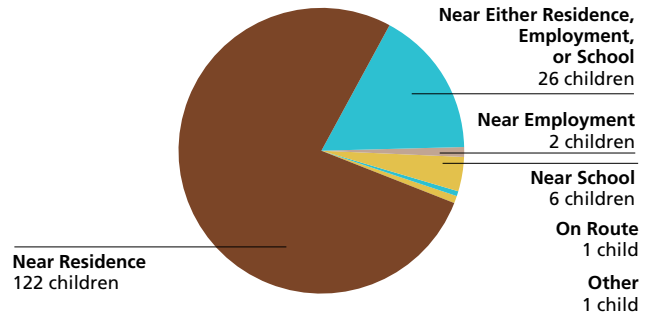
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

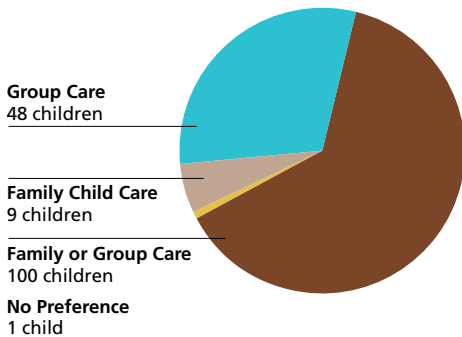
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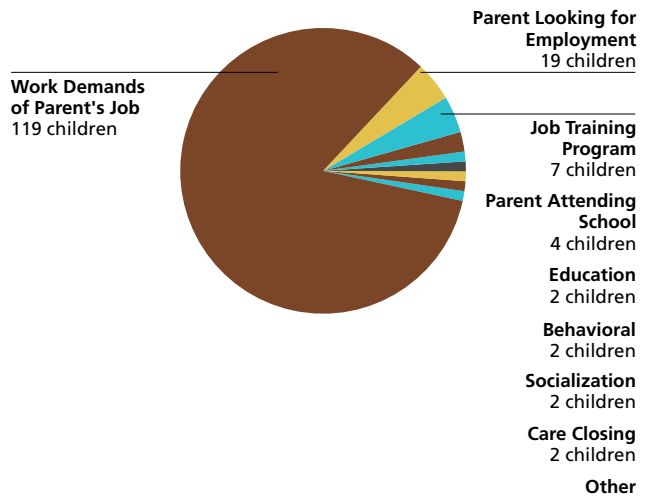
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Reason Child Care is Needed

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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
158 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=158

Full-time: 118 children

Part-time: 34 children

Other*: 6 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
46 (29% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
62 (39% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Caregiver	3
Proximity	3
Cost	2
Hours	1
Vacancy	1
Program	1
Environment	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Frederick County
62 (23% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Frederick County
44 (63% of total child care centers)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Frederick County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$3,790,842 = 422 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
75 (28% of total family child care providers in Frederick)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
14 (20% of total child care centers in Frederick)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Garrett County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Garrett County is Maryland's most Western county, bordering Allegany County. It is approximately 657 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 29,000 people, making it 22nd in county population count in the state.

Garrett County's economy includes manufacturing, distribution, energy, and agriculture industries. Of the approximately 14,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 12,000 people via 1,000 businesses. Approximately 86% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and leisure and hospitality. The rest are in local government (11%), state government (2%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Garrett Regional Medical Center, Beitzel Corporation/Pillar Innovations, ClosetMaid, Wisp Resort, Goodwill Retirement Community, Arrowhead, Total Biz Fulfillment, Garrett County Community Action Committee, First United Corporation, Garrett College, and the Appalachian Parent Association.

Approximately 25% of Garrett County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Garrett County has approximately 7 elementary schools, 3 middle or combined schools, and 2 high schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 3,500 students. The county is home to Garrett College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	842
3-4 years	558
5 years	326
6-8 years	959
9-11 years	751
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	3,436

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Garrett is \$81,575⁶. 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	\$6,825.00	
Preschooler ²	\$7,735.00	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$18,492.00	23%
Taxes ⁵	\$17,716.00	22%
Total	\$53,714.00	66%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Garrett County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$120.00	\$ 177.50
2-4 Years	\$108.33	\$ 175.00
5 years ¹	\$106.67	\$ 170.00
School Age Full ²	\$106.67	\$ 170.00
School Age B/A ³	\$ 87.50	\$ 100.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Garrett	Maryland	Garrett	Maryland
0-2 years	969	215,677	842	205,809
3-4 years	615	149,276	558	152,669
5 years	354	73,189	326	72,489
6-8 years	953	216,607	959	224,287
9-11 years	1,289	224,348	751	231,904
Total	4,180	879,097	3,436	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	765	754
Aged 25-29	778	775
Aged 30-34	773	755
Total Aged 20-34	2,316	2,284

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Garrett	Maryland
2022		
Females	6,355	1,618,655
Males	7,866	1,713,303
2011		
Females	7,480	1,706,926
Males	8,912	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-15.0%	-5.2%
Males	-11.7%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	1,854	1,721	-7.2%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,067	1,340	25.6%
Total Children 6-17 years old	4,249	3,213	-24.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	2,943	2,275	-22.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Garrett	Maryland
2022	28,856	6,161,707
2021	28,955	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	894	818
Aged 25-29	790	846
Aged 30-34	777	794
Total Aged 20-34	2,461	2,458

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	29,286	28,204
Total number of households	12,410	12,448
Average household size	2.36	2.27

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,486	2,789	-20.0%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	2,364	2,165	-8.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	8,463		8,296		-2.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	785	9.3%	609	7.3%	-22.4%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,136		1,358		19.5%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	200	17.6%	181	13.3%	-9.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	3,685		3,331		-9.6%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	602	16.3%	428	12.8%	-28.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	6,351		5,071		-20.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,339	21.1%	743	14.7%	-44.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	348	23.0%	182	13.0%	-47.7%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	991	20.5%	561	15.3%	-43.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Garrett	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	21,440		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	19,406	90.5%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	5,279	24.6%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Garrett	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	8,463	8,296	-2.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	1,288	1,445	12.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	3,486	3,145	-9.8%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Garrett County) ¹	\$66,846
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$13,920
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$27,000
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$25,000
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$17,000

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Garrett	\$81,575
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Garrett	\$64,447
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Garrett	Maryland
Under \$25,000	15.9%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	22.7%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.4%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	43.0%	61.6%
Total Households	12,448	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Garrett	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	9,977	80.1%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	2,471	19.9%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$220,100		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,541		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$681		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	10	87
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	12	303
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	9	212
Infant/Toddler	5	31
Part-Day	0	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	8	185
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	0	N/A
Public Kindergarten	8	N/A
**Head Start	3	180
***Early Head Start	1	89
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	8	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	10	18

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	7	1
Middle Schools	2	1
Combined	1	1

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	203	0
Kindergarten	231	18
Grades 1 - 6	1,478	82
Total	1,912	100

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022. Private schools include MSDE approved schools and those operated by a tax-exempt religious organization which hold a letter of exemption from approval in accordance with State law.
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Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by School District

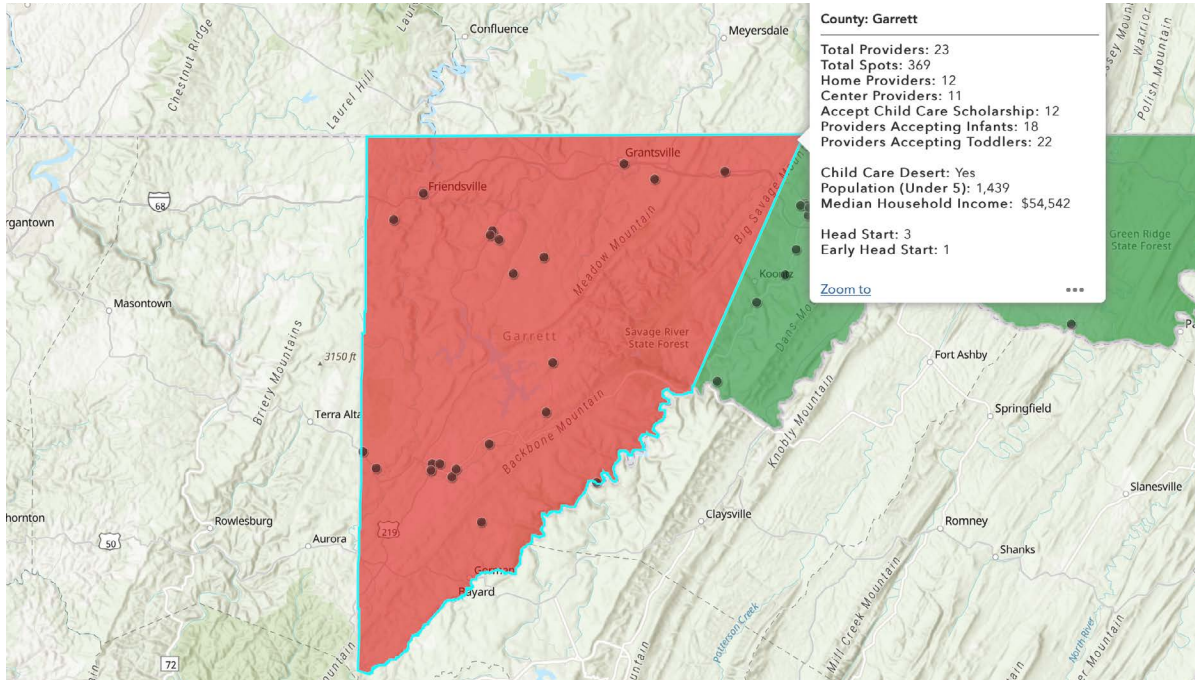
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Garrett as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Accident	3	30.0%	3	33.3%
Broad Ford	2	20.0%	1	11.1%
Crellin	1	10.0%	1	11.1%
Dennett Rd	0	0.0%	2	22.2%
Friendsville	1	10.0%	1	11.1%
Grantsville	1	10.0%	1	11.1%
Route 40	1	10.0%	0	0.0%
Yough Glades	1	10.0%	0	0.0%
Totals	10	100%	9	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
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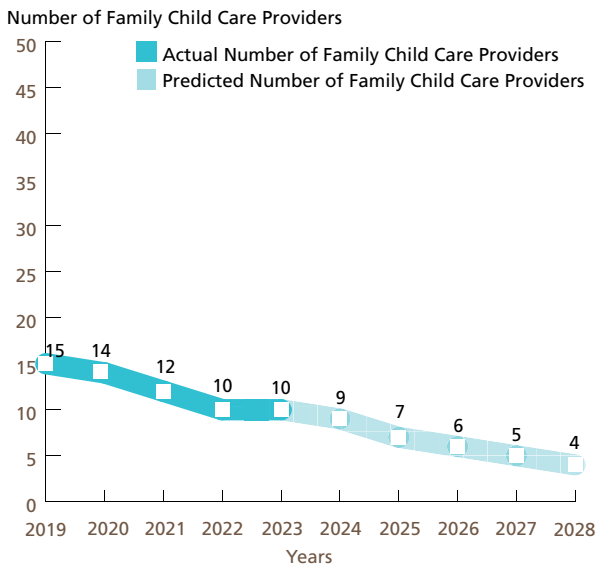
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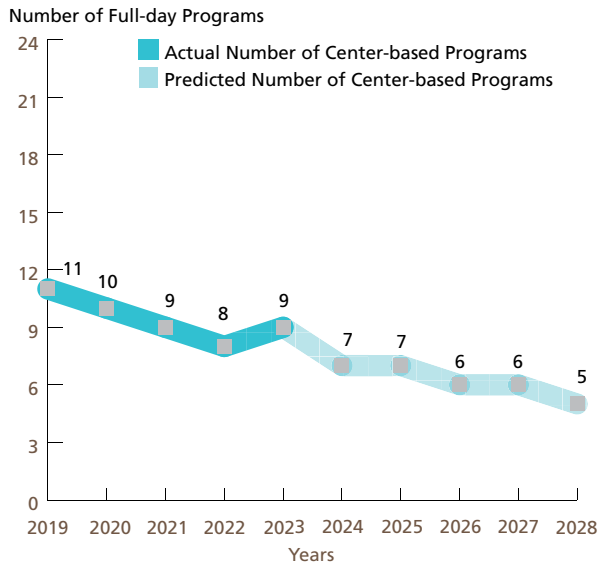


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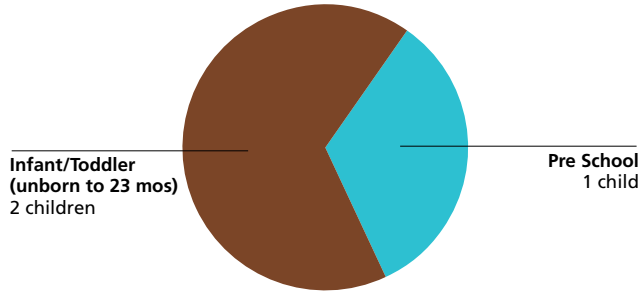


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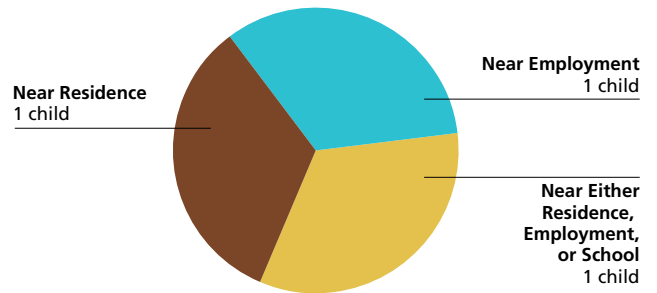
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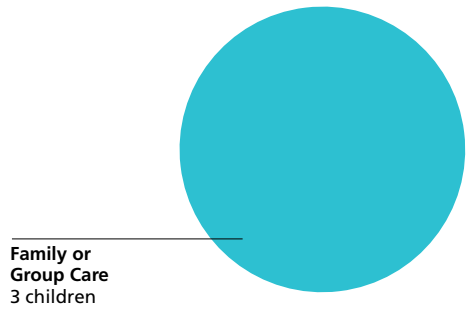
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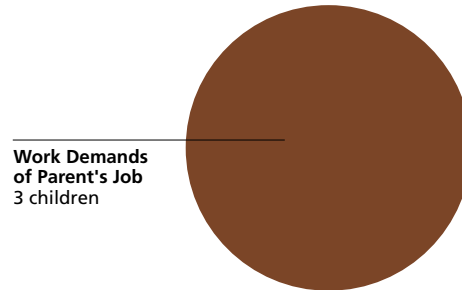
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=3



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care

3 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N=3

Full-time: 2 children

Other: 1 child

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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

2 (67% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* 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 (80% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Garrett County

3 (33% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Garrett County FY23 Allocation (estimated)

\$127,688 = 27 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹

1 (10% of total family child care providers in Garrett)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs

1 (11% of total child care centers in Garrett)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Harford County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Harford County is on Maryland's Northern border and is bordered by Baltimore and Cecil Counties. It is approximately 448 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 259,000 people, making it 8th in county population count in the state.

Harford County's economy includes the technology and R&D industry. Of the approximately 136,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 92,000 people via 6,000 businesses. Approximately 78% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services. The rest are in local government (9%), state government (1%) and federal government (12%).

Major employers include Aberdeen Proving Ground, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, Harford Community College, ShopRite, Amazon, Sephora, Kohl's, Frito-Lay, Walmart, Rite Aid, Jones Junction Auto Group, CACI, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Target.

Approximately 39% of Harford County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Harford County has approximately 33 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 9 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 38,000 students. The county is home to Harford Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	7,736
3-4 years	6,525
5 years	3,221
6-8 years	9,716
9-11 years	9,666
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	36,864

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Harford is \$125,929⁶. 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	\$26,554.84	21%
Infant ¹	\$11,639.16	
Preschooler ²	\$14,915.68	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$24,612.00	20%
Taxes ⁵	\$31,079.00	25%
Total	\$85,191.84	68%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).
² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023).
³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).
⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.
⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.
⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Harford County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$250.92	\$379.50
2-4 Years	\$216.58	\$293.38
5 years ¹	\$206.73	\$270.67
School Age Full ²	\$170.00	\$357.00
School Age B/A ³	\$117.86	\$147.50

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers.
² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).
³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Harford	Maryland	Harford	Maryland
0-2 years	8,023	215,677	7,736	205,809
3-4 years	7,024	149,276	6,525	152,669
5 years	3,166	73,189	3,221	72,489
6-8 years	9,380	216,607	9,716	224,287
9-11 years	11,249	224,348	9,666	231,904
Total	38,842	879,097	36,864	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	6,761	7,368
Aged 25-29	7,208	7,625
Aged 30-34	7,071	8,279
Total Aged 20-34	21,040	23,272

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Harford	Maryland
2022		
Females	67,067	1,618,655
Males	75,197	1,713,303
2011		
Females	69,963	1,706,926
Males	76,737	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-4.1%	-5.2%
Males	-2.0%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	17,795	17,027	-4.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	12,178	12,450	2.2%
Total Children 6-17 years old	40,651	38,492	-5.3%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	31,677	30,884	-2.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Harford	Maryland
2022	261,059	6,161,707
2021	259,162	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	7,268	7,877
Aged 25-29	7,022	7,855
Aged 30-34	6,715	8,199
Total Aged 20-34	21,005	23,931

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	241,805	259,540
Total number of households	89,260	98,822
Average household size	2.71	2.63

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	30,448	26,355	-13.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	22,339	21,452	-4.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	65,726		70,890		7.9%
Families Below Poverty Level	3,172	4.8%	3,335	4.7%	5.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	11,733		11,791		0.5%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,227	10.5%	903	7.7%	-26.4%
All Families w Children Under 18	32,893		31,180		-5.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,579	7.8%	2,108	6.8%	-18.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	60,140		57,634		-4.2%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	5,530	9.2%	5,256	9.1%	-5.0%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,791	12.0%	1,200	8.5%	-33.0%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	3,739	8.3%	4,056	9.3%	8.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Harford	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	182,063		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	171,448	94.2%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	70,590	38.8%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Harford	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	65,726	70,890	7.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	11,987	12,097	0.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	30,448	28,503	-6.4%
Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary Average (Harford County)	\$76,277
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$33,987
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$36,000
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$24,500
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$15,000

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Harford	\$125,929
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Harford	\$106,417
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Harford	Maryland
Under \$25,000	9.6%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	12.6%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.4%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	65.5%	61.6%
Total Households	98,822	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Harford	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	79,011	80.0%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	19,811	20.0%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$351,100		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,051		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,475		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	201	1,576
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	98	7,104
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	59	5,216
Infant/Toddler	28	285
Part-Day	17	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	68	5,088
Employer-Sponsored Centers	2	192
Nursery Schools	19	N/A
Public Kindergarten	20	N/A
**Head Start	3	134
***Early Head Start	1	60
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	20	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	196	419

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	33	1
Middle Schools	9	0
Combined	1	15

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	1,101	583
Kindergarten	2,739	257
Grades 1 - 6	16,762	1,201
Total	20,602	2,041

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

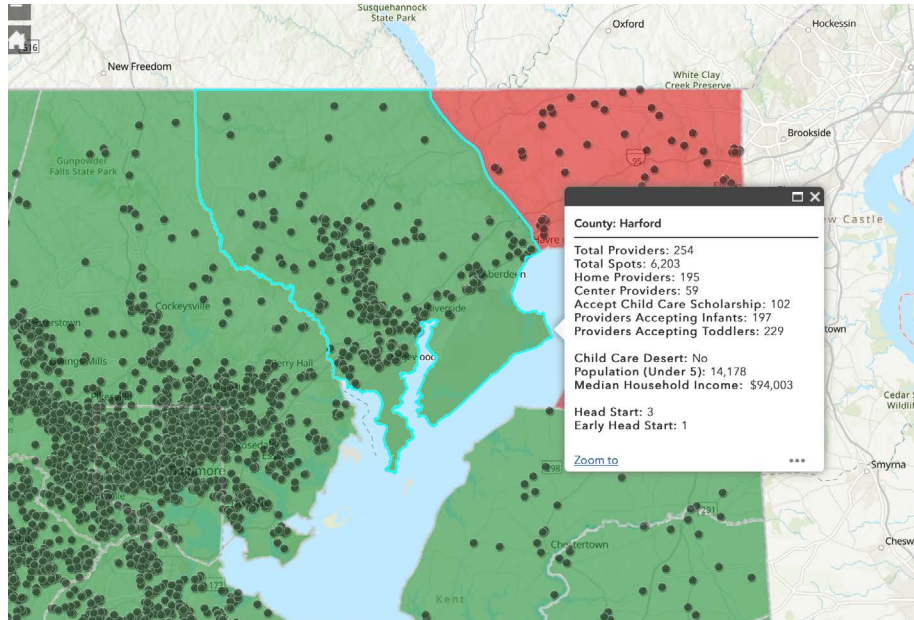
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Harford as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Aberdeen 21001	26	12.9%	4	6.8%
Abingdon 21009	37	18.4%	7	11.9%
Bel Air 21014	27	13.4%	12	20.3%
Bel Air 21015	22	10.9%	7	11.9%
Belcamp 21017	13	6.5%	1	1.7%
Churchville 21028	2	1.0%	3	5.1%
Darlington 21034	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Edgewood 21040	27	13.4%	4	6.8%
Fallston 21047	7	3.5%	4	6.8%
Forest Hill 21050	12	6.0%	7	11.9%
Havre De Grace 21078	7	3.5%	4	6.8%
Havre De Grace 21085	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jarrettsville 21084	5	2.5%	2	3.4%
Joppa 21085	12	6.0%	2	3.4%
Joppatowne 21085	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Kingsville 21087	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Pylesville 21132	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Street 21154	0	0.0%	1	1.7%
Whiteford 21160	1	0.5%	1	1.7%
Totals	201	100.0%	59	100.0%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

