

MERCER County

Children Potentially Needing Child Care

	0-2 yrs	3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	Total	
Children in County by Age ¹	279	94	205	782	1266	
$\%$ of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force 1						
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹						
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce						
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce						
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)						
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13						
Percent to which supply meets potential demand						

State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2024)

	Family	Group in a home	Group in a facility	Center	Total
Number of Programs	0	8	1	1	10
Licensed Capacity	0	160	30	77	267
Reported Vacancies ⁴	0	4	3	2	9
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	0	6	1	0	7
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	0	1	1	0	2
Programs open on Weekends	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Size of Workforce	0	21	10	17	48
State-licensed school-age programs ³	0	with a licensed capacity of			0

Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care² (Due to the limited number of programs, rates reflect a regional average)

	Home-base	d Programs	Centers and Group Facilities		
Age of Child	Average	Highest Rate	Average	Highest Rate	
Ages 0 to 17 months	\$8,472	\$9,880	\$8,193	\$10,140	
18 to 35 months	\$8,412	\$9,620	\$8,077	\$9,620	
Ages 3 to 5	\$8,332	\$9,360	\$8,020	\$9,360	
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Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.)

- 1. 2022 ND Kids Count Fact Book
- 2. ChildCare Aware® of North Dakota WorkLife Systems Database
- 3. School-age care numbers reflect programs licensed exclusively as before and after school programs under Early Childhood Services rules. Not all school-age programs are required to be licensed. In addition, many school-age children are enrolled in family/group programs and child carecenters.
- 4. Vacancies change daily and may not match the location or program characteristics desired by families needing care. A 10% vacancy rate allows families some choice among programs.