

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2025




97th State House District Representative Harry Benton

A Snapshot of Children in State House District 97

4,260 children 0 to 2
4,337 children 3 to 5
12,503 children 6 to 12
} 69% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

21,100 Total children under 13



What child care options are available to families?

-  16 Child care centers can serve up to 2077 children
-  27 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 270 children
-  55 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 128 children

How much are families paying for child care?



MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$146,071

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: \$10,440
-  Center-based: \$18,757

This is 7% - 13% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: \$9,835
-  Center-based: \$15,188

This is 7% - 10% of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: \$15,677

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

136 children age 0-2
217 children age 3-5
281 children age 6-12

652 children served

\$429,812.92

in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

0 Prevention Initiative programs
0 children age 0-2
6 Preschool for All programs
261 children age 3-5

261 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

0 Early Head Start sites
0 children age 0-2
0 Head Start sites
0 children age 3-5

0 children served

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.

For source information on the data cited in this profile, please email:

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