

2019 State Child Care Facts in the State of: Iowa



CHILD CARE NEED¹

POPULATION	IOWA	UNITED STATES
Total residents	3,118,102	321,004,407
Children age birth to 4 years	196,294	19,839,997
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	32,061	4,390,252
Children age 5 to 11	287,579	28,709,244
Total families with children	349,831	33,469,709
Single parent families	104,973	10,802,250
Families in poverty	60,823	8,253,388

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE	IOWA	UNITED STATES
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	115,553	8,708,721
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	57,669	6,248,816
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	173,222	14,957,537

NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS	IOWA	UNITED STATES
With infants under one year	30,401	2,502,585
With children under age 6 only	62,658	5,538,989
With children age 6 to 17 only	155,176	14,854,271
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	53,222	4,406,577
Married working mothers	197,166	15,867,548
Single working mothers	62,838	6,664,103

AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE²

SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	IOWA
Total spaces/slots	166,911
Percent of spaces in child care center programs*	65%
Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes	19%
Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs	15%
Percent of total spaces in other programs	1%
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

*Does not include school-aged programs

TYPES OF AVAILABLE CHILD CARE

TYPES OF CHILD CARE	IOWA
Number of center-based child care programs	1,570
Percent of centers nationally accredited	8%
Do faith-based programs need to be regulated?	Yes
Number of regulated faith-based programs	NR
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	3,404
Percent of FCC homes nationally accredited	<1%
Number of school-aged care programs	1,989
Percent of licensed programs with slots for school-aged children	86%
Percent of licensed programs with slots for ONLY school-aged children	14%
Number of other regulated child care centers	NA
Number of other regulated FCC homes	199

CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

NUMBERS, INCOME, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ³	IOWA	UNITED STATES
Child care workers (in centers)	8,770	564,630
Average annual income of child care workers	\$21,540	\$24,610
Total paid early childhood workforce ⁴	NA	2.2 million

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CCR&R CONTACTS	URL
Iowa CCR&R	www.iowaccrr.org
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>).

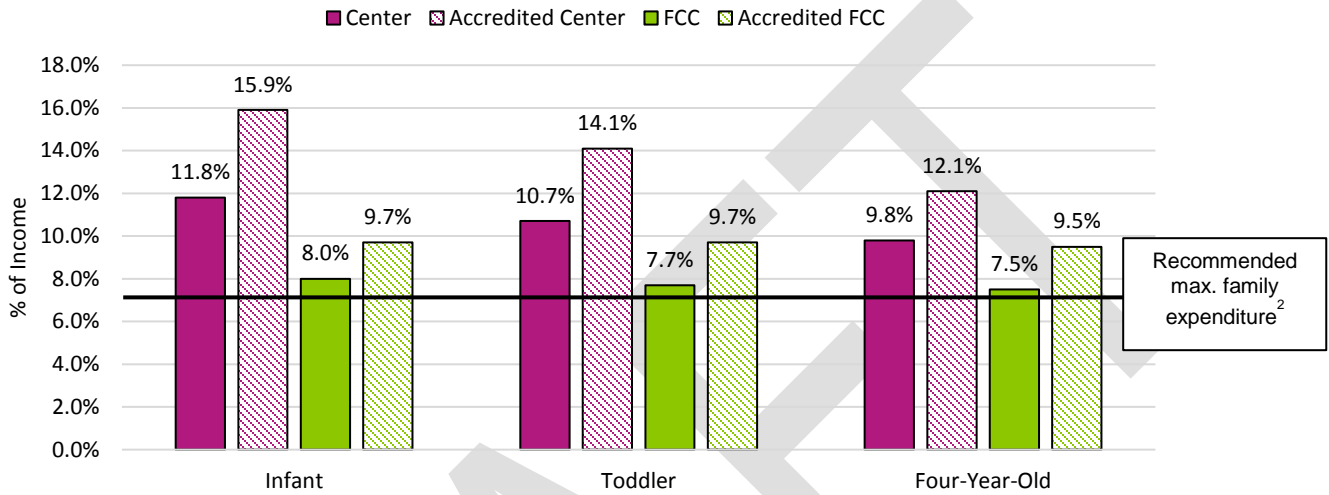
² Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2019 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2018 calendar year.

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/>).

