



How many children and families are there? ¹	Alaska	United States
Total residents	691,189	303,965,272
Children age birth to 4 years	51,360	20,131,420
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	8,282	4,418,983
Children age 5 to 11	69,019	28,234,983
Total families with children	85,863	34,990,015
Single parent families	27,124	10,932,349
Families in poverty	9,844	6,015,198
How many children under age 6 potentially need child care? ¹	Alaska	United States
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	20,033	8,810,656
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	15,308	5,897,944
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	35,341	14,708,600
How many working mothers are there? ¹	Alaska	United States
With infants under one year	7,529	2,568,429
With any children under age 6	23,659	10,074,409
With children under age 6 only	12,616	5,572,093
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	11,043	4,502,316
With children under 18		
Married working mothers	39,974	16,582,509
Single working mothers	15,460	6,859,223
How many centers/family child care homes are available? ²	Alaska	United States
Number of centers	235	120,000
Percent of centers that are nationally accredited	7%	10%
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	374	230,000
Percent of FCC homes that are nationally accredited	<1%	1%
Number of other child care programs	1,177	2,800
Total spaces/slots	16,947	11.6 million
Percent of spaces in centers	82%	79%
Percent of spaces in FCC	18%	19%
Percent of spaces in other programs	<1%	1%
What kind of child care is requested? ²	Alaska	United States
Percent of requests for referrals received by CCR&Rs		
For infant/toddler care	53%	51%
For preschool-age care	30%	29%
For school-age care	17%	21%
For full-time care	97%	89%
For part-time care	3%	11%
For before/after school care	4%	10%
For nontraditional hours care	5%	15%

¹ Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 five-year estimates (<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>).

² Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data, or are provided by state licensing offices. Preliminary data based on initial reports by State CCR&R Networks as of February 2012; may be revised before final publication. National totals are preliminary estimates. Percentages of slots by facility type may not total to 100 percent due to varying state definitions of provider types.

NR: Not Reported.

Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	7,698	1.1 million
How expensive is child care?³	Alaska	United States
Average annual fees for full-time care in a <u>center</u>		
Infant	\$9,336	\$4,591 - \$19,560
4-year-old child	\$8,856	\$3,911 - \$14,964
School-age child (before/after-school care)	\$4,404	\$1,954 - \$10,951
Average annual fees for full-time care in a <u>family child care home</u>		
Infant	\$8,376	\$4,020 - \$11,951
4-year-old child	\$7,800	\$3,840 - \$13,347
School-age child (before/after-school care)	\$3,684	\$1,788 - \$9,506
Compare with:		
Average annual tuition and fees for public four-year college (in-state) ⁴	\$5,456	\$8,244
Affordability (cost of full-time child care as percent of median family income):		
Infant in center, percent of income for MARRIED COUPLES	10%	7% - 16%
Infant in center, percent of income for SINGLE MOTHERS	30%	25% - 74%

Who gets help with paying for child care?⁵	Alaska	United States
Child Care and Development Fund		
Families (monthly average)	2,900	998,600
Children (monthly average)	4,600	1,694,200
Participating providers (annually)	1,098	572,193

What are the numbers, income and support of the child care workforce?	Alaska	United States
Child care workers (in centers) ⁶	1,510	611,280
Average annual income ⁶	\$24,040	\$21,110
Training sessions CCR&Rs held for providers ³	669	285,000
Average attendance per session	9	8 to 190
On-site technical assistance visits by CCR&Rs to child care programs	485	120,000
Child care programs receiving technical assistance	88	43,000

CCR&R Contacts	Alaska	United States
Number of CCR&Rs	3	650
thread		www.threadalaska.org
Child Care Program Office		www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/ccare
National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)		www.naccrra.org www.childcareaware.org

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⁴ Average price of 2011-2012 in-state tuition and fees for public four-year colleges by state, from the College Board Annual Survey of Colleges, *Trends in College Pricing 2011* (http://trends.collegeboard.org/downloads/College_Pricing_2011.pdf).

⁵ These statistics are provided by the Office of Child Care from the Child Care Development Fund FY 2010 preliminary data, and are derived from monthly averages. Total number of child care providers includes paid relatives and other non-regulated caregivers. U.S. Totals include all 50 states, the District of Columbia and all territories. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/10acf800_preliminary/list.htm

⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Employment Survey, May 2010 estimates. Does not include child care administrators/managers, preschool teachers, special education teachers, or self-employed workers such as family child care business owners. (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)