



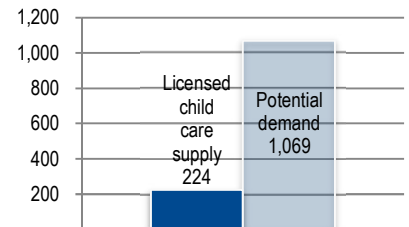
Child Care Profile

2019

Mercer County

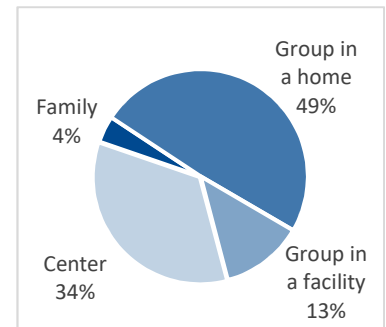
Children Potentially Needing Child Care

	<u>0-2 yrs</u>	<u>3 yrs</u>	<u>4-5 yrs</u>	<u>6-12 yrs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Children in County by Age ¹	297	131	236	755	1,419
% of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					71.8%
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					78.4%
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					477
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					592
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)					224
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13 ¹					17
Percent to which supply meets potential demand					21%



State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2019)

	<u>Family</u>	<u>Group in a home</u>	<u>Group in a facility</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of Programs	1	6	1	1	9
Licensed Capacity	9	110	28	77	224
Reported Vacancies ⁴	2	7	21	0	30
Providers/Capacity Added	0/0	2/32	1/28	0/0	3/60
Providers/Capacity Lost	1/9	1/12	2/48	0/0	4/69
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	1	5	1	1	8
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	0	0	0	1	1
Programs open on Weekends	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Size of Workforce	1	14	1	19	35
State-licensed school-age programs ³	0		with a licensed capacity of		0



Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

<u>Age of Child</u>	<u>Home-based Programs</u>		<u>Centers and Group Facilities⁵</u>	
	<u>Average</u>	<u>Highest Rate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Highest Rate</u>
Ages 0 to 17 months	\$8,079	\$8,775	\$8,092	\$10,400
18 to 35 months	\$8,079	\$8,775	\$7,772	\$10,192
Ages 3 to 5	\$8,079	\$8,775	\$7,569	\$10,192
Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.)				

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¹ 2019 ND Kids Count Fact Book

² Child Care Aware® of North Dakota NACCRRAware Database (surveyed between January and June 2019)

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 care centers.

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.

⁵ Due to the limited number of programs, rates reflect a regional average