

Children Potentially Needing Child Care

	0-2 yrs	3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	Total
Children in County by Age ¹	2338	756	1552	4422	8312
% of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					58.7%
% of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹					80.0%
Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					4646
Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce					3328
Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³)					1514
Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13					
Percent to which supply meets potential demand					19%

State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2025)

	Family	Group in a home	Group in a facility	Center	Total
Number of Programs	6	10	12	13	41
Licensed Capacity	54	156	320	984	1514
Reported Vacancies ⁴	4	4	31	87	126
Programs open before 7:00 a.m.	0	1	0	2	3
Programs open after 6:00 p.m.	1	1	0	2	4
Programs open on Weekends	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Size of Workforce	6	15	57	204	282
State-licensed school-age programs ³	0	with a licensed capacity of			0

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	\$12,120	\$15,600	\$14,756	\$18,200
18 to 35 months	\$11,200	\$15,600	\$13,337	\$15,639
Ages 3 to 5	\$10,400	\$14,300	\$12,399	\$14,820
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.