

# THE STATE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION IN KENOSHA COUNTY AND WISCONSIN



THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH CHILD CARE FOR ALL KENOSHA COUNTY FAMILIES THAT WANT IT.



**10,995**

Number of children under the age of 5 in Kenosha County, 2010 U.S. Census Data

**5,102**

Approximate number of available spots in licensed child care for children under age 5 in Kenosha County

**5,893**

Number of children under 5 that may not have access to child care in Kenosha County



**CHILD CARE IS EXPENSIVE IN KENOSHA COUNTY AND ACROSS THE STATE.**

**Wisconsin is ranked 20th out of 50 states for most expensive infant care. Infant child care in Kenosha County costs slightly more than the state average.**

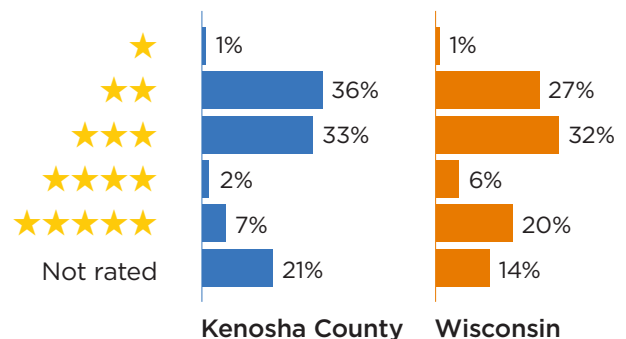
- The median household income in Kenosha is \$57,269. On average, infant child care costs \$12,599 per year in Kenosha County.
- The median household income in Wisconsin is \$59,305. On average, infant child care costs \$12,567 per year in Wisconsin.
- The federal government recommends that families should pay no more than 7% of their income on child care. For the typical Kenosha County family, that would mean paying no more than \$4,008 per year for infant care.

**NOT ALL CHILD CARE MEETS STATE STANDARDS FOR QUALITY.**

Child care providers in Wisconsin can be rated from one star to five stars. Five stars is the highest rating, meaning the provider meets most standards set by the state.

In Kenosha County and across the state, most child care providers are rated two or three stars. Only 7% of child care providers are rated 5 stars in Kenosha County, compared to 20% for the state.

**Percent of Child Care Providers by Star Rating**



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## DATA NOTES

- The number of children in Kenosha County under age 5 is from the United States Census Bureau. Retrieved October 2019 from <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/product-view.xhtml?src=CF>.
- The number of available child care slots for Kenosha County is an estimate calculated using the Licensed Child Care Directory published by the Department of Children and Families. Application type was limited to “Licensed Family”, “Licensed Group”, and “Public School”. From age was limited to start between 0 to 4 years. Includes Head Start. Retrieved October 2019 from <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/lcc-directories>.
- Infant child care costs for the state of Wisconsin were retrieved from the Economic Policy Institute (<https://www.epi.org/child-care-costs-in-the-united-states/#/WI>). Infant child care costs for Kenosha County were calculated using the Department of Children and Families Market Rate Survey (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/2017-market-rate-survey-results-data.pdf>); the average weekly price per slot for age group 0-1 in group regulation type was multiplied by 52. The median household income for Kenosha County and the state of Wisconsin was retrieved from Data USA (<https://datausa.io/>).
- The quality rating system for Wisconsin is called Youngstar, <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>.
- The percentage of providers by star rating was calculated using the Licensed Child Care Directory published by the Department of Children and Families. Retrieved October 2019 from <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/lcc-directories>.
- Participation in YoungStar is voluntary for child care providers that do not accept certain kinds of state funding, so not all providers participate in the program and receive a rating.

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