

## 2025 Child Care Needs Assessments for: COLE



Demographics of County	COLE County	Missouri
Total residents <sup>1</sup>	77,412	6,141,534
Total Children Under 6 <sup>1</sup>	5,526	423,996
Children under 6 with working parents <sup>1</sup>	5,212	393,775
Percent of people below poverty level <sup>1</sup>	9.5%	12.7%
Median Household Income <sup>1</sup>	\$64,715	\$61,043
Unemployment rate - population 16 and older <sup>1</sup>	2.8%	2.8%
Number of children in child care receiving state assistance <sup>2</sup>	357	22,576

### Child Care Supply as of 4/1/2025 County Data

Child Care Programs(all regulation types: licensed, license exempt and exempt from regulation)	County Data
Centers	37
Group Homes	3
Family Child Care	5
<b>Total Child Care Programs</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Programs Accepting MO DSS Subsidy</b>	<b>22</b>

<b>Licensed Child Care Programs</b>	
Centers	32
Group Homes	3
Family Child Care Programs	5
<b>Total Licensed Child Care Programs</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Licensed Child Care Programs Accepting MO DSS Subsidy</b>	<b>21</b>

<b>License Exempt/Inspected Child Care Programs</b>	
Centers	5
Group Homes	0
Family Child Care Programs	0
<b>Total License Exempt/Inspected Child Care Programs</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total License-Exempt Programs Accepting MO DSS Subsidy</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Known Exempt/Not Subject to Child Care Program Regulations</b>	
Centers	0
Group Homes	0
Family Child Care Programs	0
<b>Total Known Exempt/Not Subject to Child Care Program Regulations</b>	<b>0</b>

Disclaimer: Information included in this report is maintained by Child Care Aware® of Missouri along with reports from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Childhood and other sources. Child Care Aware® of Missouri recognizes that there are groups of preschool, child care, and after-school programs that may not be captured in these totals including: 1) unlicensed family child care programs that serve six or less children, 2) preschool or child care provided by public or private K-12 education, and 3) early childhood programs designated as a private school, such as Montessori schools.



Licensed Capacity	
Centers	2529
Group Homes	60
Family Child Care Programs	50
<b>Total Licensed Capacity</b>	<b>2639</b>
License Exempt Capacity	
Centers	305
Group Homes	no data
Family Child Care Programs	no data
<b>Total License Exempt Capacity</b>	<b>305</b>
Exempt Capacity	
Centers	no data
Group Homes	no data
Family Child Care Programs	no data
<b>Total Exempt Capacity</b>	<b>0</b>

Disclaimer: The capacities captured on this report represent what the maximum supply is for a county, based on what the child care programs are licensed for. Child Care Aware® of Missouri recognizes that some programs may operate below their licensed capacity and that a portion of these slots may be used for school-age children.

**Data Sources:**

1. 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-year Estimate
2. Missouri Department of Social Services - Children's Division Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section - Block Grant Child Care Monthly Management Report - July 2023

**If you need additional detailed data, including further supply and demand data, heat mapping, data trends over time, etc., please visit our Data Request Form page at <https://mochildcareaware.org/data-and-community/data-request-form/>.**