

# 2018 State Child Care Facts in the State of: Arkansas



## CHILD CARE NEED<sup>1</sup>

POPULATION	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
Total residents	2,968,472	318,558,162
Children age birth to 4 years	190,857	19,853,211
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	57,076	4,614,933
Children age 5 to 11	277,188	28,723,602
Total families with children	314,483	33,506,082
Single parent families	108,751	10,934,829
Families in poverty	104,233	8,543,087

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	74,531	8,627,436
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	63,979	6,341,151
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	138,510	14,968,587

NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
With infants under one year	23,064	2,492,109
With children under age 6 only	49,871	5,559,717
With children age 6 to 17 only	133,447	14,802,290
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	41,253	4,397,360
Married working mothers	142,210	15,768,714
Single working mothers	65,184	6,757,924

## AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE<sup>2</sup>

SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	ARKANSAS
Total spaces/slots	208,980
Percent of spaces in child care center programs*	85%
Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes	2%
Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs	13%
Percent of total spaces in other programs	0%
Percentage spaces/slots of licensed programs	
Percent of licensed spaces for infants	17%
Percent of licensed spaces for toddlers	17%
Percent of licensed spaces for preschool-aged children	43%
Percent of licensed spaces for school-aged children	13%

\*Does not include school-aged programs

## TYPES OF AVAILABLE CHILD CARE

TYPES OF CHILD CARE	ARKANSAS
Number of center-based child care programs	1,895
Percent of centers nationally accredited	1%
Do faith-based programs need to be regulated?	Yes
Number of regulated faith-based programs	279
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	325
Percent of FCC homes nationally accredited	1%
Number of school-aged care programs	916
Percent of licensed programs with slots for school-aged children	79%
Percent of licensed programs with slots for ONLY school-aged children	21%
Number of other regulated child care centers	NA
Number of other regulated FCC homes	NA

## CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

NUMBERS, INCOME, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE <sup>3</sup>	ARKANSAS	UNITED STATES
Child care workers (in centers)	6,630	562,420
Average annual income of child care workers	\$20,630	\$22,290
Total paid early childhood workforce <sup>4</sup>	NA	2.2 million

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CCR&R CONTACTS	URL
Department of Human Services: Division of Child Care & Early Childhood Education	<a href="http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dccece">http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dccece</a>
Child Care Aware® of America	<a href="http://usa.childcareaware.org">http://usa.childcareaware.org</a> <a href="http://www.childcareaware.org">www.childcareaware.org</a>

## NOTES

- **NA:** Not Applicable
- **NR:** Data Not Reported or Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Need sections are from the American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 five-year estimates (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>).

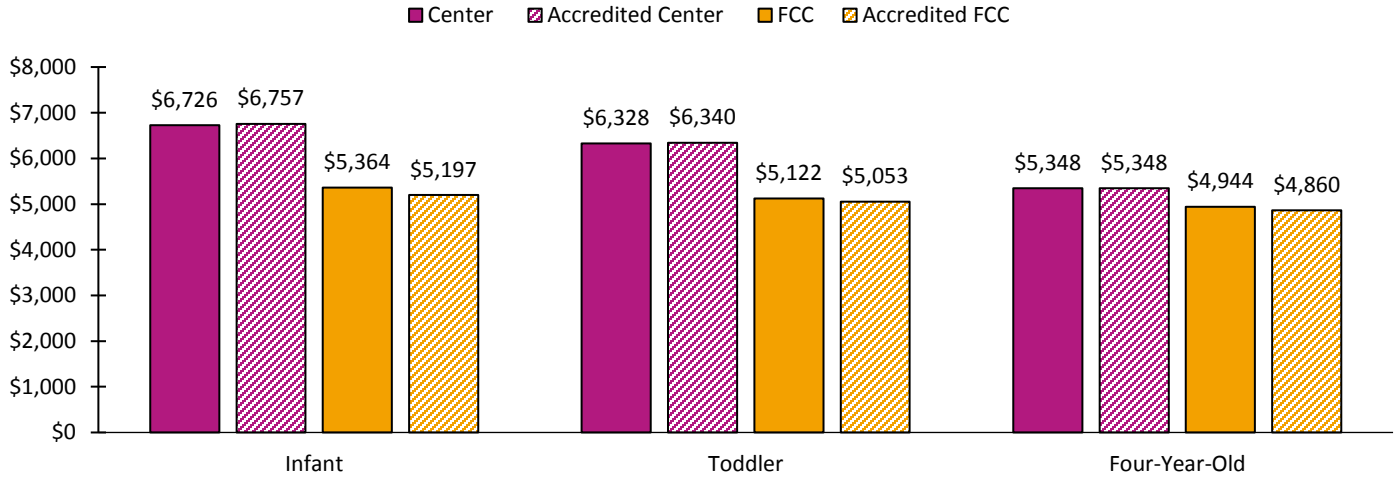
<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2018 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2017 calendar year.

