

Children Potentially Needing Child Care

	0-2 yrs	3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	Total
Children in County by Age ¹	7212	2571	4957	16128	28297
% of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					81.4%
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					80.2%
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					14740
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					13715
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)					11422
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13					
Percent to which supply meets potential demand					40%

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

	Family	Group in a home	Group in a facility	Center	Total
Number of Programs	52	129	18	54	284
Licensed Capacity	463	1687	477	5374	11422
Reported Vacancies ⁴	24	49	41	140	374
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	10	29	11	26	104
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	8	11	6	1	26
Programs open on Weekends	7	10	3	1	21
Reported Size of Workforce	64	220	112	1014	1564
State-licensed school-age programs ³	31	with a licensed capacity of			3421

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	\$9,828	\$16,900	\$12,350	\$15,600
18 to 35 months	\$9,486	\$15,600	\$11,724	\$15,080
Ages 3 to 5	\$9,171	\$15,600	\$10,850	\$14,560
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.