

# 2019 State Child Care Facts in the State of: Alaska



## CHILD CARE NEED<sup>1</sup>

POPULATION	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
Total residents	738,565	321,004,407
Children age birth to 4 years	54,199	19,839,997
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	7,863	4,390,252
Children age 5 to 11	71,577	28,709,244
Total families with children	79,966	33,469,709
Single parent families	24,688	10,802,250
Families in poverty	11,622	8,253,388

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	23,113	8,708,721
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	15,336	6,248,816
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	38,449	14,957,537

NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
With infants under one year	6,041	2,502,585
With children under age 6 only	13,166	5,538,989
With children age 6 to 17 only	32,020	14,854,271
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	11,751	4,406,577
Married working mothers	38,186	15,867,548
Single working mothers	13,762	6,664,103

## AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE<sup>2</sup>

SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	ALASKA
Total spaces/slots	23,851
Percent of spaces in child care center programs	68%
Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes	12%
Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs	20%
Percent of total spaces in other programs	0%
Percentage spaces/slots of licensed programs	
Percent of licensed spaces for infants	NR
Percent of licensed spaces for toddlers	NR
Percent of licensed spaces for preschool-aged children	NR
Percent of licensed spaces for school-aged children	NR

## TYPES OF AVAILABLE CHILD CARE

TYPES OF CHILD CARE	ALASKA
Number of center-based child care programs	249
Percent of centers nationally accredited	4%
Do faith-based programs need to be regulated?	Yes
Number of regulated faith-based programs	27
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	364
Percent of FCC homes nationally accredited	<1%
Number of school-aged care programs	601
Percent of licensed programs with slots for school-aged children	88%
Percent of licensed programs with slots for ONLY school-aged children	12%
Number of other regulated child care centers	NA
Number of other regulated FCC homes	NA

## CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

NUMBERS, INCOME, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE <sup>3</sup>	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
Child care workers (in centers)	1,880	564,630
Average annual income of child care workers	\$27,900	\$24,610
Total paid early childhood workforce <sup>4</sup>	NA	2.2 million

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CCR&R CONTACTS	URL
thread	<a href="http://www.threadalaska.org">www.threadalaska.org</a>
Child Care Aware® of America	<a href="http://usa.childcareaware.org">http://usa.childcareaware.org</a> <a href="http://www.childcareaware.org">www.childcareaware.org</a>

## NOTES

- **NA:** Not Applicable
- **NR:** Data Not Reported or Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Need sections are from the American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 five-year estimates (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>).

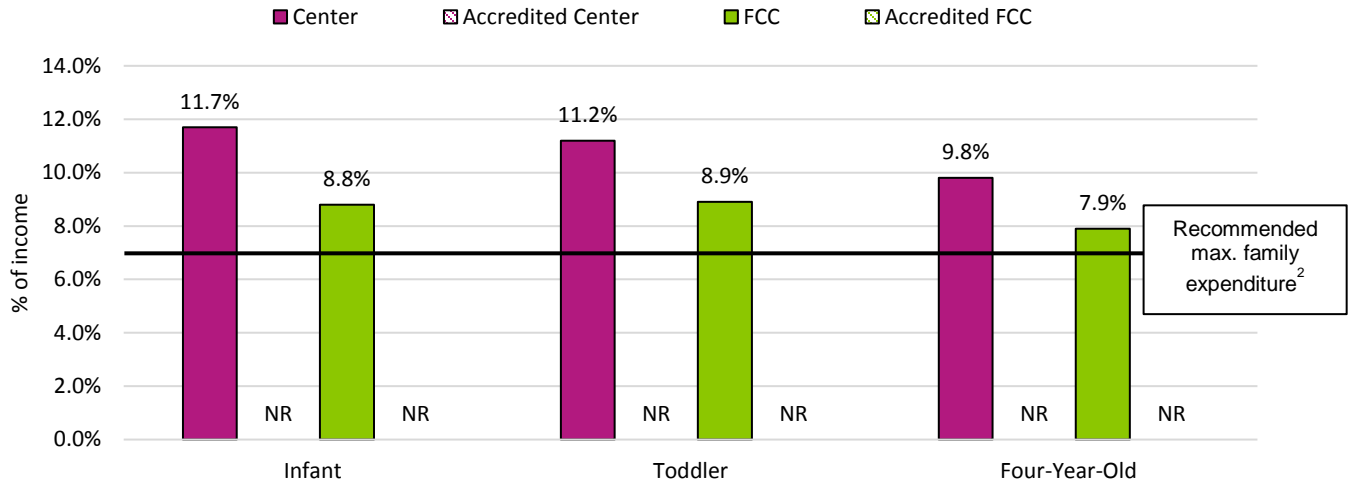
<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2019 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2018 calendar year.