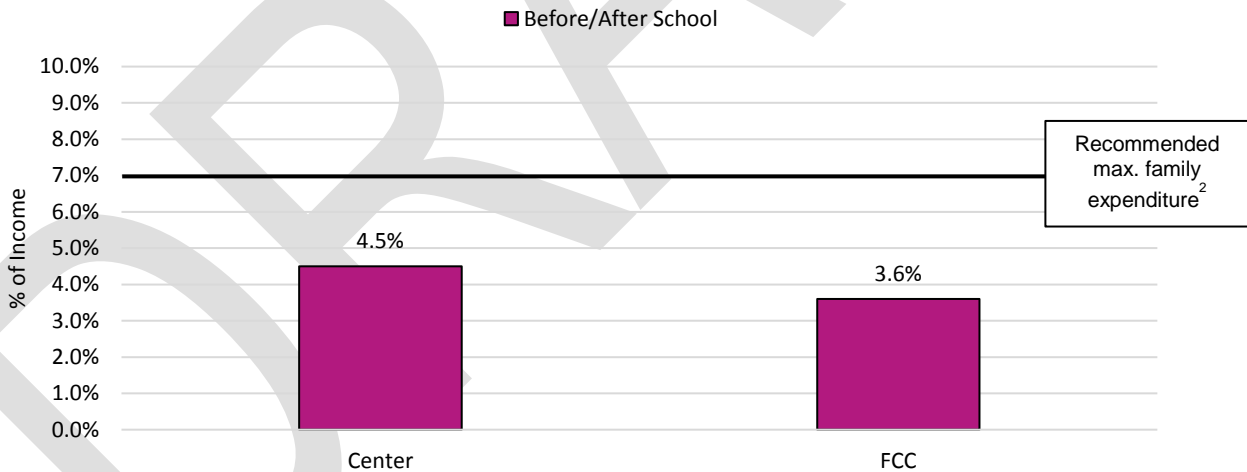
⁴Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

2019 Child Care Affordability in the State of: Iowa

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 Iowa



CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS

CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS	IOWA
Total referral requests received	7,138
Percent online requests	54%
Percent telephone requests	44%
Percent in-person or other requests	2%
Requests by type of child care facility	
Percent of requests for centers	81%
Percent of requests for FCC homes	88%
Requests by age of children	
Percent for infant care	28%
Percent for toddler care	27%
Percent for preschool-age care	19%
Percent for school-age care (before-/after-school care)	23%
Percent for school-age care (any summer care)	1%
Requests by care hours needed	
Percent for full-time care	85%
Percent for part-time care	13%

REFERRALS TO LICENSE-EXEMPT PROVIDERS PROVIDED BY OFFICES OR AGENCIES IN IOWA	
License-exempt child care homes	✓
License-exempt child care centers	✓
Other license-exempt care	

REFERRAL STATISTICS BY TYPE	IOWA
Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	4,644
Percent served by online referrals	44%
Percent served by telephone referrals	57%
Percent served by in-person or other referrals	3%
Families receiving consumer education information	4,753
How often do clients seeking early care typically have contact with a consumer education/referral agent?	2-3 times

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS TRACKED	IOWA
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	IOWA	
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	2,063	18,058
Training for school-age child care providers	NA	NA
On-site technical assistance for child care providers	9,822	3,227
On-site technical assistance for school-age care programs	NA	NA
Training for parents	0	0

SPECIAL REQUESTS

REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP	NONSTANDARD HOURS REQUESTS	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS	HOMELESS CHILDREN REQUESTS
Number for infant care	587	40	29
Number for toddler care	784	100	47
Number for preschool-age care	540	110	34
Number for school-age care	823	191	42
Total	2,734	441	152

LANGUAGES ACCOMODATED BY CCR&R STAFF	STAFF SPEAK	ACCESS TRANSLATION SERVICES	PROVIDE PRINT MATERIALS
English	✓	NA	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Chinese		✓	
Tagalog		✓	
Vietnamese		✓	
French		✓	
Korean		✓	
German		✓	
Other		Swahili, Kinyarwanda Dialects: Samia, Luganda, Lusoga, Bamasaba, Adhola	

¹ Iowa's network is a combination of Department of Human Services employees and the five directors from Child Care Resource and Referral agencies.

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



Iowa

QRIS IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

QRIS DATA	IOWA
Does the state have a Quality Rating and Improvement System?	Yes
Name of QRIS	Quality Rating System
QRIS Website	https://dhs.iowa.gov/iqrs
How is QRIS Implemented?	Implemented statewide

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

PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE QRIS	
Center-Based Programs	
Number of Programs	613
Capacity of Programs	47,774
Number of Programs at Top Level	103
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	7,858
FCC Home Programs	
Number of Programs	533
Capacity of Programs	5,991
Number of Programs at Top Level	10
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	108
School-Age Programs	
Number of Programs	86
Capacity of Programs	7,752
Number of Programs at Top Level	14
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	1,525
Other Programs	
Number of Programs	NA
Capacity of Programs	NA
Number of Programs at Top Level	NA
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NA

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"> Technical assistance is 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

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS	IOWA
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	2,855
Number of child care centers that specialize in inclusion or serving children with disabilities	0
Does your state have a network for Mental Health Consultants for child care providers?	No

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS

- QRIS participation is voluntary, but encouraged.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT MAY PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS

- Licensed center-based programs
- License-exempt center-based programs
- Licensed family child care homes
- Licensed school-age care programs
- License-exempt school-age care programs

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: **Iowa**

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