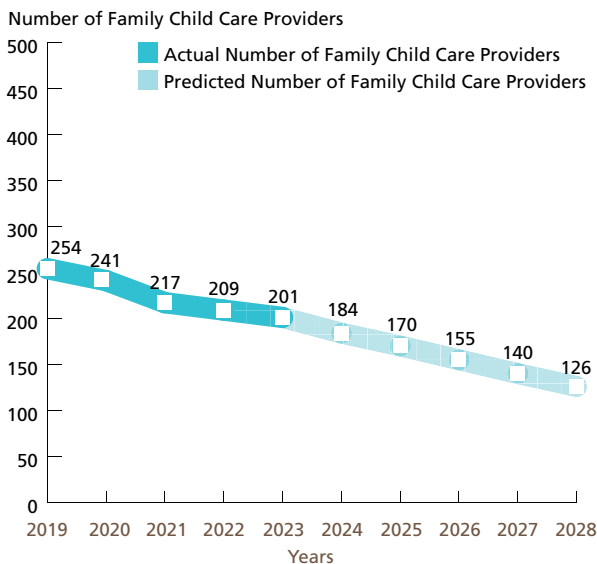
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

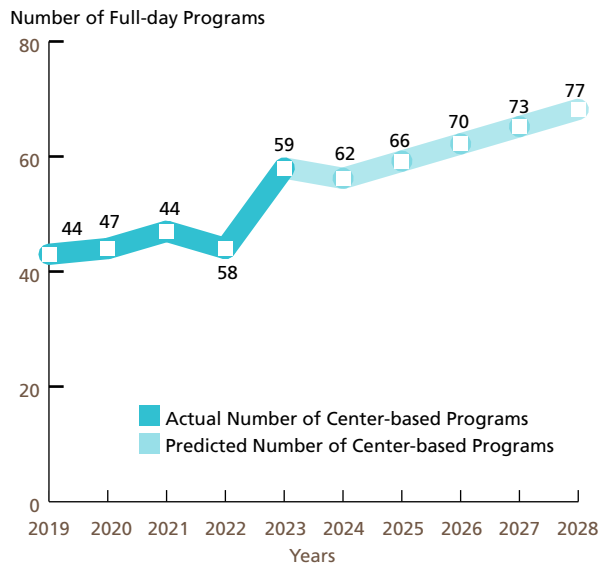


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Harford 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Harford 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



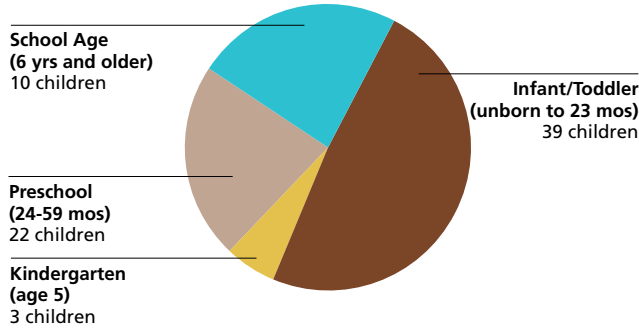
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

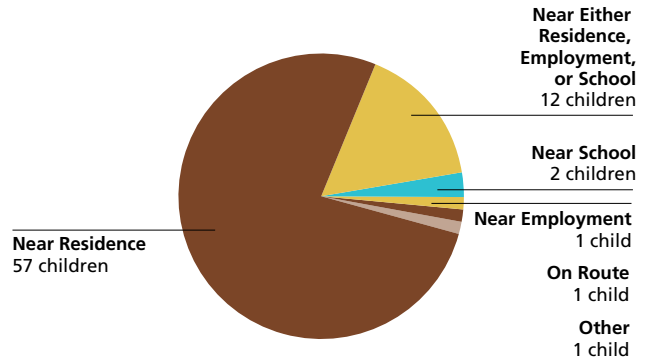
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

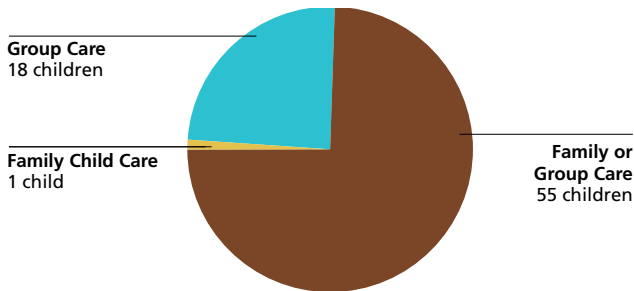
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

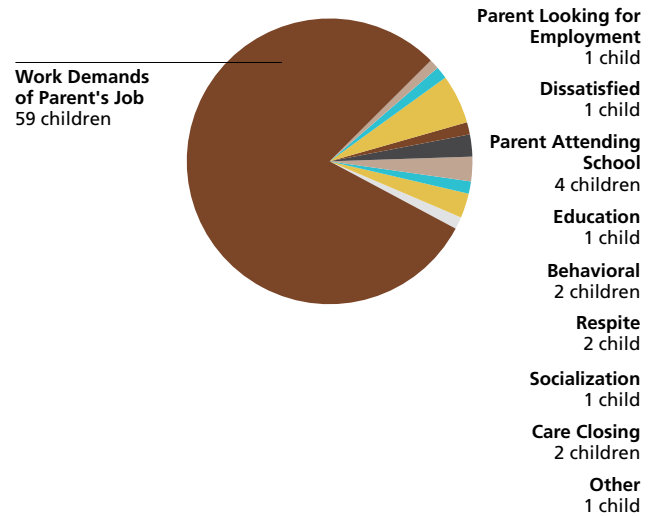
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=74



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
74 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=74

Full-time: 59 children

Part-time: 15 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
27 (36% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
29 (39% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Harford County

Factor	Count
Other	1
Special Needs	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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

Factor	Count
Environment	7
Program	4
Hours	4
Cost	3
Caregiver	3
Transportation	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Harford County
74 (37% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Harford County
36 (61% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Harford County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$4,459,040 = 557 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
70 (35% of total family child care providers in Harford)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
30 (51% of total child care centers in Harford)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Howard County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Howard County is located between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., bordered by Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George’s, and Anne Arundel Counties. It is approximately 251 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 329,000 people, making it 6th in county population count in the state.

Howard County’s economy includes the cyber security and research industries. Of the approximately 182,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 165,000 people via 11,000 businesses. Approximately 90% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in professional and business services and trade, transportation, and utilities. The rest are in local government (9%), state government (1%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Howard County General Hospital, Verizon, FreshPoint Sysco, Howard Community College, The Columbia Association, Lorien Health Systems, Giant Food, Wells Fargo, Nestle Dreyer’s Ice Cream, Maxim Healthcare Services, and Oracle.

Approximately 64% of Howard County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Howard County has approximately 42 elementary schools, 20 middle schools, and 12 high schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 58,000 students. The county is home to Lincoln College of Technology and Maryland University of Integrative Health (four-year) and Howard Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	10,536
3-4 years	8,086
5 years	3,923
6-8 years	12,440
9-11 years	13,873
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	48,858

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Howard is \$169,085⁶. 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	\$ 31,798.52	19%
Infant ¹	\$14,848.08	
Preschooler ²	\$16,950.44	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$ 34,584.00	20%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 47,083.00	28%
Total	\$116,411.52	69%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Howard County	Family Child Care Centers	Child
Care Programs		
0-23 Months	\$353.33	\$299.52
2-4 Years	\$143.00	\$257.80
5 years ¹	\$143.00	\$244.81
School Age Full ²	\$143.00	\$236.43
School Age B/A ³	\$ 74.99	\$150.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Howard	Maryland	Howard	Maryland
0-2 years	10,042	215,677	10,536	205,809
3-4 years	7,358	149,276	8,086	152,669
5 years	4,071	73,189	3,923	72,489
6-8 years	12,123	216,607	12,440	224,287
9-11 years	13,205	224,348	13,873	231,904
Total	46,799	879,097	48,858	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	6,908	9,237
Aged 25-29	8,739	9,231
Aged 30-34	9,021	10,459
Total Aged 20-34	24,668	28,927

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Howard	Maryland
2022		
Females	87,320	1,618,655
Males	96,213	1,713,303
2011		
Females	83,747	1,706,926
Males	92,002	1,772,418
Change		
Females	4.3%	-5.2%
Males	4.6%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	21,281	21,757	2.2%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	14,192	16,287	14.8%
Total Children 6-17 years old	51,258	55,206	7.7%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	39,884	43,852	9.9%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Howard	Maryland
2022	332,011	6,161,707
2021	329,248	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	7,691	9,927
Aged 25-29	8,566	9,771
Aged 30-34	8,338	10,069
Total Aged 20-34	24,595	29,767

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	280,961	329,348
Total number of households	103,547	119,230
Average household size	2.71	2.76

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	39,606	39,390	-0.5%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	29,408	31,914	8.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	76,263		87,714		15.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	2,257	3.0%	3,205	3.7%	42.0%
All Families with Children Under 5	14,074		13,181		-6.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	741	5.3%	923	7.0%	24.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	41,279		43,683		5.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,794	4.3%	2,172	5.0%	21.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	73,462		78,351		6.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,688	5.0%	5,014	6.4%	36.0%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	896	5.2%	1,278	7.0%	42.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,792	5.0%	3,736	6.2%	33.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Howard	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	225,256		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	214,502	95.2%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	144,190	64.0%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Families

Howard	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	76,263	87,714	15.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	15,348	14,820	-3.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	39,606	41,534	4.9%
Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Howard County) ¹	\$85,158
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$46,257
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$43,967
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$27,153
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$17,799

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income	
Howard	\$169,085
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income ¹ :	
Howard	\$140,971
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Howard	Maryland
Under \$25,000	6.6%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	8.0%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	9.0%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	76.5%	61.6%
Total Households	119,230	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Howard	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	85,941	72.1%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	33,289	27.9%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$551,300		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,882		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,920		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	264	2,024
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	184	13,036
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	123	9,738
Infant/Toddler	64	690
Part-Day	16	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	109	7,849
Employer-Sponsored Centers	4	69
Nursery Schools	36	N/A
Public Kindergarten	25	N/A
**Head Start	3	362
***Early Head Start	0	0
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	25	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	252	587

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFNLOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	42	5
Middle Schools	20	0
Combined	0	25

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	1,451	904
Kindergarten	3,747	589
Grades 1 - 6	25,273	2,972
Total	30,471	4,465

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

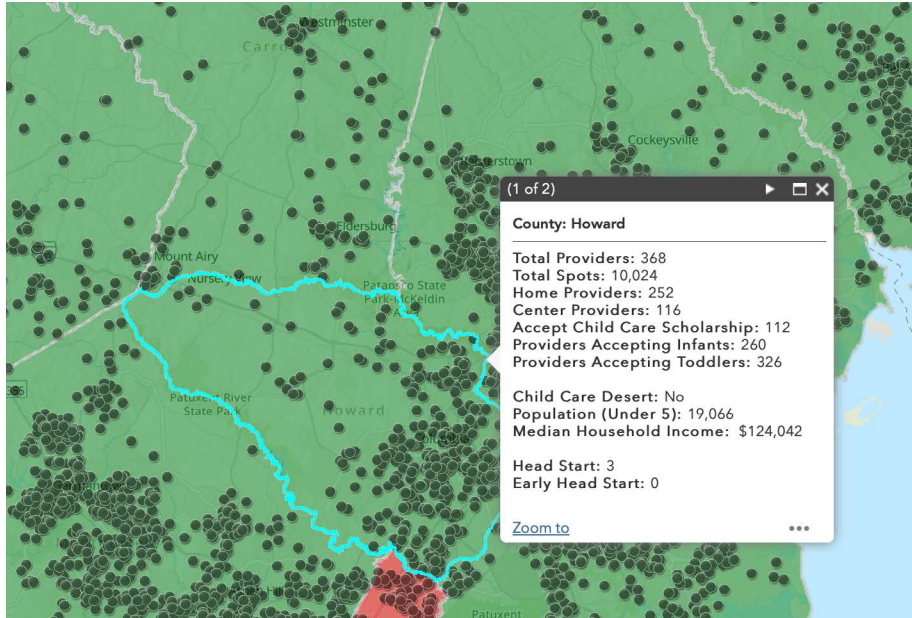
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Howard as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Clarksville 21029	2	0.8%	7	5.7%
Clarksville 21042	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Columbia 20145	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Columbia 21044	28	10.6%	15	12.2%
Columbia 21045	54	20.5%	23	18.7%
Columbia 21046	18	6.8%	8	6.5%
Cooksville 21723	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Dayton 21036	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Elkridge 21029	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Elkridge 21075	33	12.5%	11	8.9%
Ellicott City 21042	19	7.2%	16	13.0%
Ellicott City 21043	30	11.4%	14	11.4%
Fulton 20759	1	0.4%	6	4.9%
Glenelg 21737	2	0.8%	1	0.8%
Glenwood 21738	1	0.4%	1	0.8%
Hanover 21076	4	1.5%	1	0.8%
Highland 20777	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Jessup 20794	5	1.9%	2	1.6%
Laurel 20723	51	19.3%	8	6.5%
Lisbon 21765	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Marriottsville 21104	3	1.1%	3	2.4%
Marriottsville 21604	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Mount Airy 21771	2	0.8%	2	1.6%
Savage 20763	1	0.4%	1	0.8%
Severn 21144	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Sykesville 21784	2	0.8%	0	0.0%
West Friendship 21794	2	0.8%	0	0.0%
Woodbine 21797	1	0.4%	1	0.8%
Woodstock 21163	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Totals	264	100%	123	100%

Source: MFNLOCATE: Child Care, 6/23. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

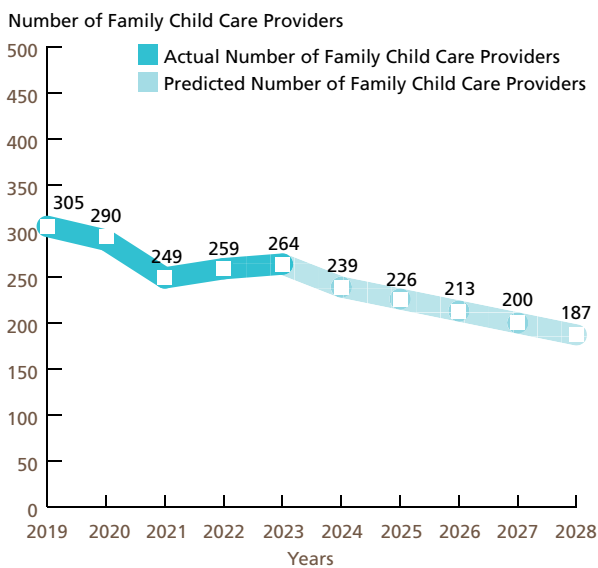
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

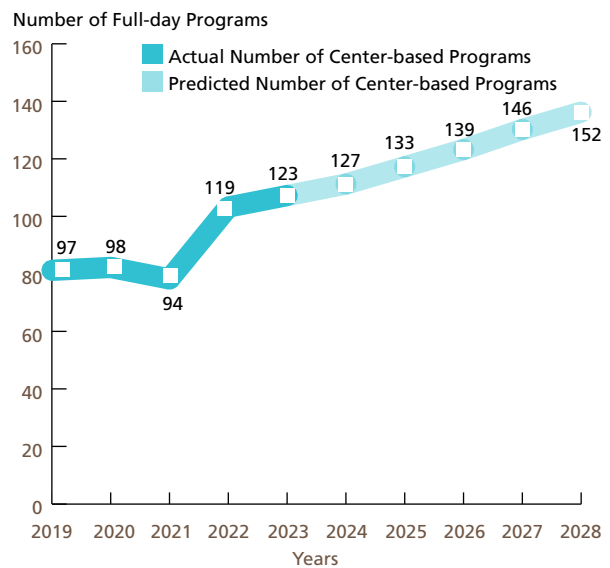


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Howard 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Howard 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

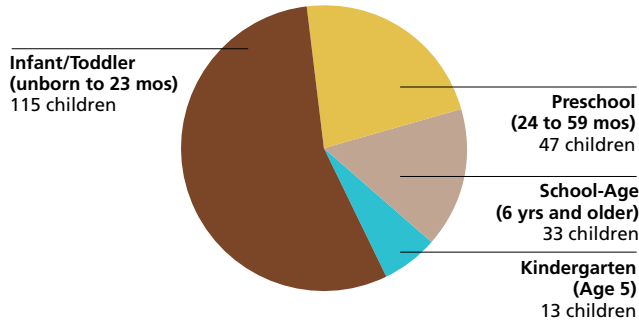


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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

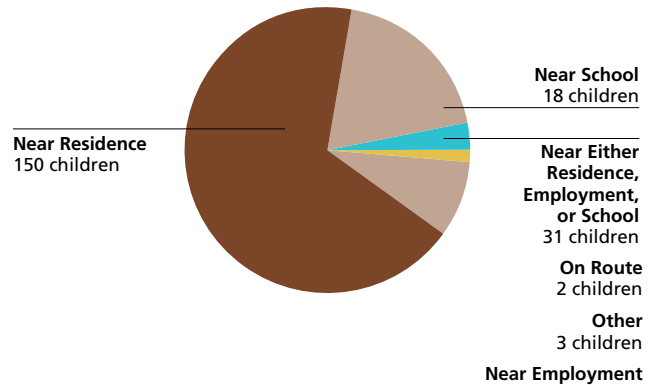
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

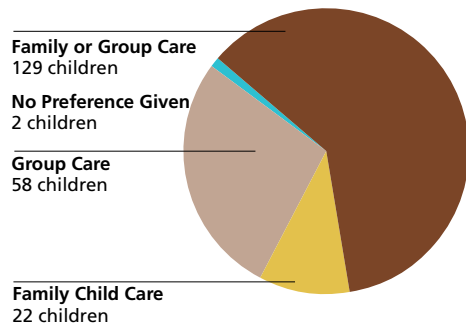
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

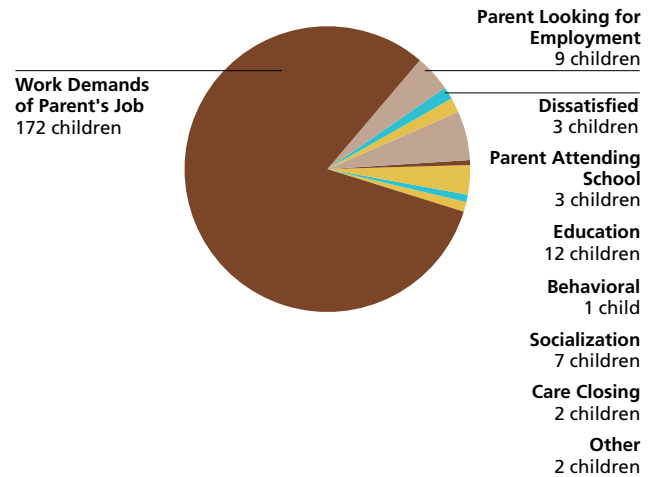
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=211



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
211 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=211

Full-time: 139 children

Part-time: 61 children

Other*: 11 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
38 (18% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
54 (26% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23)

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program.

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

Factor	Count
Environment	13
Proximity	10
Program	1
Cost	6
Caregiver	11
Hours	3
Vacancy	2

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Howard County
58 (22% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Howard County
62 (50% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program.

Howard County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$7,105,262 = 689 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
72 (27% of total family child care providers in Howard)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
50 (41% of total child care centers in Howard)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Kent 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

Kent County is located in Eastern Maryland with the Chesapeake Bay and Baltimore to its west, and bordered by Cecil and Queen Anne’s Counties. It is approximately 278 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 19,000 people, making it 24th in county population count and the least populated county in the state.

Kent County’s economy includes the distribution and transportation industries. Of the approximately 9,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 8,000 people via 750 businesses. Approximately 86% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in education and health services and trade, transportation, and utilities. The rest are in local government (10%), state government (3%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Dixon Valve, Washington College, LaMotte, University of Maryland Shore Regional, David A. Bramble, YMCA Camp Tockwogh, Heron Point of Chestertown, Angelica Nurseries, Gillespie & Son, and Kent Center.

