

2024

MERCER County

Children Potentially Needing Child Care

0-2 yrs	3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	Total		
279	94	205	782	1266		
% of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force 1						
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹						
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce						
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce						
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)						
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13						
Percent to which supply meets potential demand						
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State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2024)

	Family	Group in a home	Group in a facility	Center	Total
Number of Programs	0	8	0	1	9
Licensed Capacity	0	167	0	77	244
Reported Vacancies ⁴	0	3	0	0	3
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	0	6	0	0	6
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	0	1	0	0	1
Programs open on Weekends	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Size of Workforce	0	21	0	17	38
State-licensed school-age programs ³	0	with a licensed capacity of			0

Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care² (Due to the limited number of programs, rates reflect a regional average)

	Home-base	ed Programs	Centers and Group Facilities			
Age of Child	Average	Highest Rate	Average	Highest Rate		
Ages 0 to 17 months	\$10,992	\$36,400	\$8,404	\$10,400		
18 to 35 months	\$10,792	\$36,400	\$8,144	\$10,400		
Ages 3 to 5	\$10,272	\$31,200	\$7,950	\$9,360		
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1. 2022 ND Kids Count Fact Book

2. ChildCare Aware® of North Dakota WorkLife Systems Database

 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.