

2019 State Child Care Facts in the State of: Arkansas



CHILD CARE NEED¹

POPULATION	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
Total residents	2,977,944	321,004,407
Children age birth to 4 years	190,117	19,839,997
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	54,858	4,390,252
Children age 5 to 11	277,202	28,709,244
Total families with children	315,800	33,469,709
Single parent families	109,630	10,802,250
Families in poverty	100,338	8,253,388

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	73,862	8,708,721
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	64,246	6,248,816
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	138,108	14,957,537

NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
With infants under one year	23,765	2,502,585
With children under age 6 only	49,556	5,538,989
With children age 6 to 17 only	134,543	14,854,271
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	42,186	4,406,577
Married working mothers	143,562	15,867,548
Single working mothers	66,031	6,664,103

AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE²

SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	ARKANSAS
Total spaces/slots	202,768
Percent of spaces in child care center programs	86%
Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes	2%
Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs	12%
Percent of total spaces in other programs	NA
Percentage spaces/slots of licensed programs	
Percent of licensed spaces for infants	17%
Percent of licensed spaces for toddlers	17%
Percent of licensed spaces for preschool-aged children	41%
Percent of licensed spaces for school-aged children	24%

TYPES OF AVAILABLE CHILD CARE

TYPES OF CHILD CARE	ARKANSAS
Number of center-based child care programs	1,834
Percent of centers nationally accredited	1%
Do faith-based programs need to be regulated?	Yes
Number of regulated faith-based programs	279
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	298
Percent of FCC homes nationally accredited	<1%
Number of school-aged care programs	868
Percent of licensed programs with slots for school-aged children	80%
Percent of licensed programs with slots for ONLY school-aged children	20%
Number of other regulated child care centers	0
Number of other regulated FCC homes	0

CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

NUMBERS, INCOME, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ³	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
Child care workers (in centers)	5,870	564,630
Average annual income of child care workers	\$20,900	\$24,610
Total paid early childhood workforce ⁴	NA	2.2 million

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CCR&R CONTACTS	URL
Department of Human Services: Division of Child Care & Early Childhood Education	http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dccece
Child Care Aware® of America	http://usa.childcareaware.org www.childcareaware.org

NOTES

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

¹ 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>).

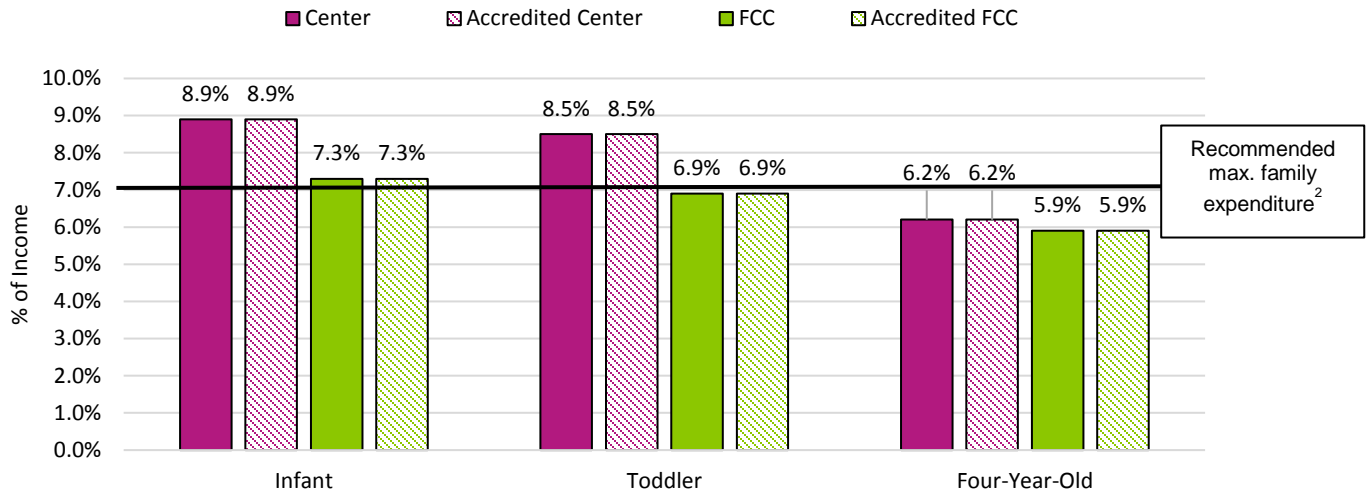
² Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2019 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2018 calendar year.

³ 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/>).