Approximately 38% of Kent County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Kent County has approximately 3 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school¹. Total public school enrollment is 2,000 students. The county is home to Washington College (four-year), with the regional community college of Chesapeake College whose main campus is located in Queen Anne’s County (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	281
3-4 years	429
5 years	197
6-8 years	595
9-11 years	484
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	1,986

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Kent is \$103,341⁶. 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	\$19,606.08	19%
Infant ¹	\$8765.64	
Preschooler ²	\$10840.44	
Food ³	\$2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$21,372.00	21%
Taxes ⁵	\$23,797.00	23%
Total	\$67,721.08	66%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).
² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Kent County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$150.00	\$215.00
2-4 Years	\$125.00	\$145.00
5 years ¹	\$100.00	\$175.00
School Age Full ²	\$100.00	\$175.00
School Age B/A ³	\$100.00	\$654.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
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.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023
² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Kent	Maryland	Kent	Maryland
0-2 years	634	215,677	281	205,809
3-4 years	293	149,276	429	152,669
5 years	101	73,189	197	72,489
6-8 years	610	216,607	595	224,287
9-11 years	500	224,348	484	231,904
Total	2,138	879,097	1,986	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	820	634
Aged 25-29	405	511
Aged 30-34	489	459
Total Aged 20-34	1,714	1,604

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Kent	Maryland
2022		
Females	4,791	1,618,655
Males	4,888	1,713,303
2011		
Females	5,440	1,706,926
Males	5,688	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-11.9%	-5.2%
Males	-14.1%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	1,020	878	-13.9%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	795	795	0.0%
Total Children 6-17 years old	2,230	1,864	-16.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	1,647	1,481	-10.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Kent	Maryland
2022	19,289	6,161,707
2021	19,335	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	830	833
Aged 25-29	638	496
Aged 30-34	388	489
Total Aged 20-34	1,856	1,818

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	18,688	17,676
Total number of households	7,605	8,375
Average household size	2.46	2.11

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	1,581	1,275	-19.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	1,198	1,013	-15.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	5,056		4,989		-1.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	364	7.2%	255	5.1%	-29.9%
All Families with Children Under 5	621		527		-15.1%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	164	26.4%	18	3.4%	-89.0%
All Families w Children Under 18	1,727		1,635		-5.3%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	257	14.9%	199	12.2%	-22.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	3,411		2,930		-14.1%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	660	19.3%	314	10.7%	-52.4%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	235	25.4%	17	2.4%	-92.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	425	17.1%	297	13.4%	-30.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Kent	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	13,958		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	12,637	90.5%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	5,214	37.4%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Kent	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	5,056	4,989	-1.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	583	586	0.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	1,581	1,364	-13.7%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Kent County) ¹	\$81,445
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ⁴	\$41,936
Child Care Center Director (State) ³	\$21,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ³	\$23,000
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Kent	\$103,341
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Kent	\$71,635
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Kent	Maryland
Under \$25,000	15.1%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	22.6%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.9%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	49.4%	61.6%
Total Households	8,375	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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

Housing Information

	Kent	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	5,847	69.8%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	2,528	30.2%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$291,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,781		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,072		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%
2011	7.4%	7.2%
2012	6.3%	6.5%
2013	6.4%	6.2%
2014	5.8%	5.6%
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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	18	142
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	7	255
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	6	247
Infant/Toddler	4	20
Part-Day	0	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	4	208
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	2	N/A
Public Kindergarten	5	N/A
**Head Start	0	0
***Early Head Start	1	8
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	5	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	17	37

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	3	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined	0	3

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	101	15
Kindergarten	111	37
Grades 1 - 6	741	238
Total	953	290

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

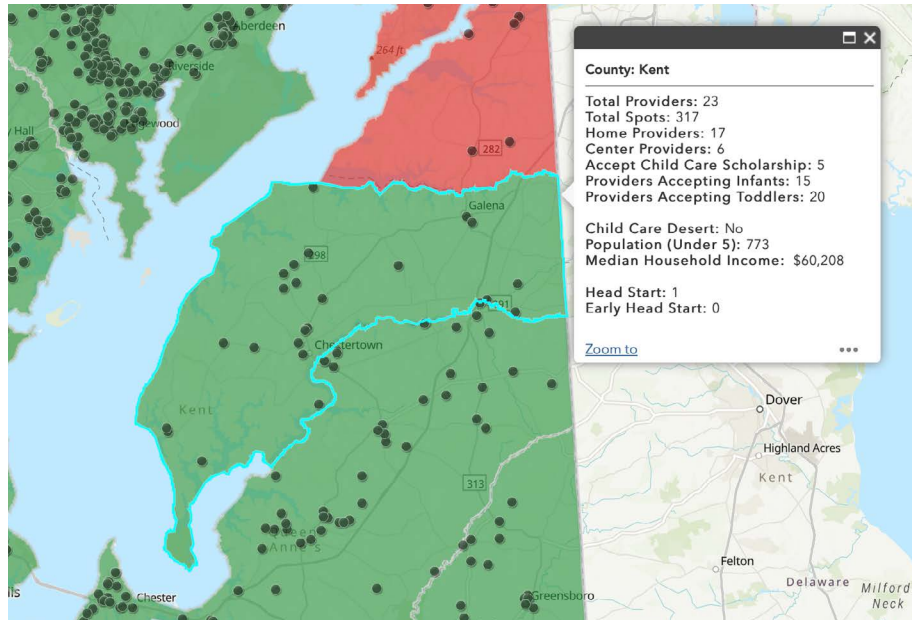
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Kent as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Betterton 21610	1	5.6%	0	0.0%
Chestertown 21620	3	16.7%	5	83.3%
Galena 21635	2	11.1%	0	0.0%
Kennedyville 21645	1	5.6%	0	0.0%
Millington 21651	4	22.2%	0	0.0%
Rock Hall 21661	3	16.7%	0	0.0%
Worton 21678	4	22.2%	1	16.7%
Totals	18	100%	6	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

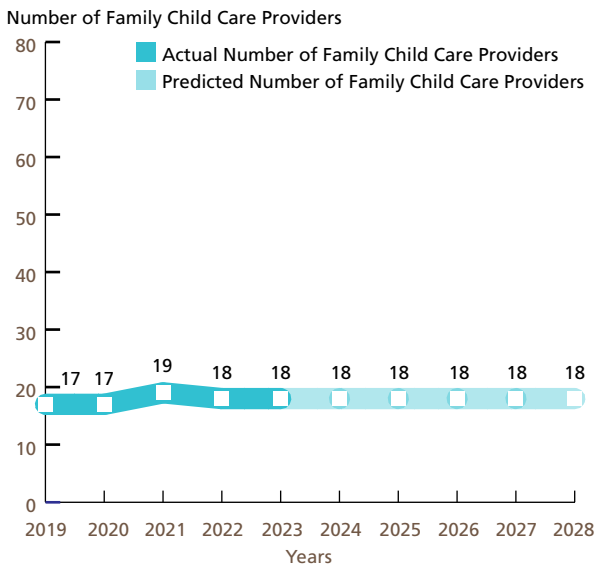
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

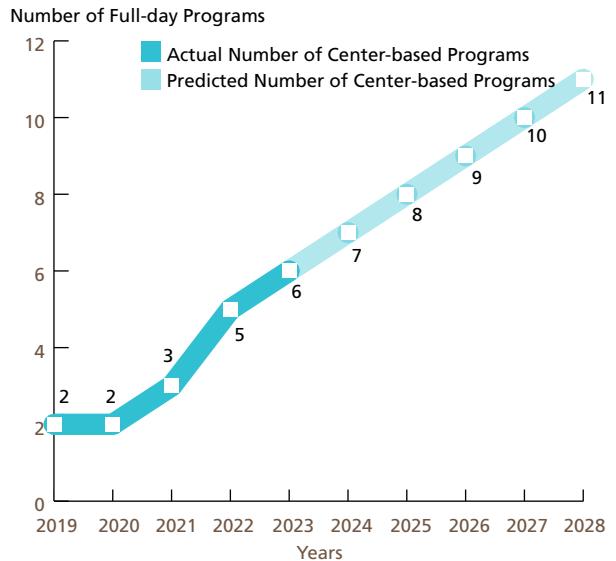


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Kent 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Kent 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

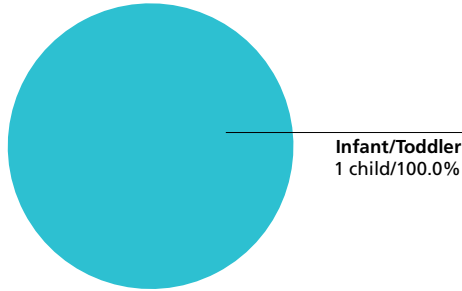


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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

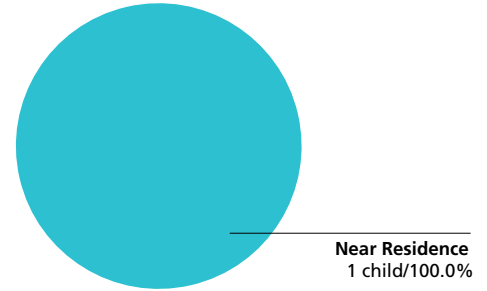
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

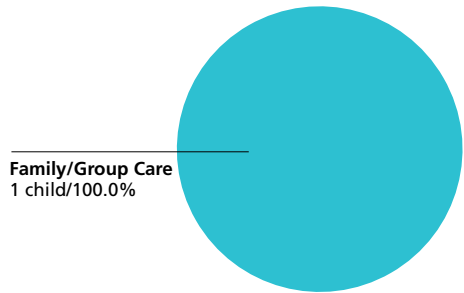
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

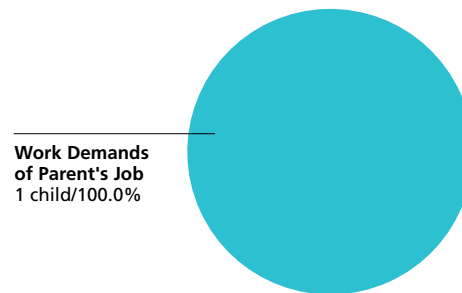
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=1



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
1 child (7/1/22-6/30/23)

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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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Program	1

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Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
2 (33% of total child care centers in Kent)

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.

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Montgomery 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

Montgomery County is located in Central Maryland and is bordered by Frederick, Howard, and Prince George's Counties. It is approximately 495 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 1.1 million people, making it 1st in county population count and the most populated county in the state.

Montgomery County's economy includes the technology and health industries. Of the approximately 531,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 455,000 people via 34,000 businesses. Approximately 79% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in professional and business services and education and health services. The rest are in local government (9%), state government (<1%) and federal government (11%).

Major employers include National Institutes of Health, Naval Support Activity Bethesda, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Giant Food, Adventist HealthCare, GEICO, Marriott International, Astrazeneca, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Montgomery College, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Holy Cross Hospital.

Approximately 60% of Montgomery County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Montgomery County has approximately 136 elementary schools, 40 middle schools, 25 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 161,000 students. The county is home to Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and Washington Adventist University (four-year) and Montgomery College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	36,523
3-4 years	25,753
5 years	12,133
6-8 years	40,228
9-11 years	41,917
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	156,554

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Montgomery is \$152,137⁶. 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	\$ 41,208.44	27% ¹
Infant ¹	\$16,127.80	
Preschooler ²	\$25,080.64	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$ 34,116.00	22%
Taxes ⁵	\$ 41,226.00	27%
Total	\$119,496.44	79%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Montgomery County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$326.31	\$465.21
2-4 Years	\$302.34	\$360.41
5 years ¹	\$280.03	\$338.86
School Age Full ²	\$248.21	\$319.04
School Age B/A ³	\$171.71	\$158.32

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population

	2011		2022	
	Montgomery	Maryland	Montgomery	Maryland
0-2 years	37,827	215,677	36,523	205,809
3-4 years	25,945	149,276	25,753	152,669
5 years	11,820	73,189	12,133	72,489
6-8 years	38,603	216,607	40,228	224,287
9-11 years	38,629	224,348	41,917	231,904
Total	152,824	879,097	156,554	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	26,358	30,183
Aged 25-29	32,898	30,653
Aged 30-34	33,557	34,221
Total Aged 20-34	92,813	95,057

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Montgomery	Maryland
2022		
Females	286,024	1,618,655
Males	306,658	1,713,303
2011		
Females	295,864	1,706,926
Males	314,040	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-3.3%	-5.2%
Males	-2.4%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children			
Under 6 years old	74,020	71,927	-2.8%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	51,734	54,089	4.6%
Total Children 6-17 years old	150,678	162,451	7.8%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	115,136	128,475	11.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Montgomery	Maryland
2022	1,056,910	6,161,707
2021	1,057,201	6,148,545
2011	959,738	5,736,545
2000	873,341	5,296,486
1990	757,027	4,780,753
1980	579,053	4,216,975

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

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	27,111	30,699
Aged 25-29	31,701	30,931
Aged 30-34	30,949	33,408
Total Aged 20-34	89,761	95,038

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	951,562	1,048,305
Total number of households	355,434	385,284
Average household size	2.68	2.72

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	118,235	114,172	-3.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	87,811	91,651	4.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Families Below Poverty Level	10,155	4.2%	13,121	4.9%	29.2%
All Families with Children Under 5	48,544		44,492		-8.3%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,830	7.9%	4,008	9.0%	4.6%
All Families w Children Under 18	125,465		131,020		4.4%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	8,102	6.5%	9,120	7.0%	12.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	228,975		239,131		4.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	17,610	7.7%	20,929	8.8%	18.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	5,292	8.4%	6,062	10.0%	14.6%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	12,318	7.4%	14,867	8.3%	20.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Montgomery	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	729,862		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	666,046	91.3%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	438,124	60.0%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Montgomery	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	242,848	266,286	9.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	50,320	46,331	-7.9%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	118,235	121,957	3.1%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Montgomery County) ¹	\$86,686
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$54,672
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$48,134
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$30,810
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$19,671

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Montgomery	\$152,137
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Montgomery	\$125,583
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Montgomery	Maryland
Under \$25,000	8.2%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	10.2%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	10.8%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	70.8%	61.6%
Total Households	385,284	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Montgomery	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	252,457	65.5%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	132,827	34.5%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$588,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,843		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,957		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	779	6,209
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	522	40,423
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	368	29,745
Infant/Toddler	165	1,619
Part-Day	59	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	301	23,897
Employer-Sponsored Centers	8	928
Nursery Schools	124	N/A
Private Kindergarten	64	N/A
**Head Start	25	648
***Early Head Start	2	124
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	64	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	745	2,037

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	136	33
Middle Schools	40	0
Combined	0	95

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	4,308	2,496
Kindergarten	10,602	2,153
Grades 1 - 6	69,366	11,444
Total	84,276	16,093

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Montgomery as of June 30, 2023.

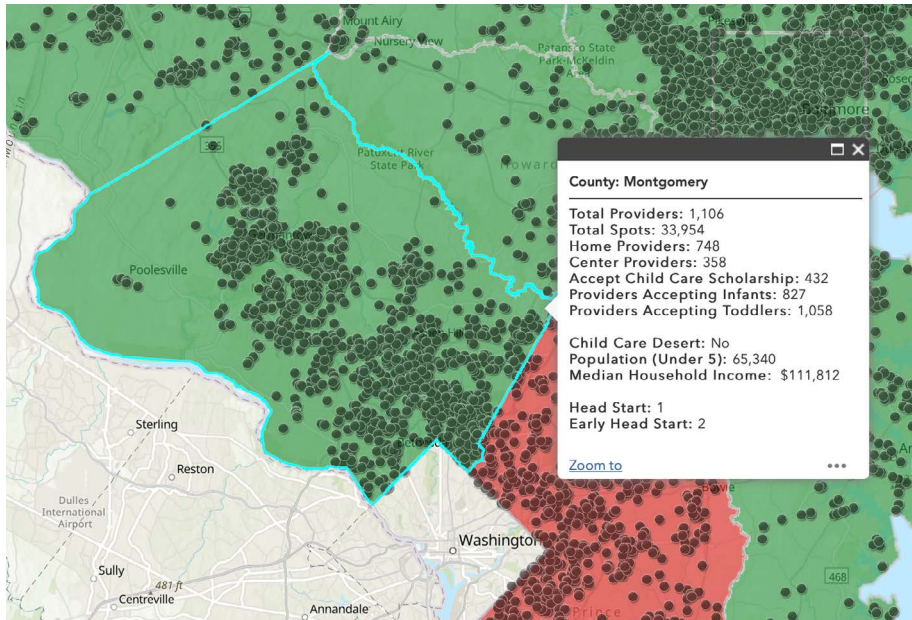
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
Ashton 20861	2	0.3%	1	0.3%
Bethesda 20814	10	1.3%	25	6.8%
Bethesda 20816	3	0.4%	8	2.2%
Bethesda 20817	22	2.8%	21	5.7%
Bethesda 20892	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
Bethesda 20817	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Boyd's 20841	9	1.2%	3	0.8%
Brookeville 20833	4	0.5%	0	0.0%
Burtonsville 20866	16	2.1%	2	0.5%
Cabin John 20818	1	0.1%	1	0.3%
Chevy Chase 20815	1	0.1%	10	2.7%
Clarksburg 20871	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Clarksburg 20871	39	5.0%	2	0.5%
Damascus 20872	17	2.2%	5	1.4%
Darnestown 20874	3	0.4%	2	0.5%
Darnestown 20878	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Derwood 20855	7	0.9%	3	0.8%
Dickerson 20838	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Gaithersburg 20877	22	2.8%	12	3.3%
Gaithersburg 20878	37	4.7%	12	3.3%
Gaithersburg 20879	24	3.1%	7	1.9%
Gaithersburg 20882	8	1.0%	1	0.3%
Gaithersburg 20886	7	0.9%	2	0.5%
Gaithersburg 20899	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Garrett Park 20896	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Germantown 20874	61	7.8%	17	4.6%
Germantown 20876	37	4.7%	11	3.0%
Kensington 20895	7	0.9%	8	2.2%
Laytonsville 20882	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Montgomery Village 20886	21	2.7%	4	1.1%
Mount Airy 21771	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
North Bethesda 20852	0	0.0%	4	1.1%

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	8-12 Hour %	Centers	%
North Potomac 20878	15	1.9%	5	1.4%
Olney 20832	27	3.5%	11	3.0%
Poolesville 20837	2	0.3%	3	0.8%
Potomac 20854	19	2.4%	21	5.7%
Rockville 20850	20	2.6%	28	7.6%
Rockville 20851	18	2.3%	6	1.6%
Rockville 20852	13	1.7%	17	4.6%
Rockville 20853	42	5.4%	10	2.7%
Rockville 20854	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Rockville 20855	11	1.4%	4	1.1%
Sandy Spring 20860	1	0.1%	2	0.5%
Silver Spring 20910	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Silver Spring 20901	45	5.8%	13	3.5%
Silver Spring 20902	61	7.8%	13	3.5%
Silver Spring 20903	16	2.1%	3	0.8%
Silver Spring 20904	38	4.9%	18	4.9%
Silver Spring 20905	14	1.8%	5	1.4%
Silver Spring 20906	56	7.2%	13	3.5%
Silver Spring 20910	5	0.6%	13	3.5%
Spencerville 20868	1	0.1%	2	0.5%
Takoma Park 20912	9	1.2%	8	2.2%
Wheaton 20902	3	0.4%	1	0.3%
Totals	779	100%	368	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

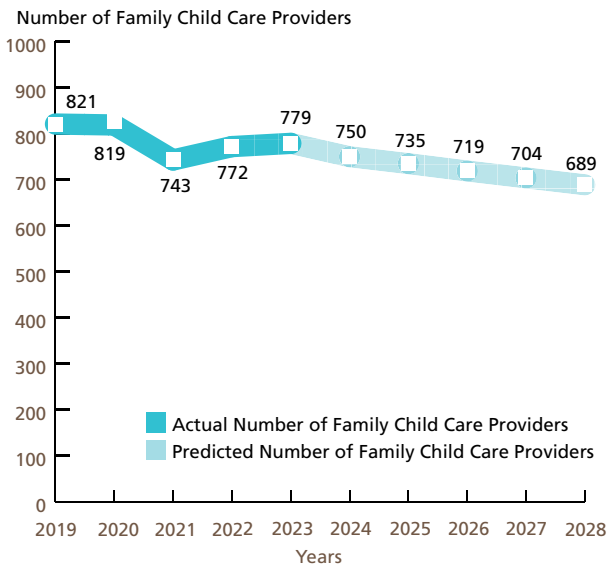
Supply of Regulated Child Care

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.

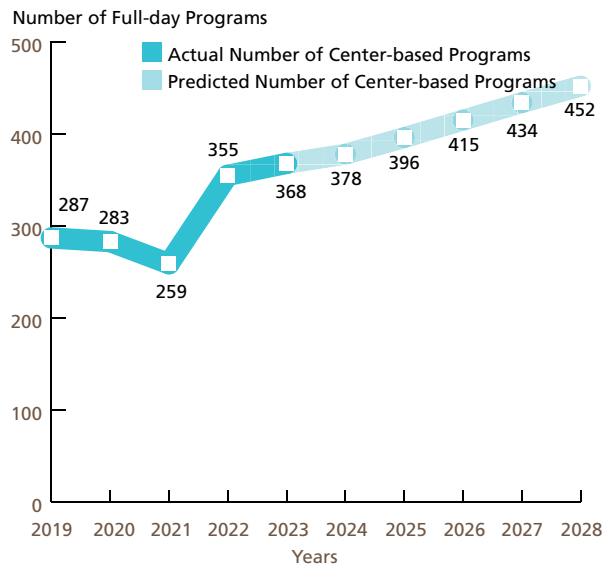


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Montgomery 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Montgomery 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



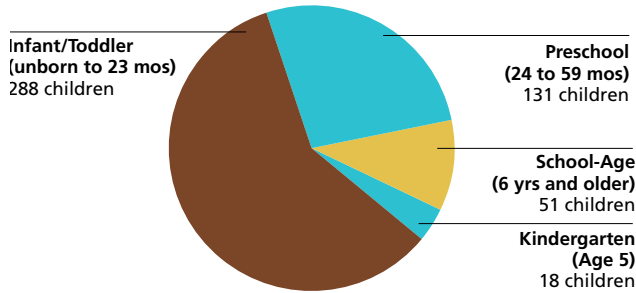
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

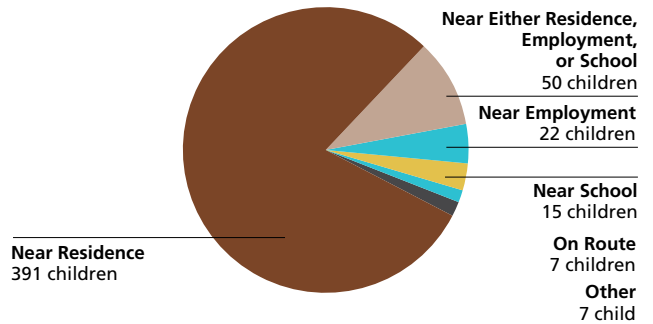
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

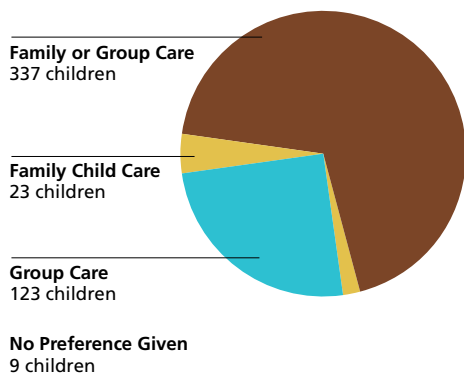
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NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

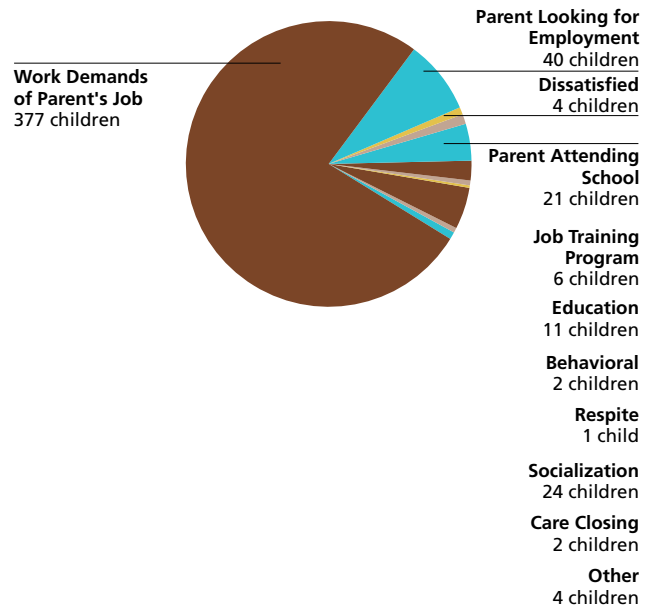
N=492



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=492



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
492 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=492

Full-time: 382 children

Part-time: 95 children

Other*: 15 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
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
50 (6% of all family providers in the county)

Number of Child Care Centers serving WPA Children in Montgomery
94 (26% of all family providers in the county)

Total Allocated funding for WPA
\$1,656,348.0 = 60 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, 2023.

