



How many children and families are there? ¹	Alabama	United States
Total residents	4,633,360	301,461,533
Children age birth–4 years	307,795	20,860,344
Children age birth–4 years in poverty	84,589	4,416,482
Children age 5–11	427,995	27,914,577
Total families	539,926	34,883,550
Single-parent families	188,162	10,779,688
Families in poverty	123,239	5,802,201

How many children under age 6 potentially need child care?	Alabama	United States
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	121,889	8,971,157
Children in single-parent families, parent in labor force	99,319	5,856,354
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	221,208	14,827,511

How many working mothers are there?	Alabama	United States
With infants	38,996	2,502,858
With children under age 6	85,057	5,439,259
With children under 18		
Married working mothers	220,096	15,149,864
Single working mothers	120,930	6,713,060

How many centers/family child care homes are available? ²	Alabama	United States
Number of centers	1,952	119,550
Percent of centers that are nationally accredited	4%	10%
Family child care (FCC) homes	1,207	231,705
Percent of FCC that are nationally accredited	2%	1%
Total spaces/slots	NR	11,551,742
Percent of spaces in centers	NR	82%
Percent of spaces in FCC	NR	19%

What kind of child care is requested? ²	Alabama	United States
Percent of requests for referrals received by CCR&Rs		
For infant/toddler care	NR	40%
For preschool-age care	NR	34%
For school-age care	NR	25%
For full-time care	NR	84%
For part-time care	NR	17%
For before/after-school care	NR	6%
For nontraditional hours care	NR	10%

¹ Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov), 2005-2009 5-year estimates.

² Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data. Capacity for Alabama, Delaware, Texas and Wisconsin was provided by state licensing offices. Percentages of slots by facility type may not total to 100 percent due to varying state definitions of provider types.
NR: Not Reported

How expensive is child care?³	Alabama	United States
Average annual fees for full-time care		
In a center		
Infant	\$5,350	\$4,650 – \$18,200
4-year-old child	\$5,650	\$3,900– \$14,050
Before/after-school for school-age child	\$5,050	\$2,450 – \$10,400
In a family child care home		
Infant	\$4,650	\$3,850– \$12,100
4-year-old child	\$4,750	\$3,600 – \$11,300
Before/after-school for school-age child	\$5,500	\$2,300 – \$9,350
Compared with:		
Annual tuition and fees for public four-year college ⁴	\$7,374	\$7,605
Affordability (cost of child care as percent of median annual family income):		
Infant in center, percent of income for MARRIED COUPLES	8%	7% to 16%
Infant in center, percent of income for SINGLE MOTHERS	29%	25% to 69%
Who gets help with paying for child care?		
Child Care and Development Fund (Monthly Average)⁵		
Families	14,000	304,059,724
Children	26,800	21,005,852
Participating providers	2,900	4,279,045
What are the numbers, income and support of the child care workforce?		
Child care workers (in centers) ⁶	11,170	611,280
Average annual income ⁶	\$18,070	\$21,110
Training sessions CCR&Rs held for providers ⁷	NR	140,781
Average attendance per session	NR	5 to 132
On-site technical assistance visits by CCR&Rs	NR	143,210
Child care programs receiving technical assistance	NR	32,453
CCR&R Contacts		
Number of CCR&Rs	9	638
Childcare Resource Network (Voluntary Network ⁸)	www.childcarealabama.com	
Alabama Department of Human Resources	http://www.dhr.alabama.gov	
Child Care Services Division		
National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies	www.naccrra.org www.childcareaware.org	

³ Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data. Some states reported costs based on their state's latest market rate survey. Cost of care figures are rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

⁴ Average price of 2010-2011 tuition and fees for public four-year colleges by state, from the College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges, *Trends in College Pricing 2010*, (http://trends.collegeboard.org/college_pricing/report_findings/indicator/42)

⁵ These statistics are provided by the Office of Child Care (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/09acf800_preliminary/list.htm), from the 2009 Child Care Development Fund 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.

⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2009 Occupational Employment Survey. Available at: (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>)

⁷ Data provided by the State CCR&R Network and derived from CCR&R data.

⁸ Coordinating and Managing networks have staff and are funded to coordinate the work of local CCR&Rs. Single Entity CCR&Rs cover an entire state. Voluntary networks rely on volunteers, and operate with little or no public funding.

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NA: State level data not available.