



<b>How many children and families are there?<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
Total residents	2,838,143	301,461,533
Children age birth–4 years	198,792	20,860,344
Children age birth–4 years in poverty	57,478	4,416,482
Children age 5–11	269,286	27,914,577
Total families	332,102	34,883,550
Single-parent families	111,673	10,779,688
Families in poverty	79,684	5,802,201
<b>How many children under age 6 potentially need child care?</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	82,558	8,971,157
Children in single-parent families, parent in labor force	61,592	5,856,354
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	144,150	14,827,511
<b>How many working mothers are there?</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
With infants	23,413	2,502,858
With children under age 6	51,969	5,439,259
With children under 18		
Married working mothers	141,850	15,149,864
Single working mothers	70,417	6,713,060
<b>How many centers/family child care homes are available?<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
Number of centers	2,481	119,550
Percent of centers that are nationally accredited	26%	10%
Family child care (FCC) homes	1,173	231,705
Percent of FCC that are nationally accredited	3%	1%
Total spaces/slots	195,587	11,551,742
Percent of spaces in centers	95%	82%
Percent of spaces in FCC	5%	19%
<b>What kind of child care is requested?<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Percent of requests for referrals received by CCR&amp;Rs</b>		
For infant/toddler care	55%	40%
For preschool-age care	34%	34%
For school-age care	12%	25%
For full-time care	89%	84%
For part-time care	11%	17%
For before/after-school care	7%	6%
For nontraditional hours care	3%	10%

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<b>How expensive is child care?<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Average annual fees for full-time care</b>		
In a center		
Infant	\$5,400	\$4,650 – \$18,200
4-year-old child	\$4,650	\$3,900– \$14,050
Before/after-school for school-age child	\$3,900	\$2,450 – \$10,400
In a family child care home		
Infant	\$4,500	\$3,850– \$12,100
4-year-old child	\$4,100	\$3,600 – \$11,300
Before/after-school for school-age child	\$4,150	\$2,300 – \$9,350
<b>Compared with:</b>		
Annual tuition and fees for public four-year college <sup>4</sup>	\$6,298	\$7,605
<b>Affordability (cost of child care as percent of median annual family income):</b>		
Infant in center, percent of income for MARRIED COUPLES	9%	7% to 16%
Infant in center, percent of income for SINGLE MOTHERS	29%	25% to 69%
<b>Who gets help with paying for child care?</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
Child Care and Development Fund (Monthly Average) <sup>5</sup>		
Families	5,500	304,059,724
Children	7,900	21,005,852
Participating providers	1,429	4,279,045
<b>What are the numbers, income and support of the child care workforce?</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
Child care workers (in centers) <sup>6</sup>	5,880	611,280
Average annual income <sup>6</sup>	\$17,400	\$21,110
Training sessions CCR&Rs held for providers <sup>7</sup>	350	140,781
Average attendance per session	6	5 to 132
On-site technical assistance visits by CCR&Rs	771	143,210
Child care programs receiving technical assistance	287	32,453
<b>CCR&amp;R Contacts</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
Number of CCR&Rs	5	638
Arkansas CCR&R Network (Voluntary Network <sup>8</sup> )	<a href="http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare">www.arkansas.gov/childcare</a>	
Arkansas Department of Human Services	<a href="http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/family">http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/family</a>	
Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education	<a href="http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/family/support/">support/</a>	
National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies	<a href="http://www.naccrra.org">www.naccrra.org</a>	
	<a href="http://www.childcareaware.org">www.childcareaware.org</a>	

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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](http://trends.collegeboard.org/college_pricing/report_findings/indicator/42))

<sup>5</sup> These statistics are provided by the Office of Child Care ([http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf\\_data/09acf800\\_preliminary/list.htm](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.

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

<sup>7</sup> Data provided by the State CCR&R Network and derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>8</sup> 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.