

Children Potentially Needing Child Care

	0-2 yrs	3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	Total
Children in County by Age ¹	3516	1272	2710	8872	15098
% of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					85.5%
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					89.2%
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					7498
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					8376
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)					3392
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13					
Percent to which supply meets potential demand					21%

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

	Family	Group in a home	Group in a facility	Center	Total
Number of Programs	30	53	1	23	108
Licensed Capacity	270	647	27	2403	3392
Reported Vacancies ⁴	12	26	0	56	94
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	2	15	1	8	26
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	1	3	0	2	6
Programs open on Weekends	1	6	0	1	8
Reported Size of Workforce	35	90	3	417	547
State-licensed school-age programs ³	1	with a licensed capacity of			45

Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

Age of Child	Home-based Programs		Centers and Group Facilities	
	Average	Highest Rate	Average	Highest Rate
Ages 0 to 17 months	\$9,574	\$13,000	\$11,559	\$13,000
18 to 35 months	\$9,378	\$13,000	\$11,071	\$12,480
Ages 3 to 5	\$9,216	\$13,000	\$10,394	\$11,960
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.