



How many children and families are there? ¹	Arkansas	United States
Total residents	2,872,684	303,965,272
Children age birth to 4 years	195,486	20,131,420
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	59,140	4,418,983
Children age 5 to 11	275,784	28,234,983
Total families with children	329,430	34,990,015
Single parent families	112,564	10,932,349
Families in poverty	80,397	6,015,198
How many children under age 6 potentially need child care? ¹	Arkansas	United States
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	80,824	8,810,656
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	64,903	5,897,944
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	145,727	14,708,600
How many working mothers are there? ¹	Arkansas	United States
With infants under one year	23,448	2,568,429
With any children under age 6	99,929	10,074,409
With children under age 6 only	53,738	5,572,093
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	46,191	4,502,316
With children under 18		
Married working mothers	154,264	16,582,509
Single working mothers	71,566	6,859,223
How many centers/family child care homes are available? ²	Arkansas	United States
Number of centers	2,307	120,000
Percent of centers that are nationally accredited	33%	10%
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	775	230,000
Percent of FCC homes that are nationally accredited	6%	1%
Number of other child care programs	NR	2,800
Total spaces/slots	197,308	11.6 million
Percent of spaces in centers	96%	79%
Percent of spaces in FCC	4%	19%
Percent of spaces in other programs	NR	1%
What kind of child care is requested? ²	Arkansas	United States
Percent of requests for referrals received by CCR&Rs		
For infant/toddler care	57%	51%
For preschool-age care	30%	29%
For school-age care	13%	21%
For full-time care	93%	89%
For part-time care	7%	11%
For before/after school care	6%	10%
For nontraditional hours care	2%	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)	9,752	1.1 million
How expensive is child care?³	Arkansas	United States
Average annual fees for full-time care in a <u>center</u>		
Infant	\$5,437	\$4,591 - \$19,560
4-year-old child	\$4,695	\$3,911 - \$14,964
School-age child (before/after-school care)	NR	\$1,954 - \$10,951
Average annual fees for full-time care in a <u>family child care home</u>		
Infant	\$4,551	\$4,020 - \$11,951
4-year-old child	\$4,131	\$3,840 - \$13,347
School-age child (before/after-school care)	NR	\$1,788 - \$9,506
Compare with:		
Average annual tuition and fees for public four-year college (in-state) ⁴	\$6,646	\$8,244
Affordability (cost of full-time child care as percent of median family income):		
Infant in center, percent of income for MARRIED COUPLES	9%	7% - 16%
Infant in center, percent of income for SINGLE MOTHERS	29%	25% - 74%

Who gets help with paying for child care?⁵	Arkansas	United States
Child Care and Development Fund		
Families (monthly average)	8,600	998,600
Children (monthly average)	14,100	1,694,200
Participating providers (annually)	1,471	572,193

What are the numbers, income and support of the child care workforce?	Arkansas	United States
Child care workers (in centers) ⁶	5,880	611,280
Average annual income ⁶	\$17,400	\$21,110
Training sessions CCR&Rs held for providers ³	1,643	285,000
Average attendance per session	144	8 to 190
On-site technical assistance visits by CCR&Rs to child care programs	405	120,000
Child care programs receiving technical assistance	303	43,000

CCR&R Contacts	Arkansas	United States
Number of CCR&Rs	6	650
Department of Human Services: Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education		www.humanservices.arkansas.gov/dccece
Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education		www.arkansas.gov/childcare/familysupport
National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRA)		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)