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

Factor	Count
Cost	21
Environment	15
Proximity	14
Caregiver	9
Program	7
Vacancy	5
Hours	4
Transportation	3
Escort	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
94 (19% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
178 (36% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Montgomery County
261 (34% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Montgomery County
189 (51% of all 8-12 hour centers in the county)

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

Montgomery County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$27,788,683 = 3,415 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
144 (18% of total family child care providers in Montgomery)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
141 (38% of total child care centers in Montgomery)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Prince George's County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Prince George's County is located to the East of Washington, D.C. and is bordered by Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Calber, and Charles Counties. It is approximately 487 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 958,000 people, making it 2nd in county population count in the state.

Prince George's County's economy includes the technology and hospitality industries. Of the approximately 479,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 312,000 people via 17,000 businesses. Approximately 70% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services. The rest are in local government (13%), state government (7%) and federal government (10%).

Major employers include University System of Maryland, Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington, IRS, U.S. Census Bureau, WMATA, NASA, UPS, Prince George's Community College, MGM National Harbor, and Gaylord National Resort-Convention Center.

Approximately 35% of Prince George's County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Prince George's County has approximately 120 elementary schools, 37 middle or combined schools, 24 high schools, and 9 charter schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 131,000 students. The county is home to Bowie State University, Capitol Technology University, University of Maryland, College Park, University of Maryland Global Campus (four-year) and Prince George's Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	35,984
3-4 years	24,327
5 years	11,603
6-8 years	33,716
9-11 years	36,823
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	142,453

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Prince George's is \$115,235⁶. 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	\$13,196.04	
Preschooler ²	\$12,744.68	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$28,236.00	25%
Taxes ⁵	\$27,415.00	24%
Total	\$84,537.72	73%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Prince George's	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$271.13	\$356.42
2-4 Years	\$229.26	\$251.36
5 years ¹	\$209.55	\$233.93
School Age Full ²	\$195.00	\$209.84
School Age B/A ³	\$142.12	\$171.44

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Prince George's	Maryland	Prince George's	Maryland
0-2 years	35,038	215,677	35,984	205,809
3-4 years	24,182	149,276	24,327	152,669
5 years	11,263	73,189	11,603	72,489
6-8 years	31,633	216,607	33,716	224,287
9-11 years	33,006	224,348	36,823	231,904
Total	135,122	879,097	142,453	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	33,002	31,005
Aged 25-29	32,645	33,551
Aged 30-34	31,399	34,048
Total Aged 20-34	97,046	98,604

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Prince George's	Maryland
2022		
Females	267,285	1,618,655
Males	272,973	1,713,303
2011		
Females	282,327	1,706,926
Males	272,804	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-5.3%	-5.2%
Males	0.1%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	67,236	67,835	0.9%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	53,314	52,077	-2.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	127,927	128,828	0.7%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	108,978	103,073	-5.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Prince George's	Maryland
2022	957,189	6,161,707
2021	957,767	6,148,545
2011	858,539	5,736,545
2000	801,515	5,296,486
1990	728,553	4,780,753
1980	665,071	4,216,975

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

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	34,756	31,386
Aged 25-29	32,282	33,595
Aged 30-34	28,857	34,296
Total Aged 20-34	95,895	99,277

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	836,521	938,952
Total number of households	302,091	341,057
Average household size	2.77	2.75

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	94,283	77,966	-17.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	73,981	64,699	-12.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	199,493		218,838		9.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	10,589	5.3%	13,462	6.2%	27.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	40,890		39,774		-2.7%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,944	9.6%	4,294	10.8%	8.9%
All Families w Children Under 18	109,031		104,048		-4.6%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	8,223	7.5%	10,137	9.7%	23.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	203,943		205,833		0.9%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	19,905	9.8%	26,979	13.1%	35.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	6,271	10.8%	6,839	11.7%	9.1%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	13,634	9.3%	20,140	13.7%	47.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Prince George's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	656,203		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	571,817	87.1%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	233,832	35.6%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Prince George's	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	199,493	218,838	9.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	37,951	37,708	-0.6%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	94,283	87,906	-6.8%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Prince George's County) ¹	85,565
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$42,645
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$41,239
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$23,579
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$15,929

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Prince George's	\$115,235
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Prince George's	\$97,935
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution Percent Households

	Prince George's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	10.1%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	12.5%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.8%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	62.7%	61.6%
Total Households	341,057	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Prince George's	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	212,888	62.4%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	128,169	37.6%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$380,500		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,353		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,713		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	634	5,022
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	385	23,189
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	244	17,045
Infant/Toddler	130	994
Part-Day	27	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	288	18,194
Employer-Sponsored Centers	7	416
Nursery Schools	37	N/A
Public Kindergarten	103	N/A
**Head Start	16	315
***Early Head Start	1	150
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	103	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	616	1,362

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	120	4
Middle Schools	24	1
Combined	13	45

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	4,824	154
Kindergarten	9,284	786
Grades 1 - 6	57,590	4,184
Total	71,698	5,124

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022. *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE. **Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Supply of Child Care

Supply of Family Child Care

City	# of Providers	Number Providing Services to			Mean Weekly Cost of Care		
		Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
ACCOKEEK	13	12	12	8	237.19	197.88	117.86
ADELPHI	5	5	5	5	224.00	194.17	92.50
BELTSVILLE	14	14	14	12	253.60	208.28	130.00
BERWYN HEIGHTS	6	6	6	5	237.50	183.61	111.67
BOWIE	83	75	73	62	253.99	210.53	118.04
BRANDYWINE	10	8	8	7	262.50	217.14	100.00
BRENTWOOD	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
BROCK HALL	1	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAMP SPRINGS	1	1	1	1	185.00	165.00	100.00
CAPITOL HEIGHTS	34	30	31	30	208.43	174.73	110.00
CHELTENHAM	4	3	3	2	267.50	227.86	180.00
CHEVERLY	1	1	1	1	200.00	185.00	95.00
CLINTON	41	38	41	33	220.14	183.94	103.08
COLLEGE PARK	8	6	8	6	278.00	220.36	118.75
DISTRICT HEIGHTS	20	17	17	14	219.19	177.62	107.14
FORESTVILLE	7	6	7	6	211.25	188.93	122.00
FORT WASHINGTON	36	33	36	28	230.50	193.57	122.62
GLENARDEN	5	4	4	4	211.00	177.00	96.67
GLENN DALE	5	5	5	5	191.00	166.00	122.00
GREENBELT	8	8	7	6	237.50	184.81	92.00
HYATTSVILLE	38	36	35	33	229.97	195.32	108.75
LANDOVER	10	10	10	10	217.12	182.31	120.00
LANDOVER HILLS	3	3	2	2	200.00	173.33	95.00
LANHAM	35	34	34	31	249.11	211.55	126.43
LARGO	2	1	2	2	235.00	180.00	85.00
LAUREL	53	48	46	38	248.85	204.25	131.26
MARLOW HEIGHTS	1	1	1	0	160.00	150.00	#VALUE!
MITCHELLVILLE	12	12	12	10	228.75	195.89	115.00
MORNINGSIDE	1	1	1	1	250.00	195.00	125.00
MOUNT RAINIER	4	4	4	4	312.50	267.50	156.67
NEW CARROLLTON	6	6	4	4	211.50	176.00	120.00
OXON HILL	11	9	9	8	221.67	190.17	133.13
RIVERDALE	10	10	10	8	254.00	225.00	157.50
SEAT PLEASANT	4	4	4	4	255.00	190.00	123.75
SILVER SPRING	3	3	3	1	193.75	161.43	N/A
SPRINGDALE	4	4	4	4	201.67	192.08	110.00
SUITLAND	22	20	22	20	238.06	184.87	123.54
TEMPLE HILLS	30	29	30	26	212.67	173.91	115.68
UPPER MARLBORO	82	77	80	68	239.57	202.85	123.14

NOTE: Only selected cities/communities in Prince George's County are represented. The number of providers caring for the different age groups does not equal the total number of providers in each city because some providers may care for more than one age group and/or complete information may not be available. "B/A School" is care provided before and/or after school.

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Supply of Child Care

Supply of Full-Day Center Care

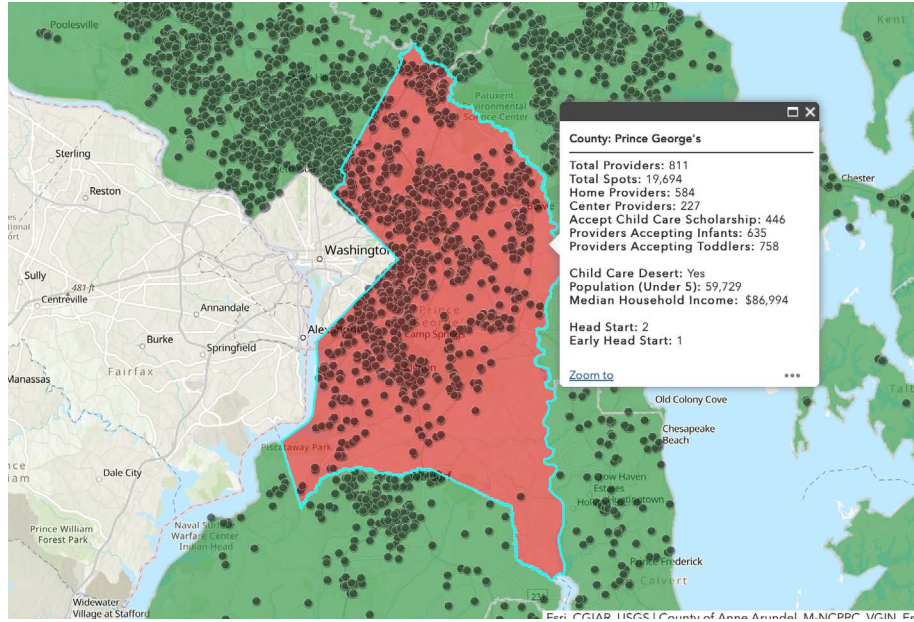
City	# of Providers	Number Providing Services to			Mean Weekly Cost of Care		
		Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
ACCOKEEK	2	1	2	2	350.00	228.13	195.00
ADELPHI	3	2	3	3	278.75	230.00	130.00
BELTSVILLE	7	5	7	6	360.70	255.56	197.80
BLADENSBURG	2	2	2	1	175.00	145.00	100.00
BOWIE	23	15	20	9	346.56	251.67	182.00
BRANDYWINE	3	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	11	7	11	9	255.71	180.48	112.50
CHEVERLY	4	1	3	2	300.00	225.00	115.00
CLINTON	11	3	10	8	275.00	186.14	145.00
COLLEGE PARK	10	5	10	5	404.98	253.07	162.50
DISTRICT HEIGHTS	7	3	6	5	242.50	193.25	157.00
FORESTVILLE	2	2	2	2	262.50	207.50	167.50
FORT WASHINGTON	13	7	13	12	299.43	211.10	138.40
FORT WASHNGTON	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
GLENARDEN	1	0	1	1	N/A	262.50	125.00
GLENN DALE	3	1	3	2	380.00	259.96	N/A
GREENBELT	6	1	6	2	362.00	251.25	149.00
HYATTSVILLE	16	11	16	10	328.60	222.65	125.00
LANDOVER	15	6	13	8	264.83	197.69	143.57
LANDOVER HILLS	3	1	3	2	189.00	248.67	N/A
LANHAM	10	8	10	5	337.93	243.42	163.43
LARGO	3	2	2	2	341.67	241.25	177.50
LAUREL	21	10	19	11	335.95	245.62	146.55
MITCHELLVILLE	4	2	4	2	306.67	268.83	184.00
MOUNT RAINIER	1	0	1	1	N/A	225.00	125.00
NEW CARROLLTON	1	0	1	1	N/A	235.00	150.00
OXON HILL	6	2	4	3	256.03	185.31	117.50
RIVERDALE	5	3	5	1	368.33	223.65	85.00
SEABROOK	1	0	1	1	N/A	196.25	100.00
SPRINGDALE	1	0	1	1	230.00	168.75	125.00
SUITLAND	9	5	9	5	341.80	205.59	86.67
TEMPLE HILLS	16	7	15	14	256.81	180.29	127.69
UPPER MARLBORO	16	6	14	13	303.33	208.00	131.25

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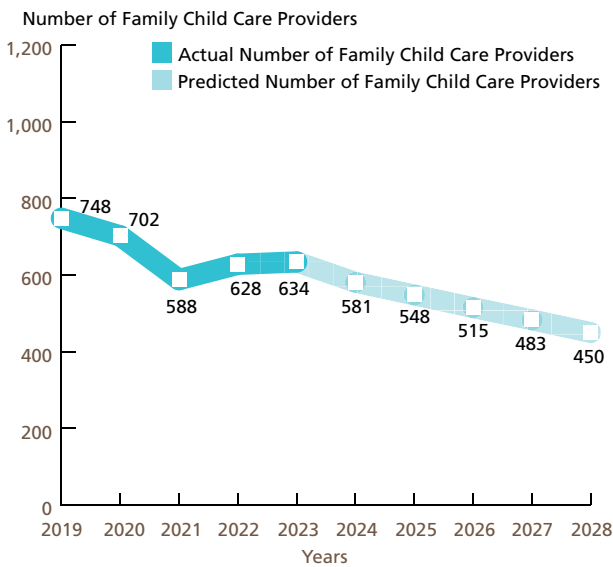
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

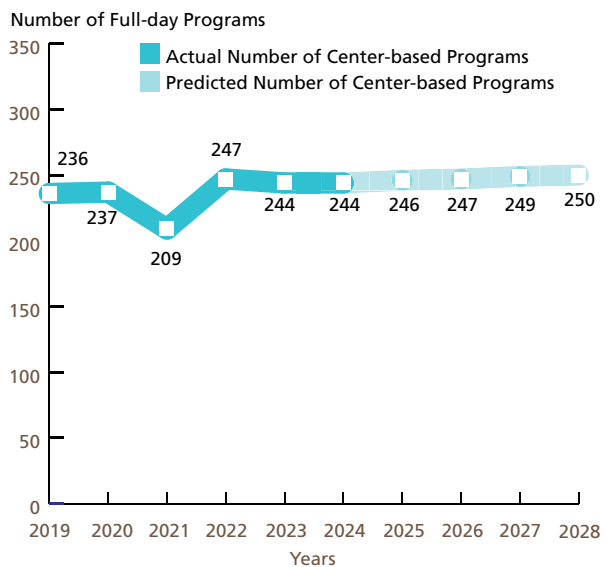


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Prince George's 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Prince George's 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

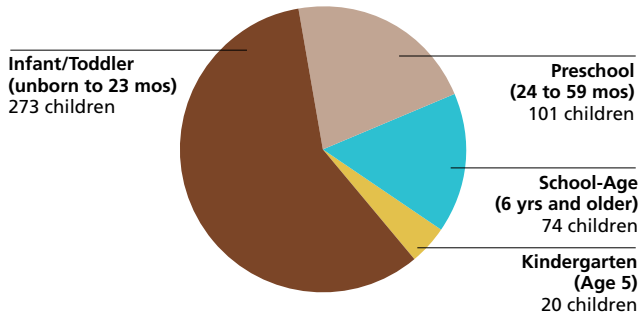


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Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

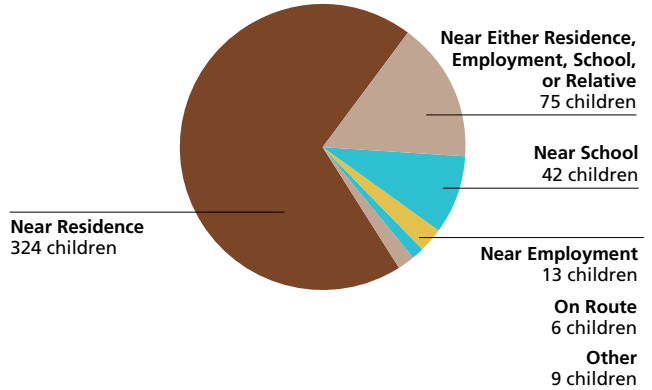
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

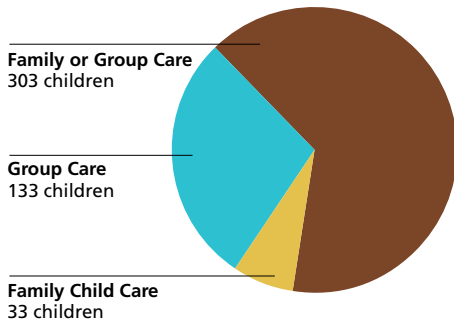
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

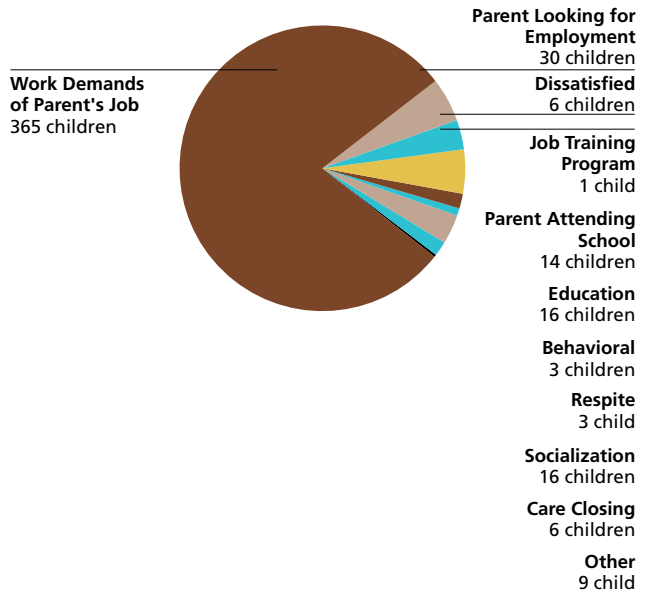
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=469



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
469 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=469

Full-time: 361 children

Part-time: 92 children

Other*: 16 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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
119 (25% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
177 (38% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in Prince George's

Factor	Count
Proximity	10
Program	10
Environment	9
Caregiver	9
Vacancy	9
Cost	7
Hours	4
Transportation	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's
302 (48% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's County
173 (71% of total child care centers)

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

Prince George's FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$22,241,084 = 2,749 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
197 (31% of total family child care providers in Prince George's)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
130 (53% of total child care centers in Prince George's)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Queen Anne's County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Queen Anne's County is located on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and is bordered by Kent, Caroline, and Talbot Counties. It is approximately 372 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 50,000 people, making it 18th in county population count in the state.

Queen Anne's County's economy includes the education and food industries. Of the approximately 27,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 15,000 people via 1,500 businesses. Approximately 83% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and leisure and hospitality. The rest are in local government (15%), state government (2%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Paul Reed Smith Guitars, Chesapeake College, REEB Millwork, S.W.W. Friel, Food Lion, Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, AZZ Enclosures, Harris Seafood Company, Federal Resources Supply, Tidewater Direct, Fisherman's Inn, and Harbor Sales.

Approximately 37% of Queen Anne's County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Queen Anne's County has approximately 8 elementary schools, 4 middle or combined schools, and 2 high schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 7,000 students. The county is home to Chesapeake College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,449
3-4 years	1,049
5 years	654
6-8 years	1,757
9-11 years	1,657
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	6,566

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Queen Anne's is \$124,326⁶. 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	\$18,725.20	15%
Infant ¹	\$10,377.64	
Preschooler ²	\$8,347.56	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$28,380.00	23%
Taxes ⁵	\$30,643.00	25%
Total	\$80,694.20	65%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023).

³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).

⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.

⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.

⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Queen Anne's County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$196.88	\$365.00
2-4 Years	\$162.92	\$280.00
5 years ¹	\$153.75	\$250.00
School Age Full ²	\$153.75	\$250.00
School Age B/A ³	\$128.75	\$175.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers.

