

2019 State Child Care Facts in the State of: Montana



CHILD CARE NEED¹

POPULATION	MONTANA	UNITED STATES
Total residents	1,029,862	321,004,407
Children age birth to 4 years	61,209	19,839,997
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	12,006	4,390,252
Children age 5 to 11	89,278	28,709,244
Total families with children	104,060	33,469,709
Single parent families	29,916	10,802,250
Families in poverty	23,843	8,253,388

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE	MONTANA	UNITED STATES
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	29,682	8,708,721
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	15,305	6,248,816
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	44,987	14,957,537

NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS	MONTANA	UNITED STATES
With infants under one year	7,515	2,502,585
With children under age 6 only	16,643	5,538,989
With children age 6 to 17 only	43,704	14,854,271
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	14,054	4,406,577
Married working mothers	54,411	15,867,548
Single working mothers	15,958	6,664,103

AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE²

SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	MONTANA
Total spaces/slots	19,385
Percent of spaces in child care center programs	69%
Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes	31%
Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs	NR
Percent of total spaces in other programs	NR
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	MONTANA
Number of center-based child care programs	263
Percent of centers nationally accredited	NR
Do faith-based programs need to be regulated?	Yes
Number of regulated faith-based programs	NR
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	614
Percent of FCC homes nationally accredited	NR
Number of school-aged care programs	NR
Percent of licensed programs with slots for school-aged children	NR
Percent of licensed programs with slots for ONLY school-aged children	NR
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 ³	MONTANA	UNITED STATES
Child care workers (in centers)	2,700	564,630
Average annual income of child care workers	\$22,380	\$24,610
Total paid early childhood workforce ⁴	NA	2.2 million

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CCR&R CONTACTS	URL
Early Childhood Services Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services	www.childcare.mt.gov
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>).

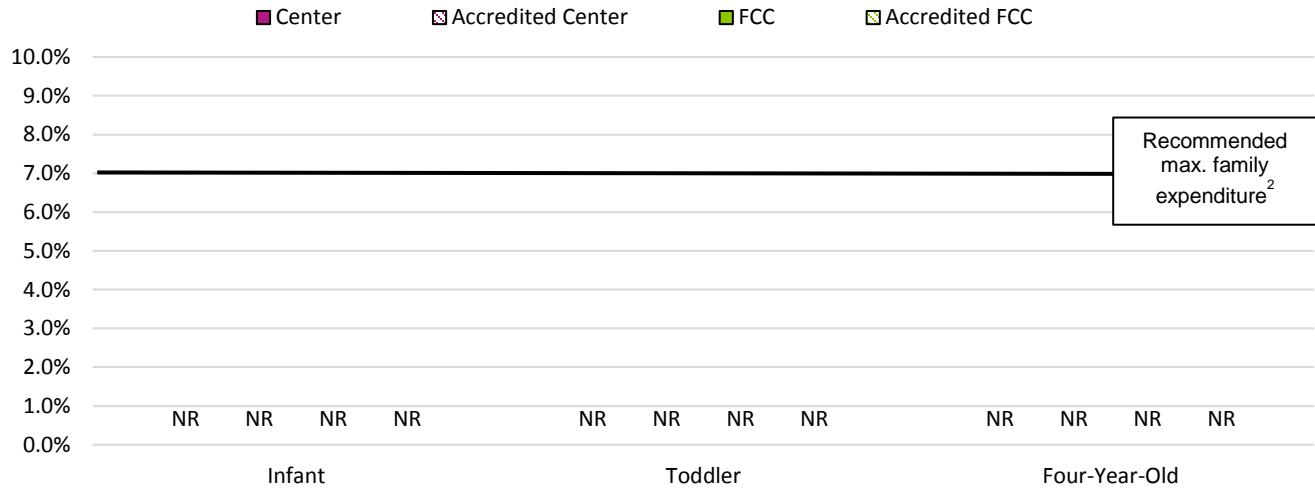
² Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2019 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2018 calendar year.

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/>).

