

2011 Child Care in the State of: North Carolina



How many children and families are there?¹	North Carolina	United States
Total residents	9,045,705	301,461,533
Children age birth–4 years	634,776	20,860,344
Children age birth–4 years in poverty	151,887	4,416,482
Children age 5–11	838,538	27,914,577
Total families	1,075,309	34,883,550
Single-parent families	354,232	10,779,688
Families in poverty	204,769	5,802,201

How many children under age 6 potentially need child care?	North Carolina	United States
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	269,618	8,971,157
Children in single-parent families, parent in labor force	193,202	5,856,354
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	462,820	14,827,511

How many working mothers are there?	North Carolina	United States
With infants	76,039	2,502,858
With children under age 6	176,815	5,439,259
With children under 18		
Married working mothers	462,158	15,149,864
Single working mothers	227,971	6,713,060

How many centers/family child care homes are available?²	North Carolina	United States
Number of centers	4,935	119,550
Percent of centers that are nationally accredited	3%	10%
Family child care (FCC) homes	3,441	231,705
Percent of FCC that are nationally accredited	1%	1%
Total spaces/slots	487,831	11,551,742
Percent of spaces in centers	90%	82%
Percent of spaces in FCC	10%	19%

What kind of child care is requested?²	North Carolina	United States
Percent of requests for referrals received by CCR&Rs		
For infant/toddler care	50%	40%
For preschool-age care	30%	34%
For school-age care	20%	25%
For full-time care	89%	84%
For part-time care	11%	17%
For before/after-school care	11%	6%
For nontraditional hours care	3%	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	North Carolina	United States
Average annual fees for full-time care		
In a center		
Infant	\$8,500	\$4,650 – \$18,200
4-year-old child	\$7,250	\$3,900– \$14,050
Before/after-school for school-age child	NR	\$2,450 – \$10,400
In a family child care home		
Infant	\$6,600	\$3,850– \$12,100
4-year-old child	\$5,750	\$3,600 – \$11,300
Before/after-school for school-age child	NR	\$2,300 – \$9,350
Compared with:		
Annual tuition and fees for public four-year college ⁴	\$5,196	\$7,605
Affordability (cost of child care as percent of median annual family income):		
Infant in center, percent of income for MARRIED COUPLES	12%	7% to 16%
Infant in center, percent of income for SINGLE MOTHERS	39%	25% to 69%
Who gets help with paying for child care?	North Carolina	United States
Child Care and Development Fund (Monthly Average) ⁵		
Families	35,000	304,059,724
Children	72,100	21,005,852
Participating providers	7,749	4,279,045
What are the numbers, income and support of the child care workforce?	North Carolina	United States
Child care workers (in centers) ⁶	17,660	611,280
Average annual income ⁶	\$19,370	\$21,110
Training sessions CCR&Rs held for providers ⁷	6019	140,781
Average attendance per session	14	5 to 132
On-site technical assistance visits by CCR&Rs	NR	143,210
Child care programs receiving technical assistance	3,881	32,453
CCR&R Contacts	North Carolina	United States
Number of CCR&Rs	76	638
NC Child Care Resource & Referral Council. (Managing Network ⁸)	http://www.childcareresourcesinc.org/ccrs/nc-child-care-resource-referral-council/ http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/parents/pr_sn2_ov_fa.asp	
NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development	www.naccrra.org	
National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies	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.

NR: Not Reported

NA: State level data not available.