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

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Queen Anne's	Maryland	Queen Anne's	Maryland
0-2 years	1,582	215,677	1,449	205,809
3-4 years	1,160	149,276	1,049	152,669
5 years	634	73,189	654	72,489
6-8 years	1,842	216,607	1,757	224,287
9-11 years	2,021	224,348	1,657	231,904
Total	7,239	879,097	6,566	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,060	1,173
Aged 25-29	1,010	1,130
Aged 30-34	1,153	1,484
Total Aged 20-34	3,223	3,787

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Queen Anne's	Maryland
2022		
Females	12,800	1,618,655
Males	14,424	1,713,303
2011		
Females	13,051	1,706,926
Males	14,874	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-1.9%	-5.2%
Males	-3.0%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	3,332	2,983	-10.5%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	2,190	2,491	13.7%
Total Children 6-17 years old	7,846	7,176	-8.5%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	6,226	5,637	-9.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Queen Anne's	Maryland
2022	50,316	6,161,707
2021	49,702	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,260	1,392
Aged 25-29	1,026	1,340
Aged 30-34	1,124	1,405
Total Aged 20-34	3,410	4,137

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	46,951	49,878
Total number of households	17,189	19,351
Average household size	2.73	2.58

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	5,324	4,822	-9.4%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	3,814	3,919	2.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	13,035		14,299		9.7%
Families Below Poverty Level	568	4.4%	530	3.7%	-6.7%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,923		2,094		8.9%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	236	12.3%	171	8.2%	-27.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	5,751		5,808		1.0%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	467	8.1%	394	6.8%	-15.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	11,427		10,512		-8.0%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,040	9.1%	879	8.4%	-15.5%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	271	9.9%	196	8.1%	-27.7%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	769	8.9%	683	8.4%	-11.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Queen Anne's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	36,066		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	33,636	93.3%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	13,190	36.6%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Queen Anne's	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	13,035	14,299	9.7%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	1,920	2,269	18.2%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	5,324	5,270	-1.0%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Queen Anne's County)	\$74,757
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ⁴	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ⁴	\$25,568
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Queen Anne's	\$124,326
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Queen Anne's	\$108,332
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Queen Anne's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	10.2%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	11.0%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.6%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	66.2%	61.6%
Total Households	19,351	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Queen Anne's	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	15,760	81.4%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	3,591	18.6%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$421,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,365		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,600		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	64	474
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	19	1005
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	12	821
Infant/Toddler	5	63
Part-Day	0	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	11	660
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	3	N/A
Public Kindergarten	6	N/A
**Head Start	0	0
***Early Head Start	1	16
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	6	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	63	125

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	8	0
Middle Schools	3	0
Combined	1	3

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	296	74
Kindergarten	496	28
Grades 1 - 6	3,128	159
Total	3,920	261

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE. *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported 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 Queen Anne's as of June 30, 2023.

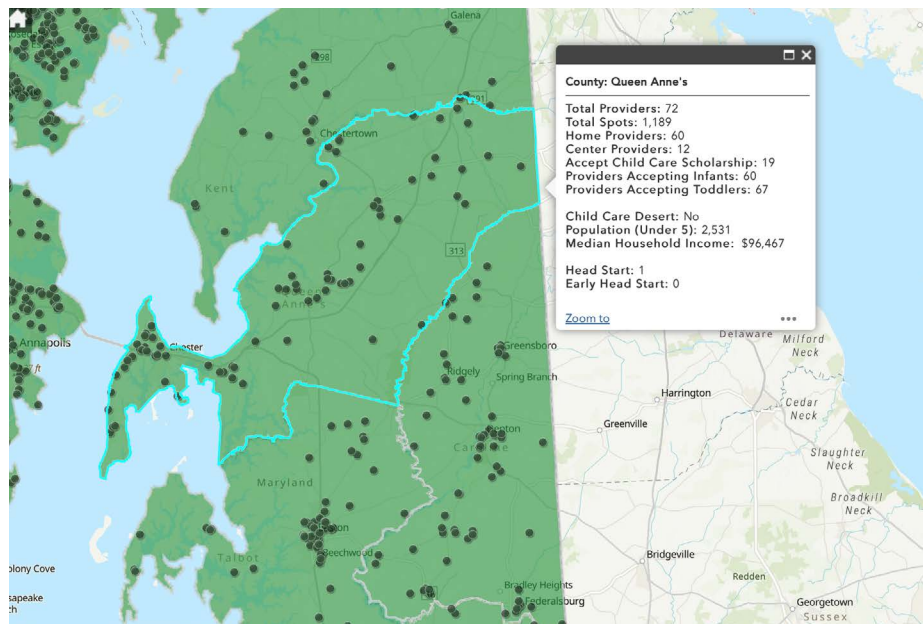
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Barclay 21607	2	3.1%	0	0.0%
Centreville 21617	16	25.0%	1	8.3%
Chester 21619	4	6.3%	2	16.7%
Chestertown 21620	4	6.3%	1	8.3%
Church Hill 21623	6	9.4%	0	0.0%
Crumpton 21628	2	3.1%	0	0.0%
Grasonville 21638	5	7.8%	1	8.3%
Marydel 21649	1	1.6%	0	0.0%
Millington 21651	2	3.1%	0	0.0%
Queen Anne 21657	1	1.6%	0	0.0%
Queenstown 21658	3	4.7%	0	0.0%
Stevensville 21666	14	21.9%	6	50.0%
Sudlersville 21668	4	6.3%	1	8.3%
Totals	64	100%	12	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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

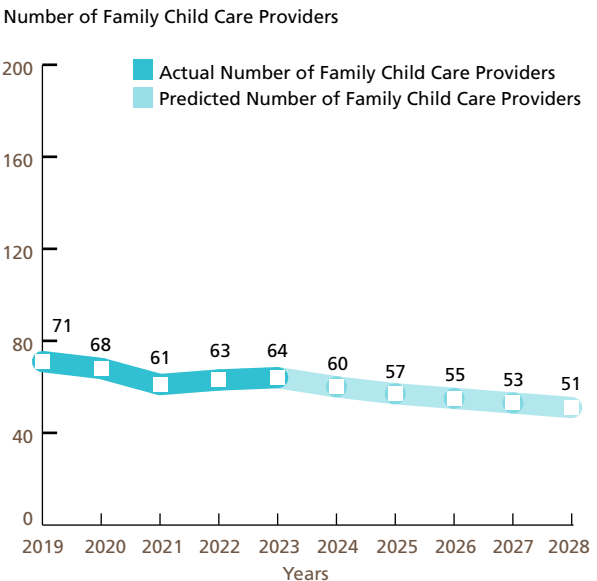
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

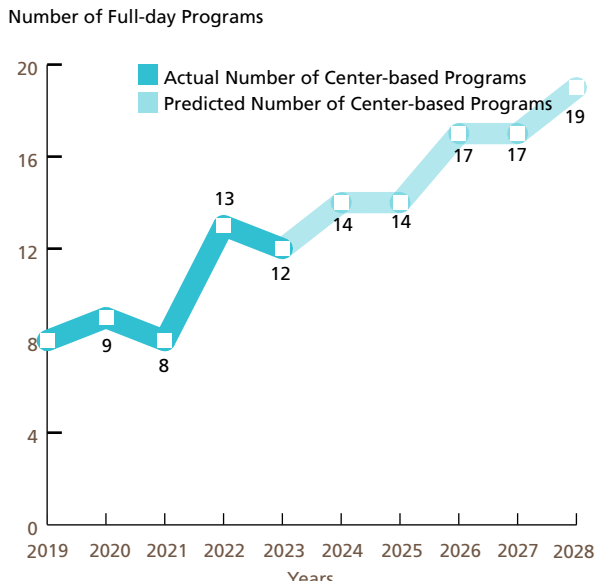


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Queen Anne's 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Queen Anne's County 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



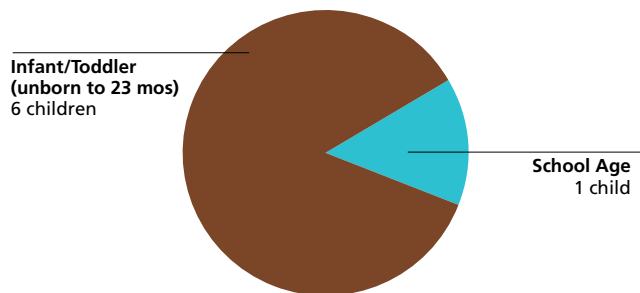
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

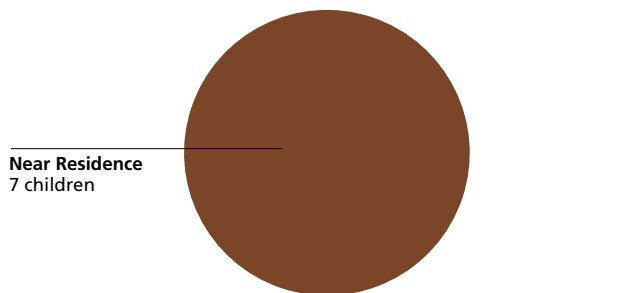
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

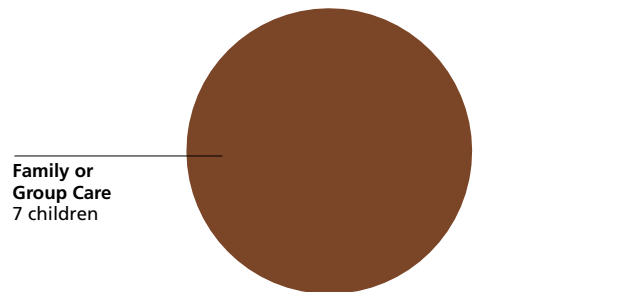
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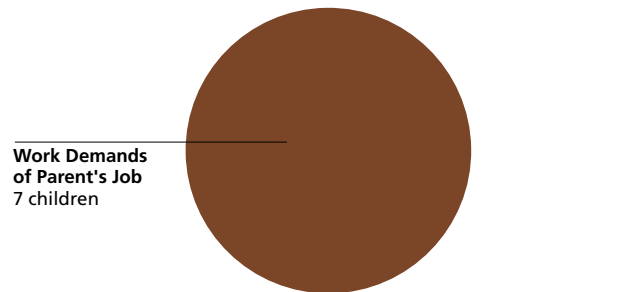
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=7



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
7 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N=7

Full-time: 6 children

Part-time: 1 child

* 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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
3 (43% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
2 (29% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Care in Queen Anne's County

Factor	Count
Proximity	10
Program	10
Environment	9
Vacancy	9
Caregiver	9
Cost	7
Transportation	1
Hours	4

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Queen Anne's County
15 (23% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Queen Anne's County
6 (50% of total child care centers)

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

Queen Anne's County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$401,246 = 59 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
16 (25% of total family child care providers in Queen Anne's)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
5 (42% of total child care centers in Queen Anne's)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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St Mary's County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

St. Mary's County is located in Southern Maryland, and is bordered by Charles and Calvert Counties. It is approximately 373 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 113,000 people, making it 12th in county population count in the state.

St. Mary's County's economy includes the aviation and advanced manufacturing industries. Of the approximately 56,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 46,000 people via 2,000 businesses. Approximately 67% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in professional and business services and trade, transportation, and utilities. The rest are in local government (9%), state government (2%) and federal government (22%).

Major employers include Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, V2X, BAE Systems, KBR, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, St. Mary's College of Maryland, J.F. Taylor, PAE Applied Technologies, and Boeing.

Approximately 33% of St. Mary's County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, St. Mary's County has approximately 18 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 3 high schools, 1 career/tech school, and 1 charter school¹. Total public school enrollment is 17,000 students. The county is home to St. Mary's College of Maryland (four-year) and College of Southern Maryland (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	4,052
3-4 years	2,909
5 years	1,623
6-8 years	5,020
9-11 years	4,007
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	17,611

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in St. Mary's is \$132,926⁶. 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	\$10,953.28	
Preschooler ²	\$11,479.00	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	2%
Housing ⁴	\$26,244.00	20%
Taxes ⁵	\$33,625.00	25%
Total	\$85,247.28	64%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National

average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at

Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average,

United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census

2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes,

insurance and utilities. ⁵State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023),

Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned

Income Credit. ⁶Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023.

This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

St. Mary's County

	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$237.78	\$296.00
2-4 Years	\$188.89	\$185.00
5 years ¹	\$167.22	\$155.00
School Age Full ²	\$160.00	\$145.00
School Age B/A ³	\$110.71	\$125.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	St. Mary's	Maryland	St. Mary's	Maryland
0-2 years	4,303	215,677	4,052	205,809
3-4 years	3,225	149,276	2,909	152,669
5 years	1,670	73,189	1,623	72,489
6-8 years	4,223	216,607	5,020	224,287
9-11 years	4,575	224,348	4,007	231,904
Total	17,996	879,097	17,611	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	3,628	3,350
Aged 25-29	3,265	3,797
Aged 30-34	3,132	3,844
Total Aged 20-34	10,025	10,991

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2022		
Females	27,465	1,618,655
Males	34,056	1,713,303
2011		
Females	27,078	1,706,926
Males	33,838	1,772,418
Change		
Females	1.4%	-5.2%
Males	0.6%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	3,642	8,525	134.1%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	2,561	6,113	138.7%
Total Children 6-17 years old	8,584	18,114	111.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	6,546	13,489	106.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	St. Mary's	Maryland
2022	113,814	6,161,707
2021	113,209	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	3,513	3,638
Aged 25-29	3,505	4,010
Aged 30-34	3,135	4,118
Total Aged 20-34	10,153	11,766

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	100,850	111,361
Total number of households	36,662	41,211
Average household size	2.75	2.70

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	13,395	12,452	-7.0%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	9,081	9,714	7.0%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	27,130		29,137		7.4%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,464	5.4%	1,913	6.6%	30.7%
All Families with Children Under 5	6,003		5,798		-3.4%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	620	10.3%	623	10.7%	0.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	14,535		14,941		2.8%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,168	8.0%	1,398	9.4%	19.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	26,910		27,020		0.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,574	9.6%	2,269	8.4%	-11.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	873	11.6%	639	9.2%	-26.8%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,701	8.8%	1,630	8.1%	-4.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	St. Mary's	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	76,139		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	69,908	91.8%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	26,586	34.9%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

St. Mary's	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	27,130	29,137	7.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	6,132	6,048	-1.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	13,395	13,567	1.3%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (St. Mary's County) ¹	\$73,243
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ⁴	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ⁴	\$25,568
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

St. Mary's	\$132,926
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

St. Mary's	\$113,668
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	St. Mary's	Maryland
Under \$25,000	10.6%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	10.1%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.8%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	67.5%	61.6%
Total Households	41,211	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Housing Information

	St. Mary's	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	29,865	72.5%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	11,346	27.5%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$376,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,187		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,595		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%
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MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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Employer-Sponsored Centers	2	75
Nursery Schools	112	N/A
Public Kindergarten	16	N/A
** Head Start	N/A	N/A
***Early Head Start	N/A	N/A
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	16	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	137	334

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	18	1
Middle Schools	4	0
Combined	0	19

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	633	138
Kindergarten	1,143	140
Grades 1 - 6	7,574	963
Total	9,350	1,241

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

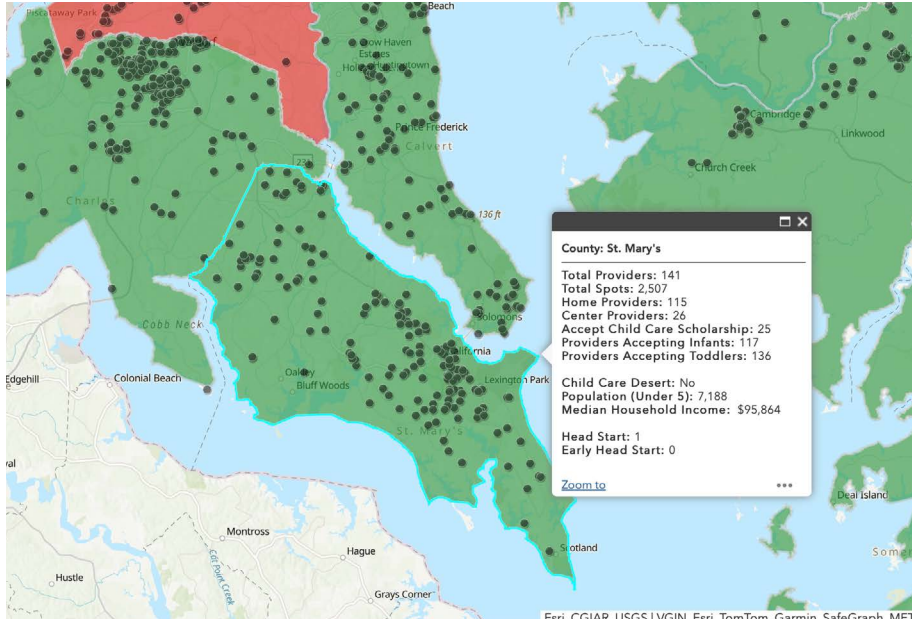
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in St. Mary's as of June 30, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Bushwood 20618	2	1.6%	0	0.0%
California 20619	13	10.5%	3	12.5%
Callaway 20620	2	1.6%	1	4.2%
Chaptico 20621	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Charlotte Hall 20622	1	0.8%	1	4.2%
Clements 20624	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Great Mills 20634	13	10.5%	1	4.2%
Helen 20635	0	0.0%	1	4.2%
Hollywood 20636	19	15.3%	3	12.5%
Leonard 20650	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Leonardtwn 20650	15	12.1%	5	20.8%
Lexington Park 20653	20	16.1%	5	20.8%
Loveville 20656	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mechanicsville 20659	29	23.4%	4	16.7%
Park Hall 20667	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Ridge 20680	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Saint Inigoes 20684	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Scotland 20687	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Tall Timbers 20690	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Valley Lee 20692	3	2.4%	0	0.0%
White Plains 20695	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Totals	124	100%	24	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
 NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

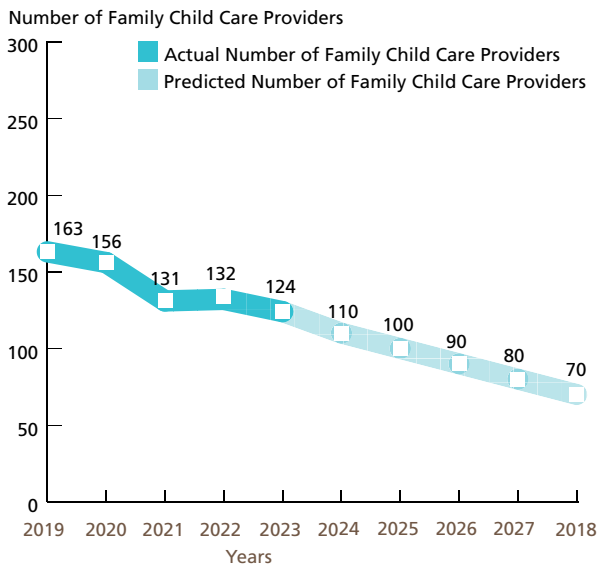
Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

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.

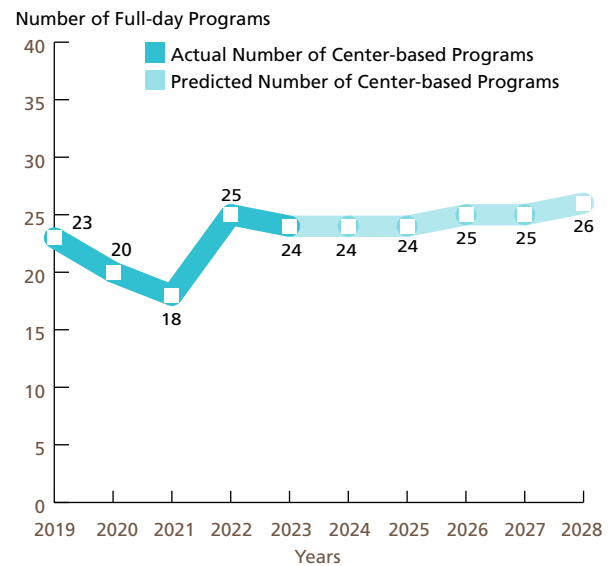


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in St. Mary's 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in St. Mary's 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

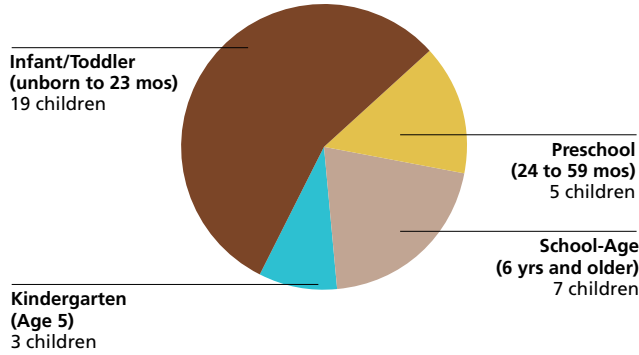


These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

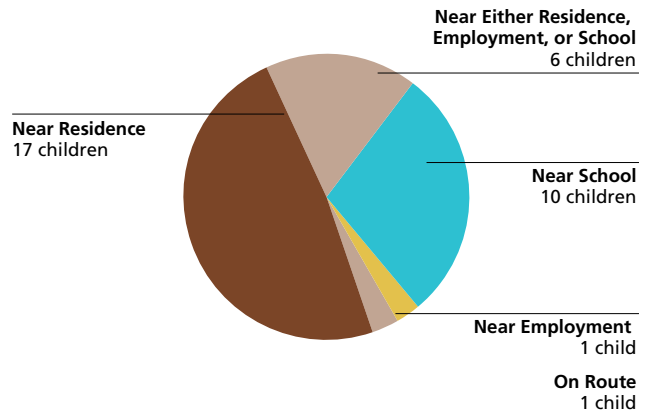
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

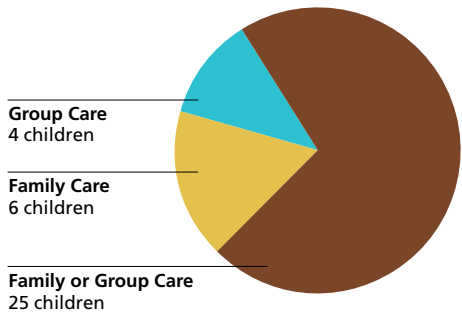
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

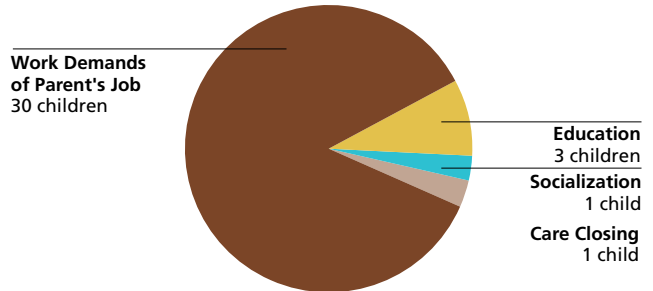
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=35



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
35 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=35

Full-time: 24 children

Part-time: 8 children

Other*: 3 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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
16 (46% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
6 (17% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* 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
18 (15% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in St. Mary's County
8 (33% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

St. Mary's County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$777,205 = 133 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
29 (23% of total family child care providers in St. Mary's)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
9 (38% of total child care centers in St. Mary's)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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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 is located on Maryland's Eastern Shore as the state's Southernmost county, and is bordered by Dorechester, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. It is approximately 338 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 25,000 people, making it 23rd in county population count in the state.

