



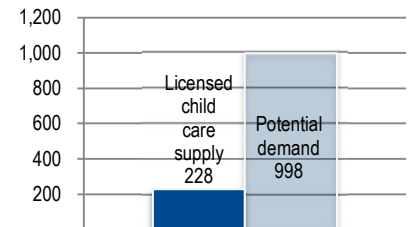
# Child Care Profile

## 2020

### Mercer County

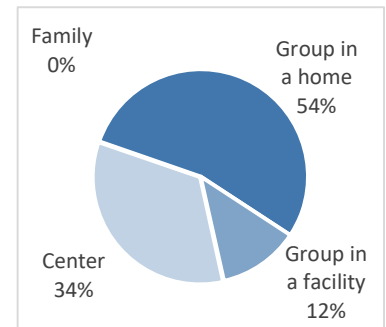
#### Children Potentially Needing Child Care

|  | <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 <sup>1</sup>   | 294            | 96           | 241            | 740             | 1,371        |
| % of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force <sup>1</sup>                       |                |              |                |                 | 65.1%        |
| % of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force <sup>1</sup>                      |                |              |                |                 | 79.4%        |
| Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce                  |                |              |                |                 | 411          |
| Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce                 |                |              |                |                 | 587          |
| Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age <sup>3</sup> ) |                |              |                |                 | 228          |
| Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13 <sup>1</sup>                           |                |              |                |                 | 20           |
| Percent to which supply meets potential demand   |                |              |                |                 | 23%          |



#### State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity<sup>2</sup> (2020)

|   | <u>Family</u> | <u>Group in a home</u> | <u>Group in a facility</u>  | <u>Center</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Number of Programs                              | 0             | 6                      | 1                           | 1             | 8            |
| Licensed Capacity                               | 0             | 123                    | 28                          | 77            | 228          |
| Reported Vacancies <sup>4</sup>                 | 0             | 6                      | 0                           | 4             | 10           |
| Providers/Capacity Added                        | 1/9           | 1/16                   | 0/0                         | 0/0           | 2/25         |
| Providers/Capacity Lost                         | 1/9           | 1/17                   | 1/28                        | 0/0           | 3/54         |
| Programs open before 7:00 a.m.                  | 0             | 4                      | 0                           | 1             | 5            |
| 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                      | 0             | 14                     | 4                           | 21            | 39           |
| State-licensed school-age programs <sup>3</sup> |               | 0                      | with a licensed capacity of |               | 0            |



#### Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care<sup>2</sup>

| <u>Age of Child</u>   | <u>Home-based Programs</u> |                     | <u>Centers and Group Facilities<sup>5</sup></u> |                     |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
|   | <u>Average</u>             | <u>Highest Rate</u> | <u>Average</u>                                  | <u>Highest Rate</u> |
| Ages 0 to 17 months   | \$8,161                    | \$8,775             | \$8,390   | \$11,700            |
| 18 to 35 months   | \$8,161                    | \$8,775             | \$8,058   | \$10,400            |
| Ages 3 to 5   | \$8,161                    | \$8,775             | \$7,788   | \$10,400            |
| Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.) |                            |                     |   |                     |

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<sup>1</sup> 2020 ND Kids Count Fact Book

<sup>2</sup> Child Care Aware® of North Dakota NACCRRAware Database (surveyed between January and June 2020)

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Due to the limited number of programs, rates reflect a regional average