

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2025




Illinois

A Snapshot of Children in Illinois

412,715 children 0 to 2
446,054 children 3 to 5
1,104,298 children 6 to 12
1,963,067 Total children under 13

} **71%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work



What child care options are available to families?

-  **2,910** Child care centers can serve up to **256,675** children
-  **5,507** Licensed child care homes can serve up to **54,667** children
-  **12,594** License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **28,043** children

How much are families paying for child care?



MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$102,968

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$12,461**
-  Center-based: **\$18,321**

This is **12% - 18%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$11,087**
-  Center-based: **\$14,005**

This is **11% - 14%** 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)

35,853 children age 0-2
50,087 children age 3-5
58,811 children age 6-12

147,661 children served

\$112,561,820

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)

401 Prevention Initiative programs
18562 children age 0-2
1482 Preschool for All programs
90234 children age 3-5

108,796 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

333 Early Head Start sites
10642 children age 0-2
387 Head Start sites
15694 children age 3-5

26336 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.

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