Somerset County's economy includes the food industry. Of the approximately 9,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 7,000 people via 400 businesses. Approximately 56% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (15%), state government (29%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Sysco Eastern Maryland, Tidal Health, Sherwin Williams, Aurora Senior Living of Manokin, Somerset Community Services, Chesapeake Health Care, Food Lion, and Southern Connection Seafood.

Approximately 17% of Somerset County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Somerset County has approximately 4 elementary schools, 4 middle or combined schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 3,000 students. The county is home to University of Maryland Eastern Shore (four-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	654
3-4 years	427
5 years	238
6-8 years	790
9-11 years	832
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	2,941

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Somerset is \$66,255⁶. 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	\$6,923	
Preschooler ²	\$7,659	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$15,380.00	23%
Taxes ⁵	\$13,869.00	21%
Total	\$47,480.92	72%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023).

³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).

⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.

⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.

⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Somerset County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$130.00	\$197.67
2-4 Years	\$160.00	\$155.28
5 years ¹	\$160.00	\$154.17
School Age Full ²	\$160.00	\$144.17
School Age B/A ²	\$ 35.00	\$ 87.93

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers.

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

³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Somerset	Maryland	Somerset	Maryland
0-2 years	602	215,677	654	205,809
3-4 years	603	149,276	427	152,669
5 years	357	73,189	238	72,489
6-8 years	756	216,607	790	224,287
9-11 years	634	224,348	832	231,904
Total	2,952	879,097	2,941	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,376	1,057
Aged 25-29	629	680
Aged 30-34	516	528
Total Aged 20-34	2,521	2,265

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Somerset	Maryland
2022		
Females	5,235	1,618,655
Males	5,158	1,713,303
2011		
Females	5,457	1,706,926
Males	5,221	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-4.1%	-5.2%
Males	-1.2%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	1,348	1,249	-7.3%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	982	996	1.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	2,623	2,394	-8.7%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	2,050	1,853	-9.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Somerset	Maryland
2022	24,672	6,161,707
2021	24,834	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,815	1,334
Aged 25-29	1,065	1,444
Aged 30-34	761	1,006
Total Aged 20-34	3,641	3,784

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	20,101	19,791
Total number of households	8,573	8,355
Average household size	2.34	2.37

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	2,021	2,126	5.2%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	1,381	1,893	37.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	5,262		5,316		1.0%
Families Below Poverty Level	736	14.0%	829	15.6%	12.6%
All Families with Children Under 5	643		1,118		73.9%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	180	28.0%	351	31.4%	95.0%
All Families w Children Under 18	2,332		2,570		10.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	542	23.2%	658	25.6%	21.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	4,395		4,000		-9.0%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,162	26.4%	1,097	27.4%	-5.6%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	300	25.3%	250	23.8%	-16.7%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	862	26.9%	847	28.7%	-1.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Somerset	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	16,964		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	14,362	84.7%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	2,858	16.8%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Somerset		2011	2022	% Change
Total Families		5,262	5,316	1.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*		713	1,095	53.6%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18		2,021	2,311	14.3%
Maryland		2011	2022	% Change
Total Families		1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*		269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18		656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Somerset County) ¹	\$60,518
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$17,543
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$68,000
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$38,000
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$22,000

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Somerset	\$66,215
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Somerset	\$52,149
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Somerset	Maryland
Under \$25,000	26.7%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	21.9%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.8%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	33.7%	61.6%
Total Households	8,355	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding

Housing Information

	Somerset	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	5,642	67.5%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	2,713	32.5%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$157,200		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,365		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$934		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	18	138
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	7	335
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	4	167
Infant/Toddler	5	27
Part-Day	1	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	4	167
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	0	N/A
Public Kindergarten	4	N/A
**Head Start	1	17
***Early Head Start	2	54
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	4	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	17	36

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Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	4	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined	3	2

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	206	46
Kindergarten	192	56
Grades 1 - 6	1,236	266
Total	1,634	368

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
 *Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

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

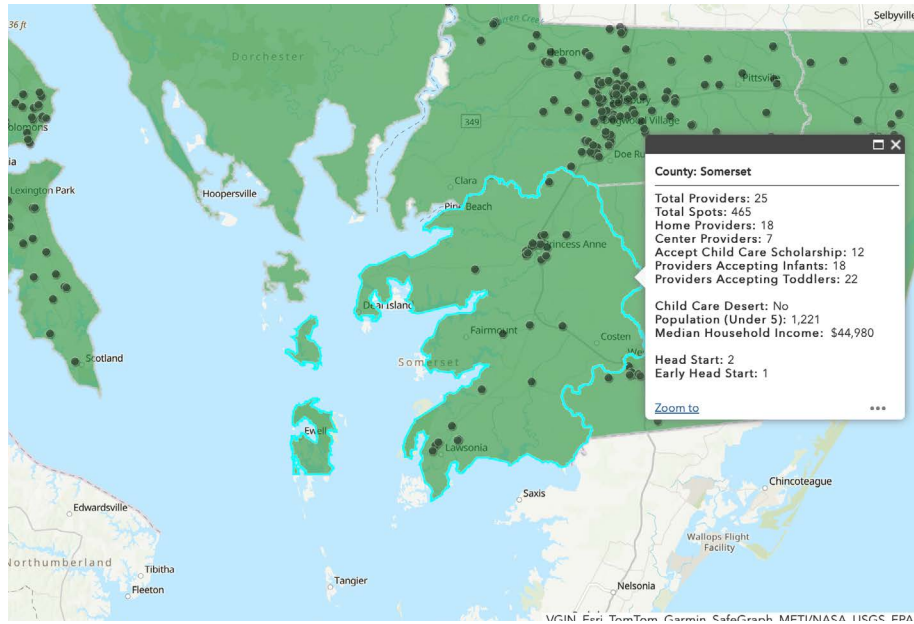
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Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Crisfield 21817	4	22.2%	0	0.0%
Deal Island 21821	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Eden 21822	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Marion 21838	1	5.6%	0	0.0%
Princess Anne 21853	10	55.6%	3	75.0%
Westover 21871	3	16.7%	1	25.0%
Totals	18	100%	4	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
 NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

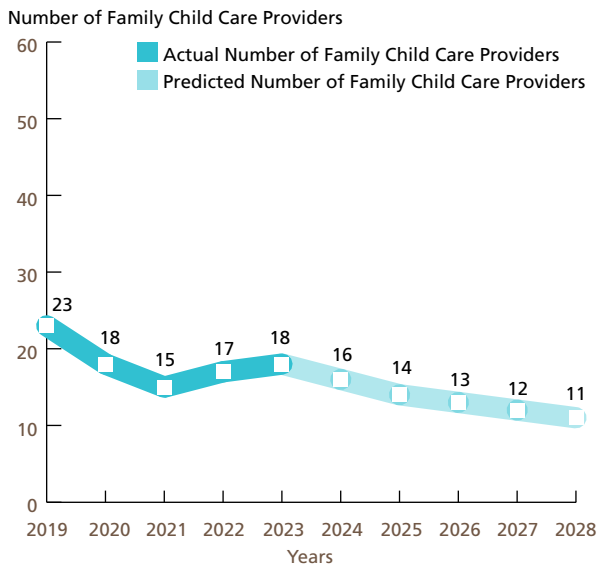
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Maryland Family Network and Upfront partnered to create a [real-time map](#) of Maryland's child care landscape to identify deserts by county, legislative, and congressional districts.

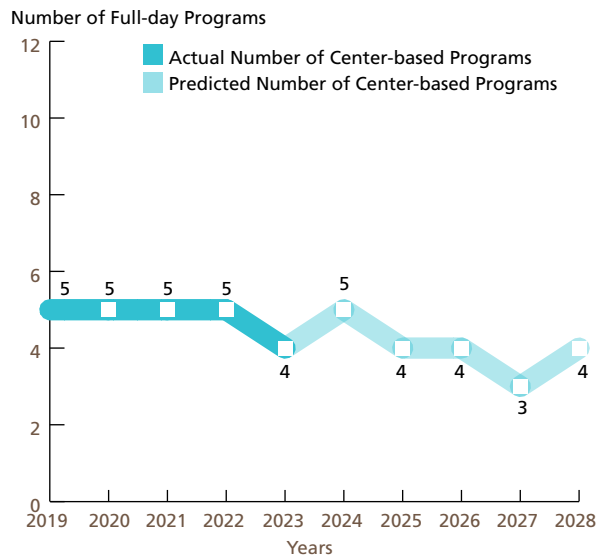


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Somerset 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Somerset 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



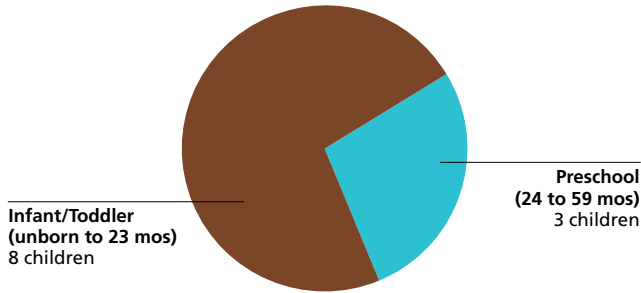
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

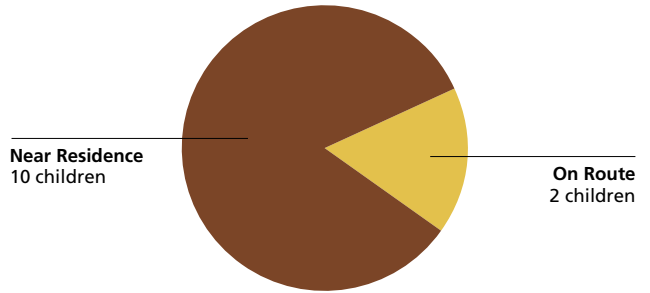
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

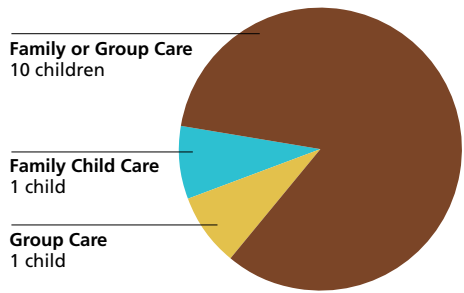
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Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

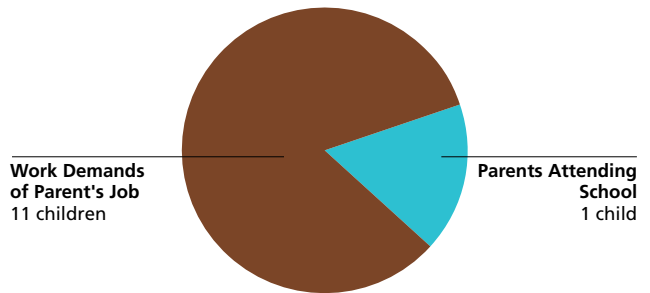
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=12



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
12 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=12

Full-time: 10 children

Part time: 2 children

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

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

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship

1 child (8% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship

8 (67% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Care in Somerset County

Factor	Count
Cost	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Somerset County

8 (44% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Somerset County

4 (100% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Somerset County FY23 Allocation (estimated)

\$653,399 = 114 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹

5 (28% of total family child care providers in Somerset)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs

2 (50% of total child care centers in Somerset)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Talbot County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Talbot County is located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, and is bordered by Queen Anne’s, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties, along with the Chesapeake Bay to its west. It is approximately 259 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 38,000 people, making it 19th in county population count in the state.

Talbot County’s economy includes the environmental and agriculture industries. Of the approximately 17,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately that number of people via 1,600 businesses.

Approximately 89% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services. The rest are in local government (9%), state government (1%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, Inn at Perry Cabin, Genesis Healthcare, Qlarant, Target, Shore United Bank, Walmart, Shore Bancshares, Eurofins EAG Eastern, APG Media of Chesapeake, Lowe’s, Giant Food, and CCG.

Approximately 41% of Talbot County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Talbot County has approximately 5 elementary schools, 2 middle or combined schools, and 1 high school¹. Total public school enrollment is 5,000 students. The county is home to locations for Chesapeake College located in Queen Anne’s County (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,130
3-4 years	454
5 years	424
6-8 years	1,163
9-11 years	1,456
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	4,627

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Talbot is \$100,321⁶. 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	\$18,618.08	19%
Infant ¹	\$9,474.92	
Preschooler ²	\$9,143.16	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$24,468.00	24%
Taxes ⁵	\$22,556.00	22%
Total	\$68,588.08	68%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023). ² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Talbot County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$194.00	\$265.00
2-4 Years	\$138.56	\$189.33
5 years ¹	\$130.67	\$165.00
School Age Full ²	\$92.50	\$165.00
School Age B/A ³	\$72.50	\$ 95.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. ² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). ³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Talbot	Maryland	Talbot	Maryland
0-2 years	1,126	215,677	1,130	205,809
3-4 years	627	149,276	454	152,669
5 years	415	73,189	424	72,489
6-8 years	1,176	216,607	1,163	224,287
9-11 years	1,249	224,348	1,456	231,904
Total	4,593	879,097	4,627	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	814	882
Aged 25-29	814	916
Aged 30-34	822	1,065
Total Aged 20-34	2,450	2,863

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Talbot	Maryland
2022		
Females	8,345	1,618,655
Males	9,309	1,713,303
2011		
Females	10,275	1,706,926
Males	10,625	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-18.8%	-5.2%
Males	-12.4%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,151	1,958	-9.0%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,579	1,510	-4.4%
Total Children 6-17 years old	4,980	4,580	-8.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	4,066	3,235	-20.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Talbot	Maryland
2022	37,663	6,161,707
2021	37,510	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	901	763
Aged 25-29	887	955
Aged 30-34	824	889
Total Aged 20-34	2,612	2,607

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	37,072	37,220
Total number of households	15,539	16,270
Average household size	2.39	2.29

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	3,957	3,035	-23.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	3,001	2,332	-22.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	10,701		10,098		-5.6%
Families Below Poverty Level	605	5.7%	636	6.3%	5.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	1,318		1,217		-7.7%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	216	16.4%	212	17.4%	-1.9%
All Families w Children Under 18	4,210		3,592		-14.7%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	444	10.5%	455	12.7%	2.5%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	7,318		6,736		-8.0%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	930	12.7%	789	11.7%	-15.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	322	18.4%	182	11.7%	-43.5%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	608	10.9%	607	11.7%	-0.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Talbot	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	28,623		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	26,391	92.2%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	11,865	41.5%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Talbot	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	10,701	10,098	-5.6%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	1,436	1,263	-12.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	3,957	3,273	-17.3%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Talbot County) ¹	\$68,087
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$17,951
Child Care Center Director (State) ³	\$47,000
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ³	\$28,000
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Talbot	\$100,321
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Talbot	\$81,667
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Talbot	Maryland
Under \$25,000	14.3%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	16.2%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	15.9%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	53.6%	61.6%
Total Households	16,270	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Housing Information

	Talbot	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	11,868	72.9%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	4,402	27.1%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$382,000		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$2,039		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,204		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%
2011	7.3%	7.2%
2012	6.7%	6.5%
2013	6.3%	6.2%
2014	5.3%	5.6%
2016	4.0%	4.5%
2017	4.0%	4.3%
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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	37	295
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	21	1171
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	16	1012
Infant/Toddler	6	37
Part-Day	1	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	14	869
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	4	N/A
Public Kindergarten	0	N/A
**Head Start	2	52
***Early Head Start	1	8
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	5	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	37	72

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
 *Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
 ** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
 ***State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Cordova 21625	6	16.2%	1	6.3%
Easton 21601	23	62.2%	14	87.5%
Royal Oak 21662	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
Saint Michaels 21663	0	0.0%	1	6.3%
Sherwood 21665	2	5.4%	0	0.0%
St. Michael'S 21663	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
Tilghman 21671	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trappe 21673	3	8.1%	0	0.0%
Wittman 21676	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
Totals	37	100%	16	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
 Percentages do not total 100% because of rounding.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	5	1
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined	1	6

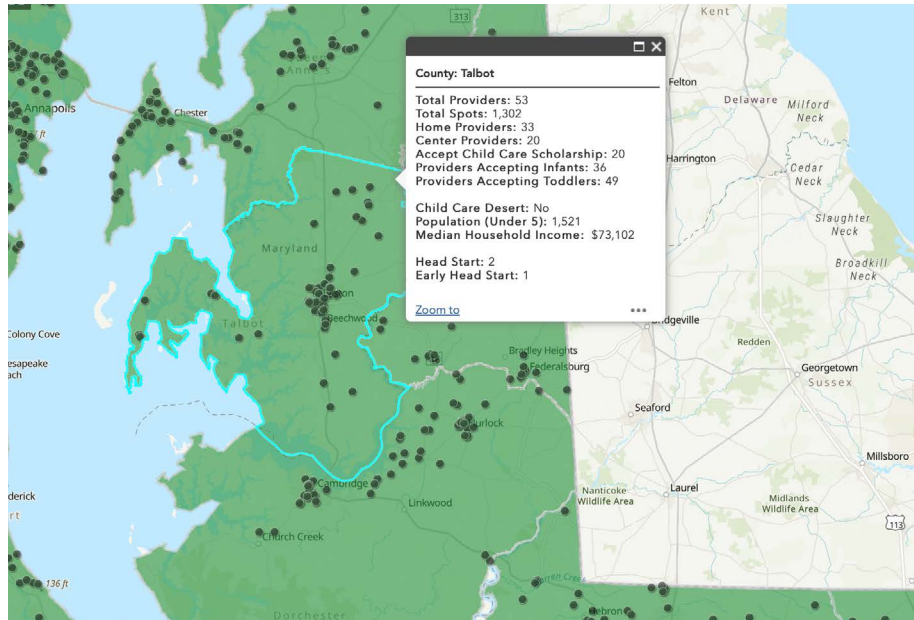
Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	291	26
Kindergarten	336	107
Grades 1 - 6	1,802	590
Total	2,429	723

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
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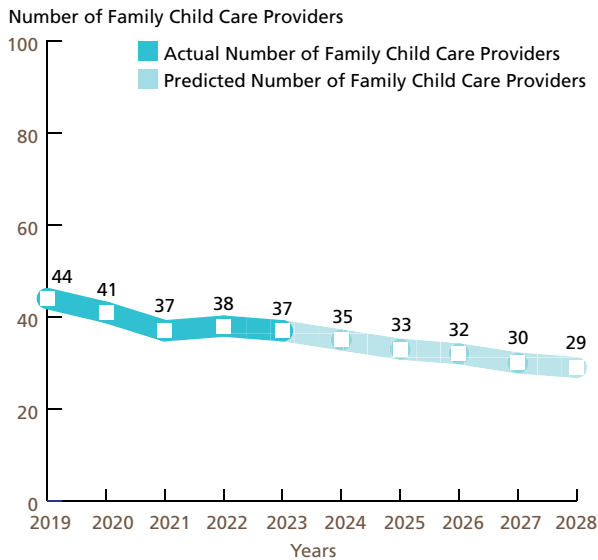
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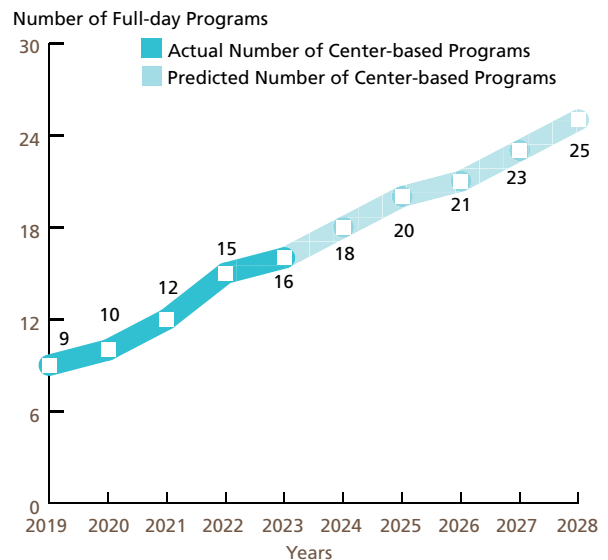


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Talbot 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Talbot 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

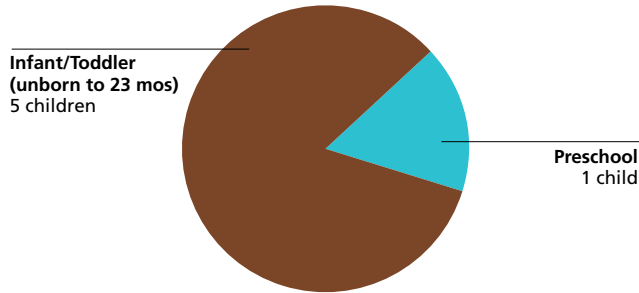


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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

Children Served by Age

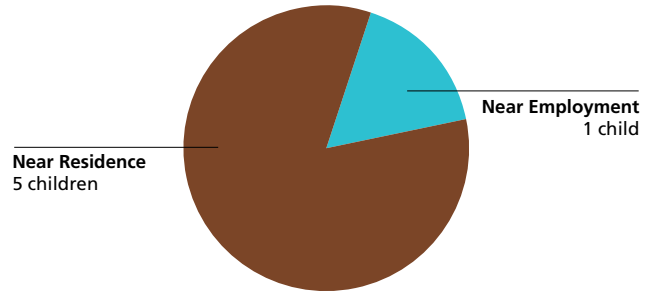
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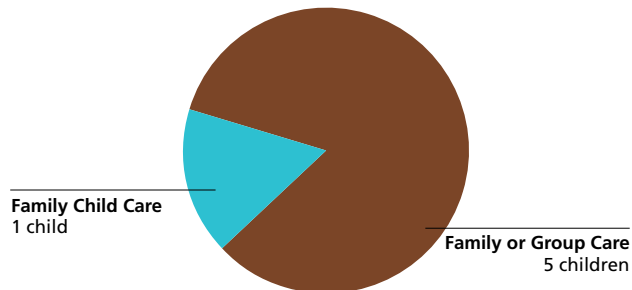
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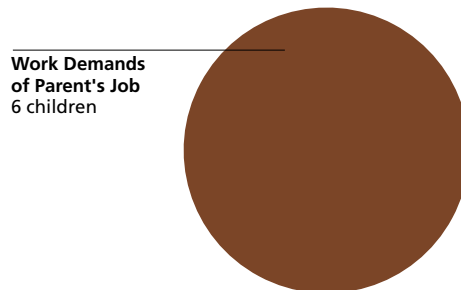
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Reason Child Care is Needed

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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care

6 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served

N= 6

Full-time: 6 children

Part-time: 0 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

* 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

11 (30% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Talbot County

10 (63% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Talbot County FY23 Allocation (estimated)

\$650,066 = 101 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹

10 (27% of total family child care providers in Talbot)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs

6 (38% of total child care centers in Talbot)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Washington 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

Washington County is located on Maryland's Northern border, and is located in between Allegany and Frederick Counties. It is approximately 455 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 154,000 people, making it 11th in county population count in the state.