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Workforce sections are from the Occupational Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018 data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/>).

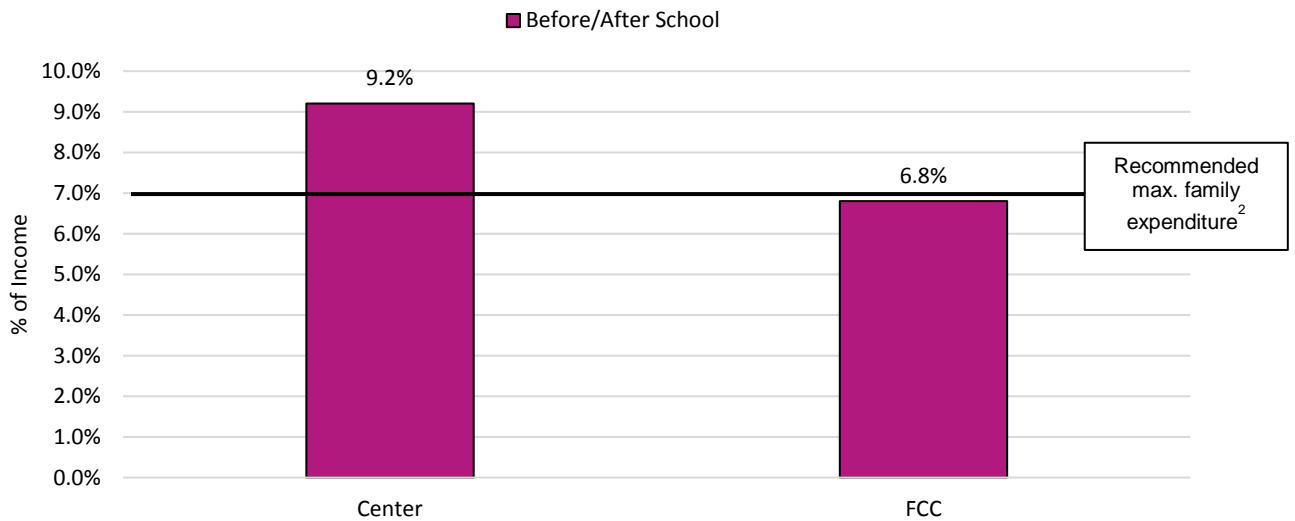
<sup>4</sup>Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

# 2019 Child Care Affordability in the State of: Alaska

## Affordability- Child Care for Young Children<sup>1</sup>



## Affordability- Child Care for School-Age Children<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Annual price of care divided by state median income for married couple families with children (U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017, Table B19126)

<sup>2</sup> 7% of family income, [recommended by DHHS](#), as the maximum amount working families should spend on child care

<sup>3</sup> Annual price for before/after School care divided by 75% of state median income for married-couple families with children, to reflect a 9-month school year (U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017, Table B19126)

# 2019 Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies in the State of: Alaska



## CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS

CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS	ALASKA
Total referral requests received	10,714
Percent online requests	88%
Percent telephone requests	12%
Percent in-person or other requests	NR
Requests by type of child care facility	
Percent of requests for centers	28%
Percent of requests for FCC homes	34%
Requests by age of children	
Percent for infant care	28%
Percent for toddler care	43%
Percent for preschool-age care	20%
Percent for school-age care (before-/after-school care)	8%
Percent for school-age care (any summer care)	<1%
Requests by care hours needed	
Percent for full-time care	80%
Percent for part-time care	14%

REFERRALS TO LICENSE-EXEMPT PROVIDERS PROVIDED BY OFFICES OR AGENCIES IN ALASKA	
License-exempt child care homes	No
License-exempt child care centers	No
Other license-exempt care	No