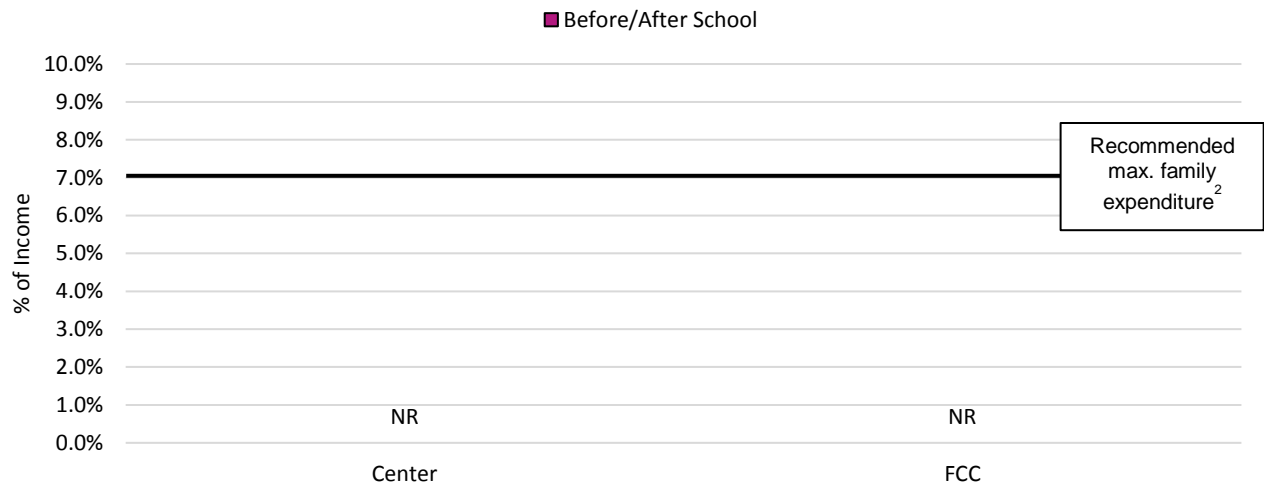
⁴Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

2019 Child Care Affordability in the State of: Montana

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: Montana



CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS

CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS	MONTANA
Total referral requests received	53,326
Percent online requests	22%
Percent telephone requests	11%
Percent in-person or other requests	34%
Requests by type of child care facility	
Percent of requests for centers	48%
Percent of requests for FCC homes	89%
Requests by age of children	
Percent for infant care	24%
Percent for toddler care	27%
Percent for preschool-age care	18%
Percent for school-age care (before-/after-school care)	2%
Percent for school-age care (any summer care)	3%
Requests by care hours needed	
Percent for full-time care	47%
Percent for part-time care	11%

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

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

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS TRACKED	MONTANA
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	MONTANA
State-funded Network	No

TYPES OF TRAINING PROVIDED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS/VISITS	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS SERVED
Training for child care providers	1,738	5,636
Training for school-age child care providers	NR	NR
On-site technical assistance for child care providers	NR	NR
On-site technical assistance for school-age care programs	NR	NR
Training for parents	NR	NR

SPECIAL REQUESTS

REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP	NONSTANDARD HOURS REQUESTS	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS	HOMELESS CHILDREN REQUESTS
Number for infant care	3,284	NR	NR
Number for toddler care	3,266	NR	NR
Number for preschool-age care	3,299	NR	NR
Number for school-age care	3,296	NR	NR
3,329	3,329	1,982	NR

LANGUAGES ACCOMODATED BY CCR&R STAFF	STAFF SPEAK	ACCESS TRANSLATION SERVICES	PROVIDE PRINT MATERIALS
English	✓	NA	✓
Spanish		✓	
Chinese		✓	
Tagalog		✓	
Vietnamese		✓	
French		✓	
Korean		✓	
German		✓	
Other		Translation services are available for all languages	

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



Montana

QRIS IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

QRIS DATA	MONTANA
Does the state have a Quality Rating and Improvement System?	Yes
Name of QRIS	Best Beginnings STARS to Quality
QRIS Website	www.stars.mt.gov
How is QRIS Implemented?	Implemented statewide

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

PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE QRIS	
Center-Based Programs	
Number of Programs	119
Capacity of Programs	6,269
Number of Programs at Top Level	1
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	48
FCC Home Programs	
Number of Programs	142
Capacity of Programs	1,465
Number of Programs at Top Level	2
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	24
School-Age Programs	
Number of Programs	NR
Capacity of Programs	NR
Number of Programs at Top Level	NR
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NR
Other Programs	
Number of Programs	NR
Capacity of Programs	NR
Number of Programs at Top Level	NR
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NR

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 • Training opportunities are available
Resources provided by state or local CCR&Rs in response to an emergency in 2018 ¹
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS	MONTANA
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	670
Number of child care centers that specialize in inclusion or serving children with disabilities	NA
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

- None (voluntary)

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT MAY PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS

- Licensed center-based programs
- Licensed family child care homes
- Any program licensed by Montana's child care licensing program may choose to participate in QRIS

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: Montana

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