Washington County's economy includes the transportation industry. Of the approximately 70,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 62,000 people via 4,000 businesses. Approximately 87% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (10%), state government (3%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Meritus Health, FiServ, Volvo Group, Amazon, FedEx, The Bowman Group, Walmart, Arc of Washington County, Hagerstown Community College, Merkle Response Management Group, Brook Lane Health Services, Giant Food/Martin's Food Markets, Direct Mail Processors, and Dot Foods.

Approximately 23% of Washington County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Washington County has approximately 25 elementary schools, 8 middle or combined schools, 7 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 23,000 students. The county is home to Hagerstown Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	4,882
3-4 years	3,690
5 years	2,053
6-8 years	5,571
9-11 years	5,863
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	22,059

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Washington is \$90,782⁶. 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	\$17,452.24	19%
Infant ¹	\$8,763.56	
Preschooler ²	\$8,688.68	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$20,232.00	22%
Taxes ⁵	\$20,333.00	22%
Total	\$60,963.24	67%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).
² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023).
³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).
⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.
⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.
⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Washington County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$182.06	\$230.00
2-4 Years	\$158.95	\$153.33
5 years ¹	\$153.39	\$140.00
School Age Full ²	\$150.73	\$134.50
School Age B/A ³	\$121.71	\$ 72.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers.
² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).
³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Washington	Maryland	Washington	Maryland
0-2 years	5,200	215,677	4,882	205,809
3-4 years	3,803	149,276	3,690	152,669
5 years	1,777	73,189	2,053	72,489
6-8 years	6,005	216,607	5,571	224,287
9-11 years	5,535	224,348	5,863	231,904
Total	22,320	879,097	22,059	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	3,984	4,241
Aged 25-29	4,287	4,462
Aged 30-34	4,167	4,741
Total Aged 20-34	12,438	13,444

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Washington	Maryland
2022		
Females	34,504	1,618,655
Males	40,478	1,713,303
2011		
Females	39,262	1,706,926
Males	44,300	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-12.1%	-5.2%
Males	-8.6%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children			
Under 6 years old	10,154	10,074	-0.8%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	6,705	6,794	1.3%
Total Children 6-17 years old	21,526	20,999	-2.4%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	16,725	16,125	-3.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Washington	Maryland
2022	154,645	6,161,707
2021	153,956	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	5,179	5,176
Aged 25-29	4,974	5,408
Aged 30-34	4,709	5,272
Total Aged 20-34	14,862	15,856

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	140,155	146,962
Total number of households	55,485	59,051
Average household size	2.53	2.49

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	16,819	14,414	-14.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	12,193	11,193	-8.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	37,712		39,768		5.5%
Families Below Poverty Level	3,060	8.1%	3,430	8.6%	12.1%
All Families with Children Under 5	6,674		6,791		1.8%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,288	19.3%	1,230	18.1%	-4.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	18,202		18,081		-0.7%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	2,421	13.3%	2,430	13.4%	0.4%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	32,852		32,638		-0.7%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	5,301	16.1%	5,310	16.3%	0.2%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,838	21.3%	1,516	17.7%	-17.5%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	3,463	14.3%	3,794	15.7%	9.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Washington	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	108,258		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	95,735	88.4%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	24,874	23.0%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Washington	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	37,712	39,768	5.5%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	6,793	7,092	4.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	16,819	16,465	-2.1%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary Average (Washington County) ¹	\$69,912
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$22,732
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$27,333
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$20,000
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$10,000

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023
2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year
3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Washington	\$90,782
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Washington	\$73,017
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Washington	Maryland
Under \$25,000	15.7%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	19.6%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.0%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	48.7%	61.6%
Total Households	59,051	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Housing Information

	Washington	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	38,615	65.4%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	20,436	34.6%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$262,400		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,686		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,049		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

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Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	117	912
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	62	3573
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	36	2435
Infant/Toddler	13	90
Part-Day	6	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	44	2555
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	7	N/A
Public Kindergarten	25	N/A
**Head Start	4	315
***Early Head Start	2	127
***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	25	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	115	230

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	25	1
Middle Schools	7	0
Combined	1	15

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	1,053	126
Kindergarten	1,488	135
Grades 1 - 6	9,619	1,069
Total	12,160	1,330

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

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Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by School District

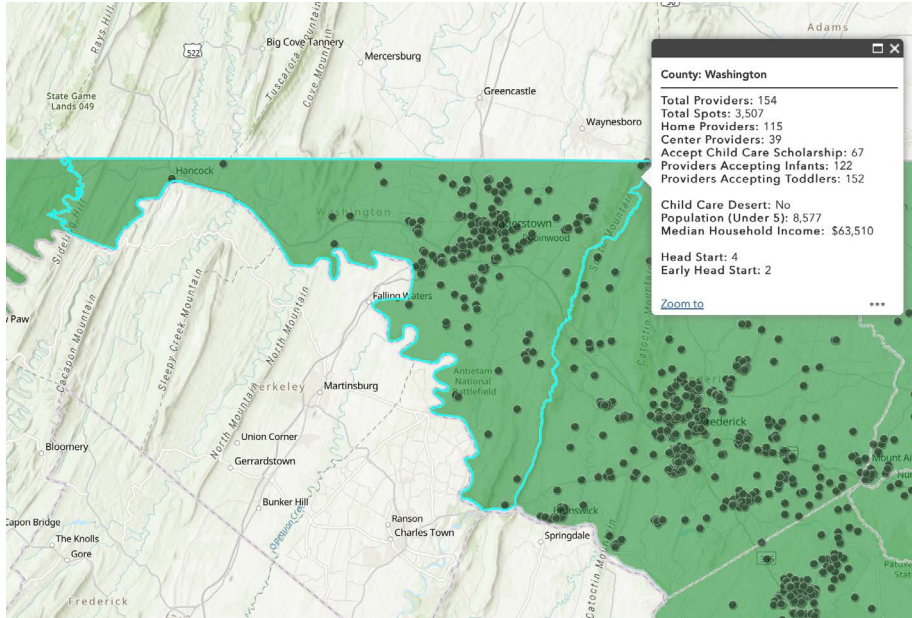
The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Washington as of June 30, 2023.

School District	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Bester	3	2.6%	1	2.8%
Boonsboro	6	5.1%	3	8.3%
Cascade	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Clear Spring	3	2.6%	1	2.8%
Conococheague	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Eastern	5	4.3%	4	11.1%
Eastern/Ruth Ann	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Emma K Doub	3	2.6%	1	2.8%
Fountain Rock	6	5.1%	2	5.6%
Funkstown	2	1.7%	0	0.0%
Greenbrier	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Hancock	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Hickory	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Jonathan Hager	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Lincolnshire	11	9.4%	1	2.8%
Maugansville	10	8.5%	1	2.8%
Old Forge	3	2.6%	2	5.6%
Pangborn	8	6.8%	1	2.8%
Paramount	6	5.1%	2	5.6%
Pleasant Valley	1	0.9%	1	2.8%
Potomac Heights	2	1.7%	4	11.1%
Rockland Wood	12	10.3%	0	0.0%
Ruth Ann Monroe	0	0.0%	1	2.8%
Salem Ave	8	6.8%	0	0.0%
Sharpsburg	4	3.4%	0	0.0%
Smithsburg	5	4.3%	3	8.3%
Williamsport	10	8.5%	3	8.3%
Winter St	2	1.7%	0	0.0%
Totals	117	100%	36	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

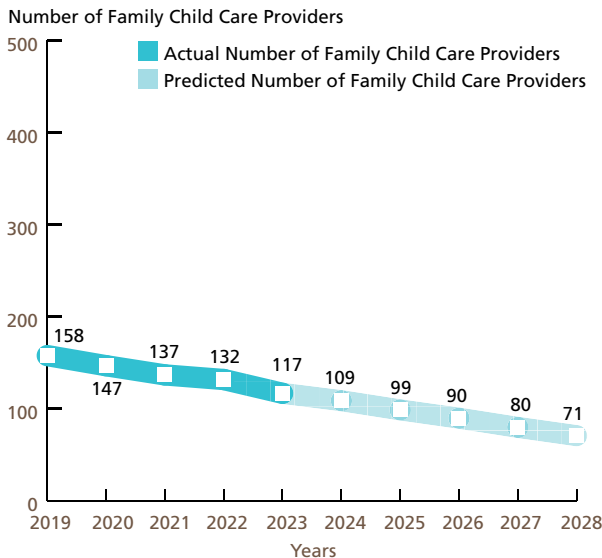
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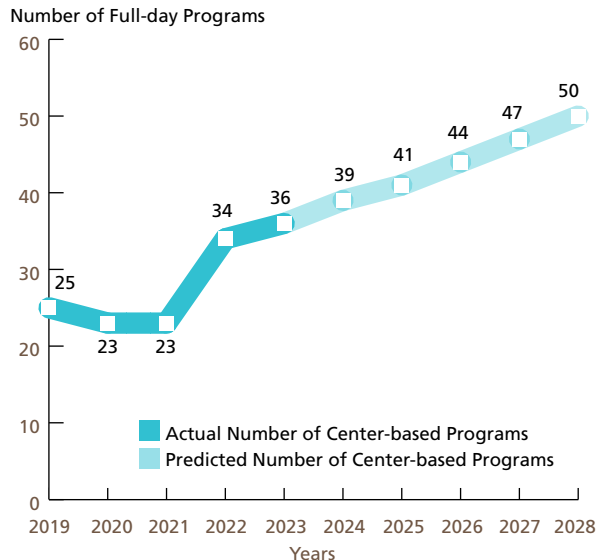


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Washington 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Washington 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



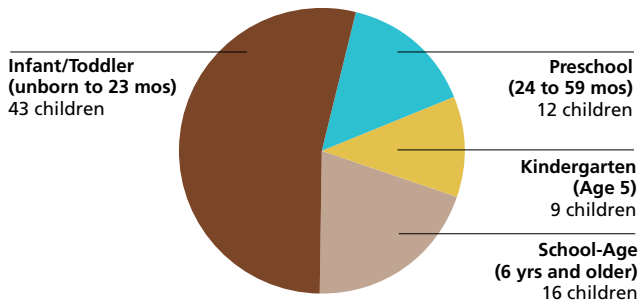
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

Demand for Child Care

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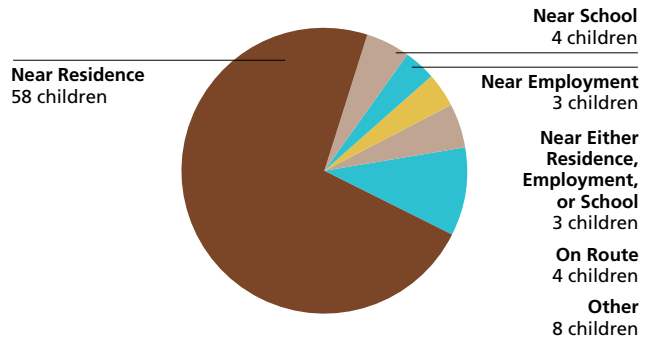
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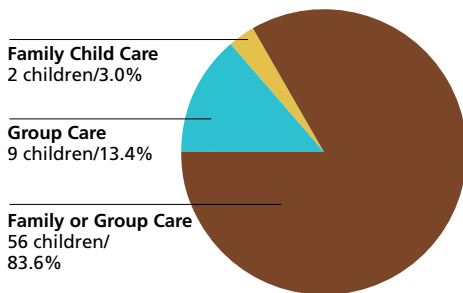
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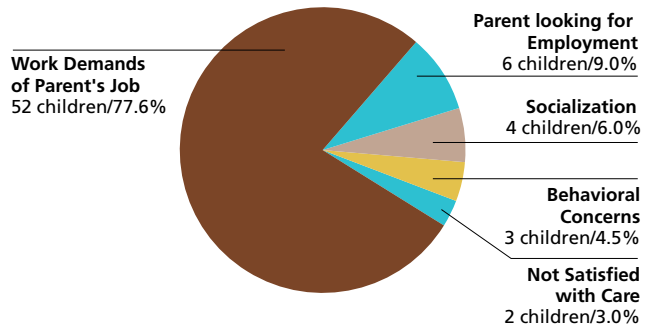
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Reason Child Care is Needed

N=80



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
80 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=80

Full-time: 69 children

Part-time: 7 children

Other*: 4 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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
11 (14% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
45 (56% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Proximity	2
Program	1
Cost	1
Caregiver	1
Transportation	1
Vacancy	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Washington County
47 (40% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Washington County
18 (50% of total child care centers)

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

Washington County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$2,193,566 = 368 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
22 (19% of total family child care providers in Washington)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
11 (31% of total child care centers in Washington)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Wicomico County Report

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Frequently Requested Child Care Information

Wicomico County is located in Maryland’s Eastern Shore, and is bordered by Dorechester, Somerset, and Worcester Counties. It is approximately 379 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 103,000 people, making it 14th in county population count in the state.

Wicomico County’s economy includes the agriculture industry. Of the approximately 49,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately 45,000 people via 3,000 businesses. Approximately 83% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in trade, transportation, and utilities and education and health services. The rest are in local government (11%), state government (6%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Tidal Health, Salisbury University, Perdue Farms, Walmart/Sam’s Club, Wor-Wic Community College, Food Lion, Genesis HealthCare, SHORE UP!, Delmarva power, K&L Microwave, Pohanka of Salisbury, and Boscov’s.

Approximately 29% of Wicomico County residents have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. For public schools, Wicomico County has approximately 16 elementary schools, 5 middle or combined schools, and 3 high schools¹. Total public school enrollment is 15,000 students. The county is home to Salisbury University (four-year) and Wor-Wic Community College (two-year)².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	3,055
3-4 years	3,136
5 years	1,267
6-8 years	3,835
9-11 years	3,916
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	15,209

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Wicomico is \$84,504⁶. 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	\$18,574.92	22%
Infant ¹	\$8,714.68	
Preschooler ²	\$9,860.24	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	3%
Housing ⁴	\$18,660.00	22%
Taxes ⁵	\$18,934.00	22%
Total	\$59,114.92	70%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).

² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023). ³National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). ⁴Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. ⁵State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. ⁶Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Wicomico County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 Months	\$155.00	\$ 231.67
2-4 Years	\$107.50	\$ 169.33
5 years ¹	\$107.50	\$ 151.00
School Age Full ²	\$ 82.50	\$ 139.00
School Age B/A ³	\$ 60.00	\$ 111.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Wicomico	Maryland	Wicomico	Maryland
0-2 years	3,430	215,677	3,055	205,809
3-4 years	2,767	149,276	3,136	152,669
5 years	1,041	73,189	1,267	72,489
6-8 years	3,564	216,607	3,835	224,287
9-11 years	3,611	224,348	3,916	231,904
Total	14,413	879,097	15,209	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	4,793	5,607
Aged 25-29	3,280	3,345
Aged 30-34	2,957	3,052
Total Aged 20-34	11,030	12,004

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Wicomico	Maryland
2011		
Females	27,783	1,618,655
Males	27,006	1,713,303
2011		
Females	28,535	1,706,926
Males	28,357	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-2.6%	-5.2%
Males	-4.8%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022
* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	6,835	7,365	7.8%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	4,967	5,419	9.1%
Total Children 6-17 years old	13,595	14,415	6.0%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	10,757	11,523	7.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Wicomico	Maryland
2022	103,815	6,161,707
2021	103,223	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	4,602	4,854
Aged 25-29	3,167	3,216
Aged 30-34	2,644	3,051
Total Aged 20-34	10,413	11,121

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	94,280	99,861
Total number of households	36,406	39,939
Average household size	2.59	2.50

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	11,137	9,430	-15.3%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	8,149	7,844	-3.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	24,137		25,668		6.3%
Families Below Poverty Level	2,163	9.0%	2,065	8.0%	-4.5%
All Families with Children Under 5	5,067		4,754		-6.2%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	975	19.2%	777	16.3%	-20.3%
All Families w Children Under 18	12,466		11,944		-4.2%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,739	13.9%	1,683	14.1%	-3.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	21,563		22,534		4.5%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	3,771	17.5%	3,637	16.1%	-3.6%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	1,453	23.8%	1,086	17.6%	-25.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	2,318	15.0%	2,551	15.6%	10.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Wicomico	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	65,721		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	58,194	88.5%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	19,025	28.9%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Wicomico	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	24,137	25,668	6.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	4,790	4,789	0.0%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	11,137	10,561	-5.2%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Wicomico County) ¹	\$70,061
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$20,786
Child Care Center Director (County) ³	\$37,000
Center Senior Staff /Teacher(County) ³	\$23,000
Center Aide (Count) ³	\$18,000

1. Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

2. National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

3. MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Wicomico	\$84,504
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Wicomico	\$69,421
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution

Percent Households

	Wicomico	Maryland
Under \$25,000	15.6%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	19.5%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	46.3%	61.6%
Total Households	39,939	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Housing Information

	Wicomico	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	23,825	59.7%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	16,114	40.3%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$226,900		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,555		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,190		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	80	623
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	40	3,053
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	29	2,412
Infant/Toddler	19	186
Part-Day	6	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	33	2,262
Employer-Sponsored Centers	3	316
Public Kindergarten	11	N/A
** Head Start	1	68
***Early Head Start	3	88
****Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	11	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler	80	159

¹Some providers may still be closed due to COVID 19 considerations.
^{*}Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.
^{**}Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.
^{***}State funded.
 Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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, 2023.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Delmar 21875	11	13.8%	0	0.0%
Eden 21822	1	1.3%	0	0.0%
Fruitland 21826	7	8.8%	3	10.3%
Hebron 21830	4	5.0%	3	10.3%
Mardela Springs 21837	4	5.0%	0	0.0%
Parsonsborg 21849	4	5.0%	1	3.4%
Pittsville 21850	2	2.5%	1	3.4%
Quantico 21856	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Salisbury 21801	19	23.8%	10	34.5%
Salisbury 21804	23	28.8%	11	37.9%
Sharptown 21861	1	1.3%	0	0.0%
Willards 21874	4	5.0%	0	0.0%
Totals	80	100%	29	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.
 NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	16	1
Middle Schools	3	0
Combined	2	8

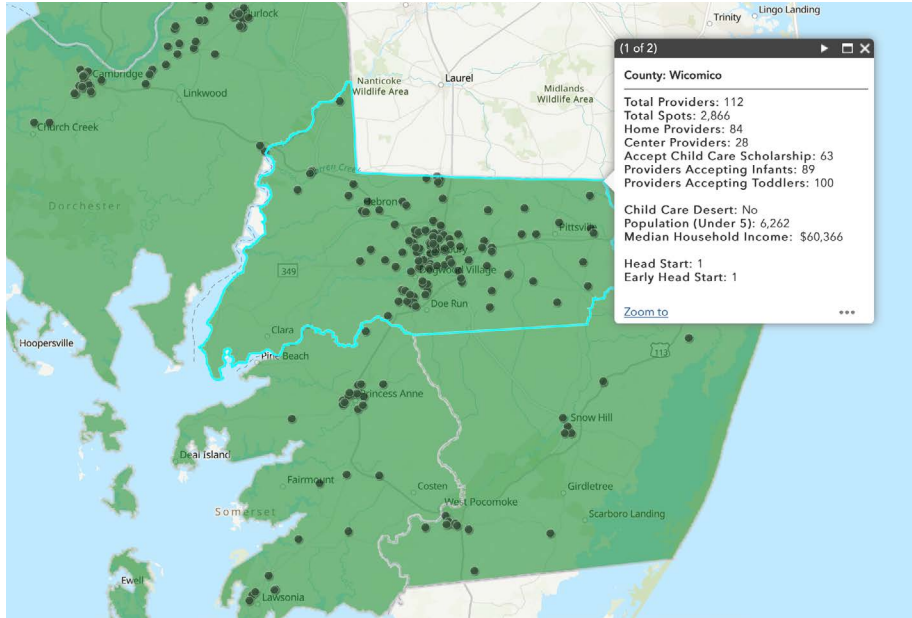
Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	777	59
Kindergarten	1,101	159
Grades 1 - 6	6,670	926
Total	8,548	1,144