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Workforce sections are from the Occupational Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/>).

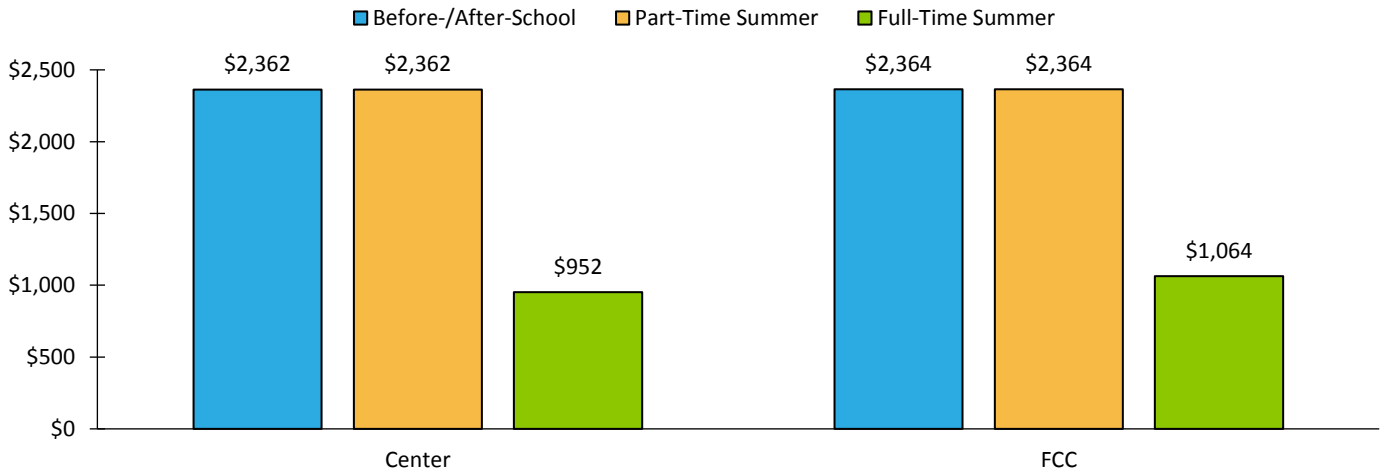
<sup>4</sup> Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

# 2018 Cost of Child Care in the State of: Arkansas

## Annual Cost of Care for Young Children



## Cost of Care for School-Age Children



# 2018 Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies in the State of: Arkansas



## CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS

CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS	ARKANSAS
Total referral requests received	948
Percent online requests	29%
Percent telephone requests	62%
Percent in-person or other requests	9%
Requests by type of child care facility	
Percent of requests for centers	49%
Percent of requests for FCC homes	8%
Requests by age of children	
Percent for infant care	55%
Percent for toddler care	24%
Percent for preschool-age care	15%
Percent for school-age care (before-/after-school care)	6%
Percent for school-age care (any summer care)	6%
Requests by care hours needed	
Percent for full-time care	91%
Percent for part-time care	8%

REFERRALS TO LICENSE-EXEMPT PROVIDERS PROVIDED BY OFFICES OR AGENCIES IN ARKANSAS	
License-exempt child care homes	No
License-exempt child care centers	No
Other license-exempt care	No

REFERRAL STATISTICS BY TYPE	ARKANSAS
Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	813
Percent served by online referrals	27%
Percent served by telephone referrals	59%
Percent served by in-person or other referrals	13%
Families receiving consumer education information	998
How often do clients seeking early care typically have contact with a consumer education/referral agent?	Once

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS TRACKED	ARKANSAS
Any outside 6am – 6pm	✓
Evening child care (after 6pm)	✓
Overnight child care	✓
Weekend child care	✓
Child care for mildly ill children	✓
Emergency child care	✓
Seasonal child care	✓
Flexible/Rotating shifts child care	✓

