

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2025




54th State Senate District Senator Steven McClure

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 54

6,816 children 0 to 2
7,017 children 3 to 5
19,471 children 6 to 12
} 74% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

33,304 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

-  36 Child care centers can serve up to 2731 children
-  136 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 1333 children
-  89 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 180 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$97,570

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

 Home-based: \$8,989

 Center-based: \$12,463

This is 9% - 13% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

 Home-based: \$8,281

 Center-based: \$9,393

This is 8% - 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)

339 children age 0-2

452 children age 3-5

414 children age 6-12

1211 children served

\$773,695.63

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)

14 Prevention Initiative programs

597 children age 0-2

36 Preschool for All programs

2512 children age 3-5

3,109 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

6 Early Head Start sites

91 children age 0-2

10 Head Start sites

255 children age 3-5

346 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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