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.
^{*}Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.
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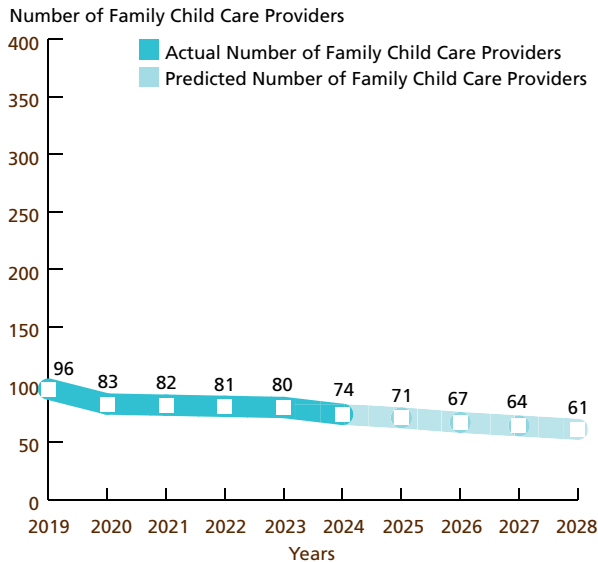
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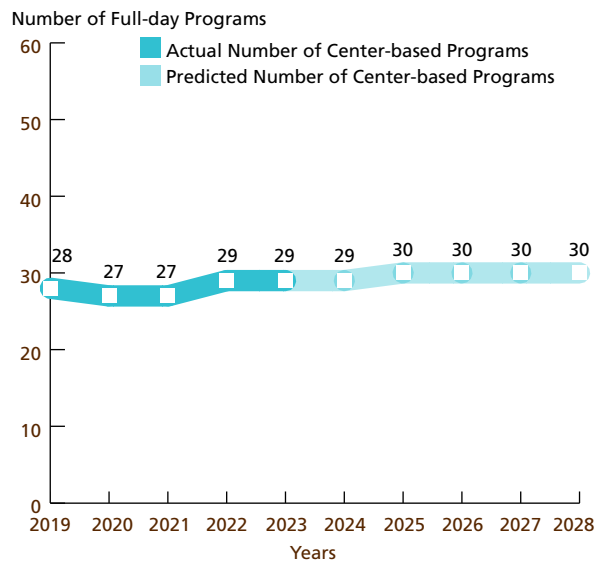


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Family Child Care Providers in Wicomico 2019-2028



Center-based Programs in Wicomico 2019-2028 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



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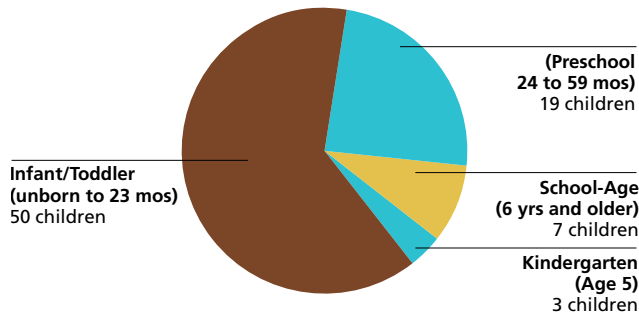
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Children Served by Age

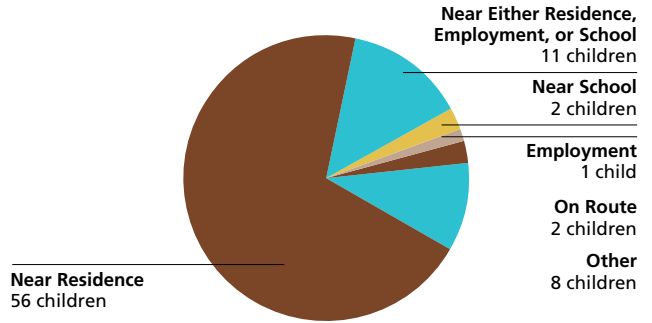
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Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

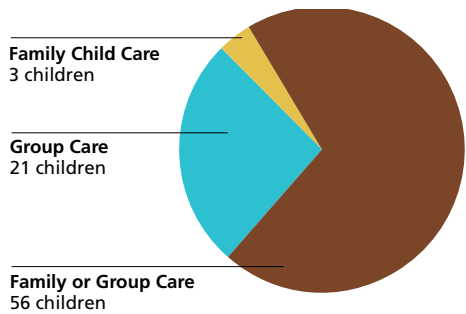
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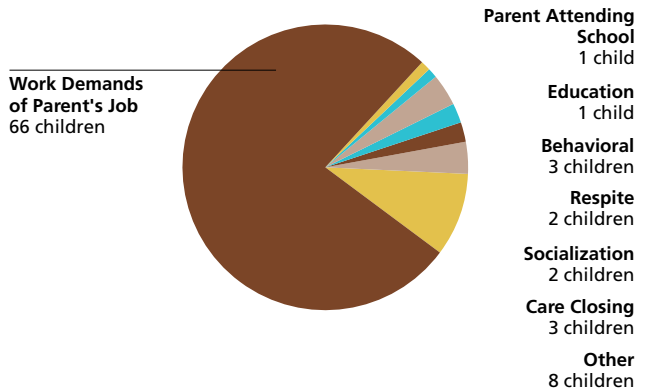
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Reason Child Care is Needed

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Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
80 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=80

Full-time: 69 children

Part-time: 11 children

* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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
14 (18% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
42 (53% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23)

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Environment	3
Proximity	3
Cost	3

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

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 total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Wicomico County
22 (76% of total child care centers)

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

* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

Wicomico County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$3,998,803 = 644 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
33 (41% of total family child care providers in Wicomico)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
16 (55% of total child care centers in Wicomico)

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)

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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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Worcester 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

Worcester County is Maryland's Easternmost County and is bordered by Wicomico and Somerset Counties. It is approximately 475 square miles in size. It has a population of approximately 52,000 people, making it 17th in county population count in the state.

Worcester County's economy includes the tourism and agriculture industries. Of the approximately 24,000 civilian employees, the county employs approximately that number of people via 2,000 businesses. Approximately 86% are in the private sector, with the largest concentrations in leisure and hospitality and trade, transportation, and utilities. The rest are in local government (13%), state government (1%) and federal government (1%).

Major employers include Real Hospitality, Harrison Group, Atlantic General Health Systems, Bay Shore Development, O.C. Seacrets, Blue Water Development/Hospitality, Ocean Downs Casino, Dough Roller, Fagers Island, and Ocean City Fontainebleau.

Approximately 31% of Worcester County residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher. For public schools, Worcester County has approximately 6 elementary schools, 3 middle or combined schools, 3 high schools, and 1 career/tech school¹. Total public school enrollment is 7,000 students².

Child Population 2022

Age Group	Number in age group
0-2 years	1,387
3-4 years	715
5 years	327
6-8 years	1,442
9-11 years	1,339
Total Children in Households Aged 0-11	5,210

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Worcester is \$76,689⁶. 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	\$17,748.64	23%
Infant ¹	\$8,637.72	
Preschooler ²	\$9,110.92	
Food ³	\$ 2,946.00	4%
Housing ⁴	\$21,144.00	28%
Taxes ⁵	\$15,423.00	20%
Total	\$57,261.64	75%

¹ Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2023).
² Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2023).
³ National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2023), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture).
⁴ Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2020 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.
⁵ State and local taxes per Comptroller of Maryland (2023), Medicare and FICA taxes per moneychimp.com (2023). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.
⁶ Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated July 2023. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Worcester County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
	0-23 Months	\$161.67
2-4 Years	\$143.33	\$248.60
5 years ¹	\$132.50	\$219.00
School Age Full ²	\$132.50	\$288.00
School Age B/A ³	\$ 90.00	\$ 55.00

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

¹ Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers.
² Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers).
³ Average cost of before and after school child care.

¹ Maryland Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender and Number of Schools, 2022-2023

² Brief Economic Facts, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2022

Population Information

Child Population¹

	2011		2022	
	Worcester	Maryland	Worcester	Maryland
0-2 years	1,463	215,677	1,387	205,809
3-4 years	792	149,276	715	152,669
5 years	376	73,189	327	72,489
6-8 years	1,581	216,607	1,442	224,287
9-11 years	1,567	224,348	1,339	231,904
Total	5,779	879,097	5,210	887,158

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,260	1,369
Aged 25-29	1,104	1,393
Aged 30-34	1,067	1,379
Total Aged 20-34	3,431	4,141

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Work Force Information

Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Worcester	Maryland
2022		
Females	12,843	1,618,655
Males	13,631	1,713,303
2011		
Females	13,214	1,706,926
Males	14,537	1,772,418
Change		
Females	-2.8%	-5.2%
Males	-6.2%	-3.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

* Does not include the population Not in the Labor Force

Females Aged 16+ with Children

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Total Children Under 6 years old	2,552	2,300	-9.9%
Children Under 6 with all custodial parents working	1,870	1,784	-4.6%
Total Children 6-17 years old	6,479	6,276	-3.1%
Children 6-17 with all custodial parents working	5,174	4,834	-6.6%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Total Population

	Worcester	Maryland
2022	52,827	6,161,707
2021	52,322	6,148,545
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, 2022

Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	2011	2022
Aged 20-24	1,154	1,261
Aged 25-29	1,439	1,315
Aged 30-34	1,038	1,161
Total Aged 20-34	3,631	3,737

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Households

	2011	2022
Total household population	50,448	52,084
Total number of households	21,785	23,457
Average household size	2.32	2.22

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Females Aged 16+ with Children Under 18

Age Group	2011	2022	Change
Females (16+) with children under 18	5,270	4,137	-21.5%
Females (16+) with children under 18, in the workforce	3,913	3,378	-13.7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Census Information

Families and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
All Families	14,651		14,959		2.1%
Families Below Poverty Level	1,000	6.8%	761	5.1%	-23.9%
All Families with Children Under 5	2,188		1,848		-15.5%
All Families w Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	377	17.2%	164	8.9%	-56.5%
All Families w Children Under 18	5,670		5,061		-10.7%
All Families w Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	747	13.2%	506	10.0%	-32.3%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Children and Poverty

	2011	% in Poverty	2022	% in Poverty	% Change
Total Related Children Under 18	9,306		8,990		-3.4%
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	1,580	17.0%	998	11.1%	-36.8%
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	415	18.9%	227	11.0%	-45.3%
Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	1,165	16.4%	771	11.1%	-33.8%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Educational Attainment for Adults over 25 Years

	Worcester	% of Adults	Maryland	% of Adults
Total Adults Aged 25 or More	40,258		4,260,095	
High School Graduate or Higher	37,648	93.5%	3,876,178	91.0%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	12,918	32.1%	1,798,746	42.2%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

Families

Worcester	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	14,651	14,959	2.1%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	2,228	1,864	-16.3%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	5,270	4,424	-16.1%

Maryland	2011	2022	% Change
Total Families	1,428,101	1,525,066	6.8%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 6*	269,284	262,824	-2.4%
Total # of All Families with Related Childrend Under Age 18	656,740	643,101	-2.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2011, 2022

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

Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary (Worcester County) ¹	\$73,535
Public Teacher Salary Average MD ¹	\$79,420
Non Public School Teacher Salary Average (National) ²	\$67,201
Family Child Care Provider (County) ³	\$19,300
Child Care Center Director (State) ⁴	\$41,396
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (State) ⁴	\$25,568
Center Aide (State) ⁴	\$17,402

¹Average Teacher Salary MSDE Sept 2023

²National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) 2022- 2023 Year

³MFN's 2022 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

⁴State is used where county salary information was not available.

Family Income

Median Family Income

Worcester	\$97,408
Maryland	\$120,081

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Median Household Income¹:

Worcester	\$76,689
Maryland	\$98,461

Income Distribution	Percent Households	
	Worcester	Maryland
Under \$25,000	13.2%	11.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	20.5%	13.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	15.3%	13.6%
\$75,000 +	51.0%	61.6%
Total Households	23,457	2,318,124

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

Housing Information

	Worcester	%	Maryland	%
Owner-Occupied housing	17,961	76.6%	1,564,056	67.5%
Renter-Occupied housing	5,496	23.4%	754,068	32.5%
Mean Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$310,300		\$380,500	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs with a Mortgage	\$1,762		\$2,245	
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$1,144		\$1,598	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey 2022

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%

MD Department of Labor Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) June 2023.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/ Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity ¹
Family Child Care Providers	20	153
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	16	999
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	11	792
Infant/Toddler	6	61
Part-Day	2	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	7	533
Employer-Sponsored Centers	0	0
Nursery Schools	4	N/A
Public Kindergarten	5	N/A
** Head Start	1	17
***Early Head Start	2	30
****Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites	5	N/A
Total Infant/Toddler programs	19	38

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

*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

** Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

***State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 6/23; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private*
Elementary Schools	6	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Combined	2	5

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private*
Pre-Kindergarten	448	17
Kindergarten	386	89
Grades 1 - 6	2,802	478
Total	3,636	584

Source: MSDE, 2022-23 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2022.

*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported 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 Worcester as of June 30, 2023.

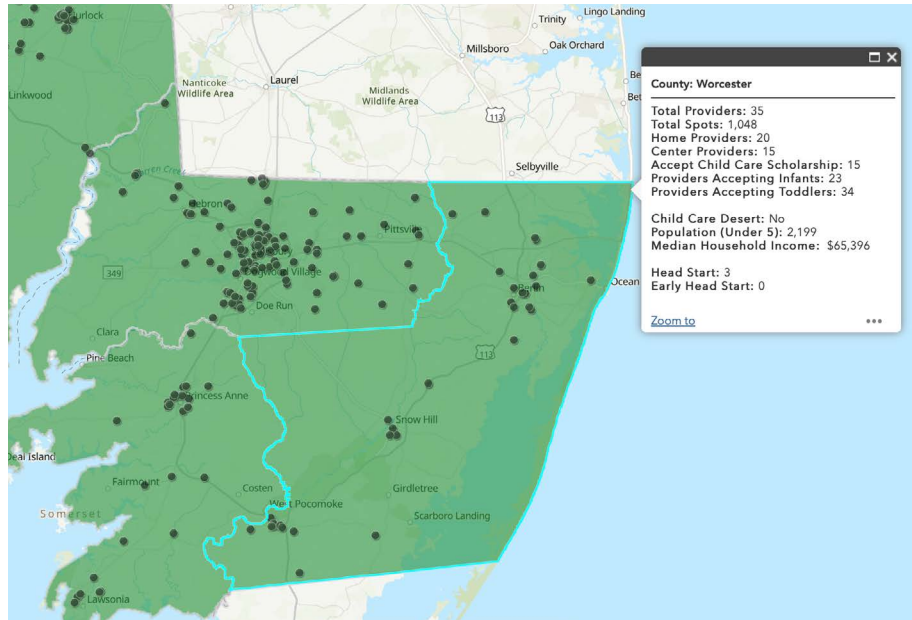
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Berlin 21811	8	40.0%	7	63.6%
Newark 21841	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ocean City 21842	0	0.0%	1	9.1%
Pocomoke 21851	2	10.0%	1	9.1%
Pocomoke City 21851	5	25.0%	1	9.1%
Snow Hill 21863	3	15.0%	1	9.1%
Stockton 21864	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Whaleyville 21872	2	10.0%	0	0.0%
Totals	20	100%	11	100%

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 6/23.

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

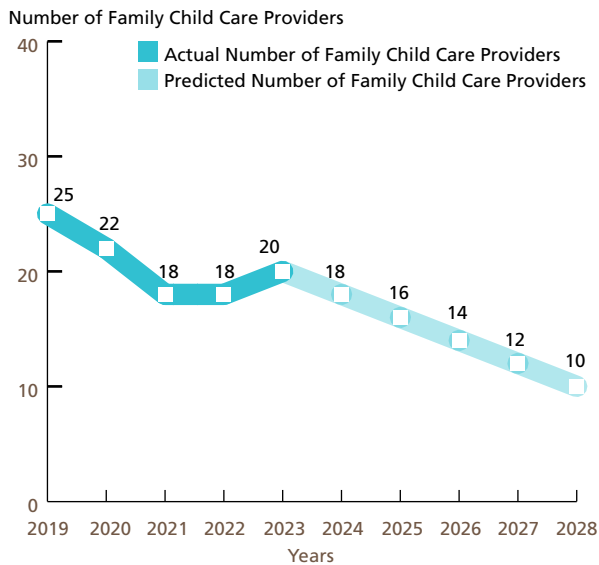
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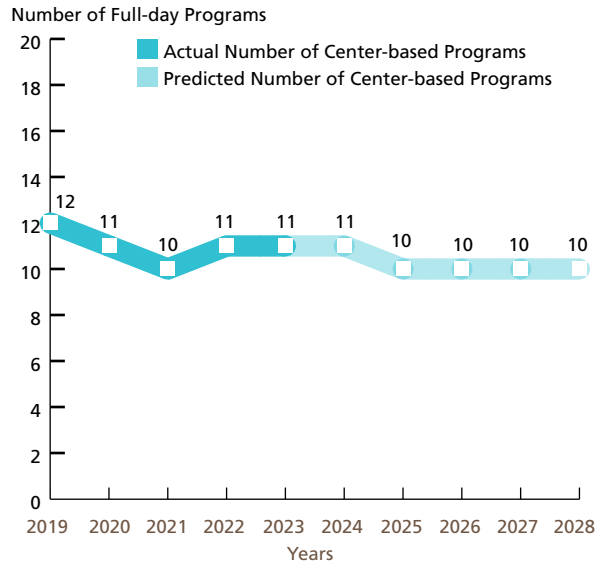


Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

Family Child Care Providers in Worcester 2017-2026



Center-based Programs in Worcester 2017-2026 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

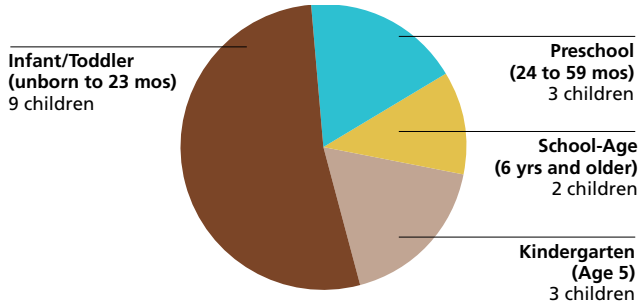


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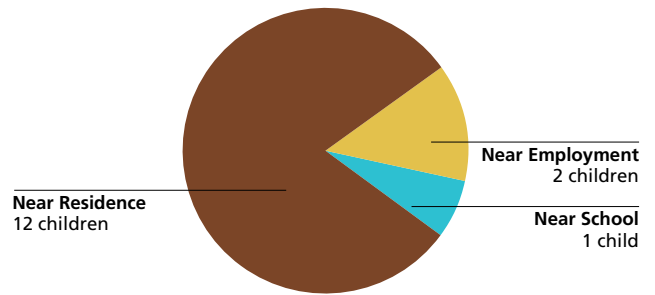
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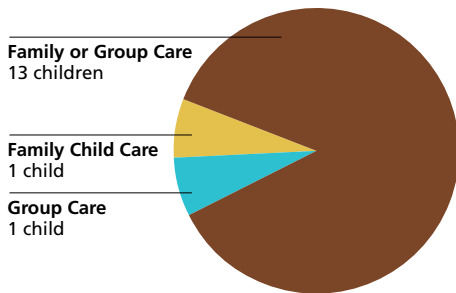
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

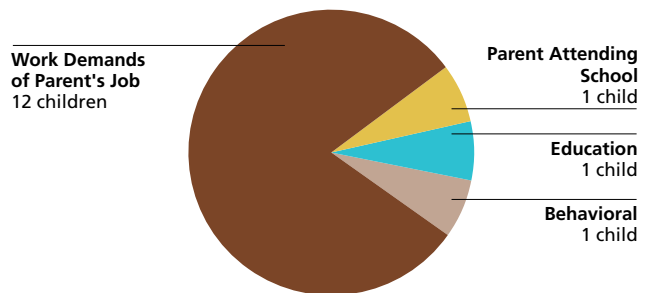
N=15



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Reason Child Care is Needed

N=15



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Demand for Child Care

Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care
15 children (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served N=15
Full-time: 15 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 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*
LOCATE Calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Scholarship
4 (27% of all calls)

LOCATE Calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Scholarship
7 (47% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).
* Formerly Child Care Subsidy Program

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

Factor	Count
Environment	10
Proximity	23
Program	10
Cost	12
Escort	3
Caregiver	10
Transportation	1
Hours	11
Vacancy	2

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/22-6/30/23).

Supply of Child Care

Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS)*

Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Worcester County
8 (40% of total family child care providers)

Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Worcester County
5 (45% of total child care centers)

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

Worcester County FY23 Allocation (estimated)
\$1,230,137 = 175 full-time children enrolled

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

Special Needs Child Care

Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs¹
7 (35% of total family child care providers in Worcester)

Centers who serve/have served children with special needs
5 (45% of total child care centers in Worcester)

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)

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)

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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 \$30,000 in 2022. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan 2021)

Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent: Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

Unemployment Rate: Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

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