REFERRAL STATISTICS BY TYPE	ALASKA
Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	10,434
Percent served by online referrals	90%
Percent served by telephone referrals	10%
Percent served by in-person or other referrals	NR
Families receiving consumer education information	10,434
How often do clients seeking early care typically have contact with a consumer education/referral agent?	Once

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS TRACKED	ALASKA
Any outside 6am – 6pm	✓
Evening child care (after 6pm)	✓
Overnight child care	✓
Weekend child care	✓
Child care for mildly ill children	✓
Emergency child care	✓
Seasonal child care	✓
Flexible/Rotating shifts child care	✓

## TYPES OF CCR&RS

CCR&R CHARACTERISTICS	ALASKA
State-funded Network	Yes

TYPES OF TRAINING PROVIDED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS/VISITS	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS SERVED
Training for child care providers	367	3,321
Training for school-age child care providers	NA	NA
On-site technical assistance for child care providers	677	161
On-site technical assistance for school-age care programs	4	2
Training for parents	9	72

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP	NONSTANDARD HOURS REQUESTS	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS	HOMELESS CHILDREN REQUESTS
Number for infant care	84	28	1
Number for toddler care	160	60	0
Number for preschool-age care	134	76	2
Number for school-age care	168	120	1
Total	560	284	4

LANGUAGES ACCOMODATED BY CCR&R STAFF	STAFF SPEAK	ACCESS TRANSLATION SERVICES	PROVIDE PRINT MATERIALS
English	✓	NA	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Chinese		✓	
Tagalog		✓	
Vietnamese		✓	
French		✓	
Korean		✓	
German		✓	
Other		thread works with Telelanguage to provide translation services for a wide variety of languages. Comprehensive list available at <a href="https://telelanguage.com/">https://telelanguage.com/</a> .	

# 2019 Facts about QRIS, Health, and Emergency Preparedness in the State of:

# Alaska



## QRIS IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

QRIS DATA	ALASKA
Does the state have a Quality Rating and Improvement System?	Yes
Name of QRIS	Learn & Grow
QRIS Website	<a href="https://www.threadalaska.org/learn-and-grow-home">https://www.threadalaska.org/learn-and-grow-home</a>
How is QRIS Implemented?	Implemented statewide

PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE QRIS	
<b>Center-Based Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	63
Capacity of Programs	4,594
Number of Programs at Top Level	6
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	350
<b>FCC Home Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	87
Capacity of Programs	770
Number of Programs at Top Level	10
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	88
<b>School-Age Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	NA
Capacity of Programs	NA
Number of Programs at Top Level	NA
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NA
<b>Other Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	NA
Capacity of Programs	NA
Number of Programs at Top Level	NA
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NA

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS <u>REQUIRED</u> TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None (voluntary)</li> </ul>

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT <u>MAY</u> PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed center-based programs</li> <li>Licensed family child care homes</li> <li>Licensed school-age care programs</li> </ul>

ROLE OF CCR&Rs IN QRIS	ALASKA
Coaching	✓
Training	✓
Monitoring	✓
Recruitment of New Programs	✓
Community Outreach	✓
Data Analysis & Reporting	✓
Other	

## EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY CCR&RS

RESOURCES TO HELP PROGRAMS PLAN FOR POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES PROVIDED BY STATE OR LOCAL CCR&Rs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical assistance is available</li> <li>Training opportunities are available</li> </ul>
Resources provided by state or local CCR&Rs in response to an emergency in 2018 <sup>1</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical assistance</li> </ul>

## SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS	ALASKA
Does state have any voluntary quality recognition programs (e.g., Breastfeeding Friendly or Healthy Child Care)?	Yes
Number of child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program	268
Number of child care centers that specialize in inclusion or serving children with disabilities	NR
Does your state have a network for Mental Health Consultants for child care providers?	No

<sup>1</sup> This field only denotes whether services were provided; not all child care providers and not all states may have experienced an emergency in 2018.

# Child Care Program QRIS Participation in the State of: Alaska

Number and Percentage of QRIS-Participating Programs at the Top Level, by Program Type

