

Children Potentially Needing Child Care

	0-2 yrs	3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	Total
Children in County by Age ¹	3149	966	1947	6165	11261
% of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					65.5%
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					73.3%
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					6062
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					4881
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)					2620
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13					
Percent to which supply meets potential demand					24%

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

	Family	Group in a home	Group in a facility	Center	Total
Number of Programs	16	58	10	16	100
Licensed Capacity	136	856	211	1417	2620
Reported Vacancies ⁴	10	26	17	11	64
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	2	9	0	8	19
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	2	1	0	0	3
Programs open on Weekends	2	1	1	0	4
Reported Size of Workforce	17	111	27	248	403
State-licensed school-age programs ³	0	with a licensed capacity of			0

Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

	Home-based Programs		Centers and Group Facilities	
Age of Child	Average	Highest Rate	Average	Highest Rate
Ages 0 to 17 months	\$8,718	\$13,000	\$11,020	\$13,520
18 to 35 months	\$8,506	\$13,000	\$10,588	\$13,104
Ages 3 to 5	\$8,368	\$13,000	\$10,040	\$12,480
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.