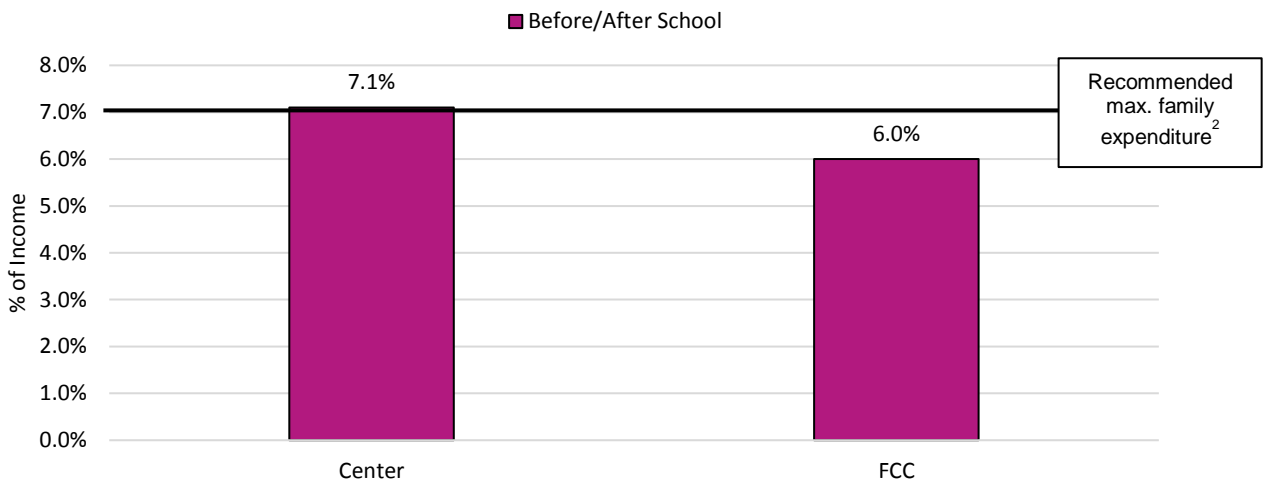
⁴Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

2019 Child Care Affordability in the State of: Arkansas

Affordability- Child Care for Young Children¹



Affordability- Child Care for School-Age Children³



¹ 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)

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

³ 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: Arkansas



CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS

CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS	ARKANSAS
Total referral requests received	1,106
Percent online requests	58%
Percent telephone requests	35%
Percent in-person or other requests	7%
Requests by type of child care facility	
Percent of requests for centers	69%
Percent of requests for FCC homes	3%
Requests by age of children	
Percent for infant care	28%
Percent for toddler care	47%
Percent for preschool-age care	23%
Percent for school-age care (before-/after-school care)	5%
Percent for school-age care (any summer care)	3%
Requests by care hours needed	
Percent for full-time care	91%
Percent for part-time care	5%

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

REFERRAL STATISTICS BY TYPE	ARKANSAS
Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	1,124
Percent served by online referrals	55%
Percent served by telephone referrals	37%
Percent served by in-person or other referrals	8%
Families receiving consumer education information	6,386
How often do clients seeking early care typically have contact with a consumer education/referral agent?	Once

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS TRACKED	ARKANSAS
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	ARKANSAS	
State-funded Network	Other ¹	
TYPES OF TRAINING PROVIDED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS/VISITS	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS SERVED
Training for child care providers	724	6,656
Training for school-age child care providers	98	1,019
On-site technical assistance for child care providers	292	224
On-site technical assistance for school-age care programs	34	32
Training for parents	389	3,096

SPECIAL REQUESTS

REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP	NONSTANDARD HOURS REQUESTS	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS	HOMELESS CHILDREN REQUESTS
Number for infant care	22	2	NR
Number for toddler care	12	5	NR
Number for preschool-age care	10	9	NR
Number for school-age care	17	10	NR
Total	61	26	NR

LANGUAGES ACCOMMODATED BY CCR&R STAFF	STAFF SPEAK	ACCESS TRANSLATION SERVICES	PROVIDE PRINT MATERIALS
English	✓	NA	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Chinese			
Tagalog			
Vietnamese			
French			
Korean			
German			
Other	Sign language		

¹ DHS: Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education operates the state network and funds the local CCRR agencies through contracts

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



QRIS IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

QRIS DATA	ARKANSAS
Does the state have a Quality Rating and Improvement System?	Yes
Name of QRIS	Arkansas Better Beginnings Quality Rating Improvement System
QRIS Website	https://arbetterbeginnings.com/
How is QRIS Implemented?	Implemented statewide

PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE QRIS	
Center-Based Programs	
Number of Programs	1,194
Capacity of Programs	106,513
Number of Programs at Top Level	656
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	54,675
FCC Home Programs	
Number of Programs	155
Capacity of Programs	1,941
Number of Programs at Top Level	16
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	230
School-Age Programs	
Number of Programs	53
Capacity of Programs	11,317
Number of Programs at Top Level	25
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	6,703
Other Programs	
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"> Regulated centers accepting CCDF vouchers Regulated family child care homes accepting CCDF vouchers Arkansas Better Chance State Pre-Kindergarten Program

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

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

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"> Training opportunities are available Technical assistance is available Resource materials are available
Resources provided by state or local CCR&Rs in response to an emergency in 2018 ¹
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes- Technical Assistance Yes- Training

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS	ARKANSAS
Does state have any voluntary quality recognition programs (e.g., Breastfeeding Friendly or Healthy Child Care)?	No
Number of child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program	430
Number of child care centers that specialize in inclusion or serving children with disabilities	254
Does your state have a network for Mental Health Consultants for child care providers?	Yes

¹ 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: **Arkansas**

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