## TYPES OF CCR&RS

CCR&R CHARACTERISTICS	ARKANSAS	
State-funded Network	Other <sup>1</sup>	
TYPES OF TRAINING PROVIDED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS/VISITS	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS SERVED
Training for child care providers	738	3,805
Training for school-age child care providers	139	61
On-site technical assistance for child care providers	434	393
On-site technical assistance for school-age care programs	27	47
Training for parents	428	2,422

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP	NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS	HOMELESS CHILDREN REQUESTS
Number for infant care	30	6	2
Number for toddler care	20	11	4
Number for preschool-age care	14	14	3
Number for school-age care	26	8	4
Total	90	39	13

LANGUAGES ACCOMMODATED BY CCR&R STAFF	STAFF SPEAK	ACCESS TRANSLATION SERVICES	PROVIDE PRINT MATERIALS
English	✓	NA	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Chinese		✓	
Tagalog			
Vietnamese			
French			
Korean			
German			
Other	Sign Language		

<sup>1</sup> The Department of Human Services: Division of Child Care & Early Education operates the state network and funds the local CCR&R agencies through contracts.

# 2018 Facts about QRIS, Health, and Emergency Preparedness in the State of: Arkansas



## QRIS IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

QRIS DATA	ARKANSAS
Does the state have a Quality Rating and Improvement System?	Yes
Name of QRIS	Arkansas Better Beginnings Quality Rating Improvement System
QRIS Website	<a href="http://www.arbetterbeginnings.com">http://www.arbetterbeginnings.com</a>
How is QRIS Implemented?	Implemented statewide

PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE QRIS	
<b>Center-Based Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	1,227
Capacity of Programs	108,224
Number of Programs at Top Level	656
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	54,396
<b>FCC Home Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	164
Capacity of Programs	2,062
Number of Programs at Top Level	18
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	231
<b>School-Age Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	54
Capacity of Programs	11,291
Number of Programs at Top Level	23
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	6,625
<b>Other Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	0
Capacity of Programs	0
Number of Programs at Top Level	0
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	0

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS <u>REQUIRED</u> TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulated centers accepting CCDF vouchers</li> <li>Regulated family child care homes accepting CCDF vouchers</li> <li>Arkansas Better Chance State Pre-Kindergarten Program</li> </ul>

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT <u>MAY</u> PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed center-based programs</li> <li>Licensed family child care homes</li> <li>Licensed school-age care programs</li> </ul>

ROLE OF CCR&RS IN QRIS	ARKANSAS
Coaching	✓
Training	✓
Monitoring	
Recruitment of New Programs	✓
Community Outreach	✓
Data Analysis & Reporting	
Other	Technical assistance

## EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY CCR&RS

RESOURCES TO HELP PROGRAMS PLAN FOR POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES PROVIDED BY STATE OR LOCAL CCR&RS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training opportunities are available</li> <li>Technical assistance is available</li> <li>Resource materials pertaining to emergency and disaster preparedness</li> </ul>
Resources provided by state or local CCR&RS in response to an emergency in 2017 <sup>1</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training</li> <li>Technical assistance</li> </ul>

## SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS	ARKANSAS
Does state have any voluntary quality recognition programs (e.g., Breastfeeding Friendly or Healthy Child Care)?	No
Number of child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program	1,229
Number of child care centers that specialize in inclusion or serving children with disabilities	264
Does your state have a network for Mental Health Consultants for child care providers?	Yes

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED IN ARKANSAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2-3 Magic</li> <li>Parents as Teachers (PAT)</li> <li>Strengthening Families Programs (SFP) Initiative</li> <li>Fatherhood Initiative</li> <li>Home Instruction of Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY)</li> <li>Grandparents as Parents (GAP)</li> <li>Teaching Important Parenting Skills (TIPS)</li> <li>Healthy Families America</li> </ul>

Note: These programs represent only those reported in Child Care Aware® of America's 2018 survey, and may not reflect all Family Engagement Programs offered within the state.

<sup>1</sup> This field only denotes whether services were provided; not all child care providers and not all states may have experienced an emergency in 2017.

# Child Care Program QRIS Participation in the State of: Arkansas

Number and Percentage of QRIS-Participating Programs at the Top Level, by Program Type

