

MERCER COUNTY New Jersey

A Profile of Child Care Indicators 2015



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| Indicator of Health & Well-Being | NJ | County |
|--|----------|----------|
| Median Income of Families With Children (2014) | \$89,020 | \$95,795 |
| % of Children in Poverty (2014) | 16% | 17% |
| Children Ages 0-3 Receiving Early Intervention (2015)* | 12,491 | 396 |
| % Children Ages 3-5 Enrolled in Special Education (2014) | 14.7% | 15.2% |
| Students Enrolled in State Funded Preschool : (2014) | 51,924 | 1,997 |

Source: Data retrieved from 2016 NJ Kids Count; Kids Count Data Center, <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>; & NJ DOH <http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/eis>

| Requests from Families Seeking Child Care | |
|--|-------|
| Total Requests for All Types of Child Care | 5,193 |
| Center-Based Child Care | 2,018 |
| Family Child Care Homes | 265 |
| Infant-Toddler Care | 1,644 |
| Pre-School Care | 1,226 |
| School-Age Care | 1,277 |
| Special Needs Care | 19 |
| Full-Time Care | 3873 |
| Part-Time Care | 1188 |
| Before/After Care | 224 |
| Non-Traditional Hour Care | 2 |
| Services To Child Care Programs | |
| Training Sessions | 152 |
| # Attending Trainings | 987 |
| # On-Site Visits | 309 |

NEED Children Depending on Child Care

| Age | Child Population | Children with Working Parents | | |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | | Number | Number | Percent |
| 0-5 | Living with two parents | 17,417 | 10,849 | 62% |
| | Living with one parent | 8,383 | 6294 | 75% |
| 6-17 | Living with two parents | 36,974 | 26,465 | 71% |
| | Living with one parent | 16,295 | 13,455 | 82% |

SOURCE: Data compiled from the US Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey. Children With Working Parents represents children under the age of 17 who live households in which all parents work outside the home.

AVAILABILITY Slots in Child Care

| Type of Program | Number of Facilities | Total Capacity |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Licensed Child Care Centers | 202 | 19,052 |
| Accredited Child Care Centers | 25 | 2,972 |
| Registered Family Child Care Homes | 53 | 263 |
| Accredited Family Child Care Homes | 0 | 0 |
| License -Exempt School-Age Care * | 18 | 777 |
| State Funded Pre-School ** (NJDOE fka Abbott/ECPA/ELLI) | 3 | 246 |

SOURCE: Unless otherwise noted, data was compiled by the local CCR&R. * School- Age child care provided in settings that are exempt from licensing, including faith-based and public school-based programs. Note: Only includes those programs that reported to the CCR&R. **For state funded school based Pre-K programs, a district represents one program even if in multiple sites; State Funded Pre-School data was retrieved from the NJ DOE website and represents 2015-2016 school year. Note: Capacity figures are included in the licensed child care center figures for those districts that operate a state funded Pre-K program and utilize licensed community based providers.

AFFORDABILITY Cost of Child Care

| | | Licensed Child Care Centers | Registered Family Child Care Homes |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Infant < 12 months | County |
| | NJ Average | \$11,534 | \$8,699 |
| Four-Year Old | County | \$11,180 | \$6,864 |
| | NJ Average | \$9,546 | \$7,790 |
| Before/ After School | County | \$2,322 | \$3,354 |
| | NJ Average | \$3,475 | \$3,268 |

SOURCE: The average annual cost of infant, preschool and school-age care was obtained from The High Price of Child Care 2013 conducted by Child Care Aware of NJ and reflects rates for the 2012-2013 academic year.