

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



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

12,747

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

4,635

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

8,112

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



CHILD CARE IS EXPENSIVE IN RACINE COUNTY AND ACROSS THE STATE.

Wisconsin is ranked **20th out of 50 states** for most expensive infant care. Infant child care in Racine County costs almost the same as the state average.

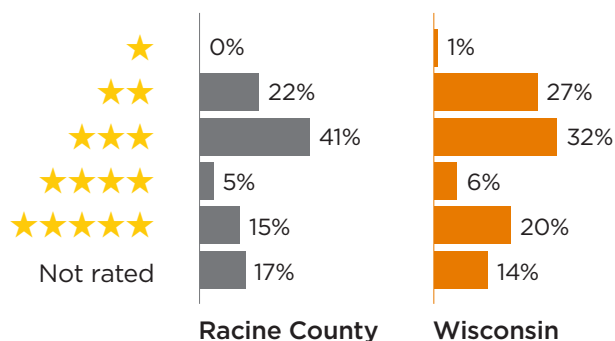
- The median household income in Racine is \$58,334. On average, infant child care costs \$12,279 per year in Racine County.
- The median household income in Wisconsin is \$59,305. On average, infant child care costs \$12,567 per year in Wisconsin.
- The federal government recommends that families should pay no more than 7% of their income on child care. For the typical Racine County family, that would mean paying no more than \$4,083 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 Racine County and across the state, most child care providers are rated two or three stars. Only 15% of child care providers are rated 5 stars in Racine 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 Racine County under age 5 is from the United States Census Bureau. Retrieved July 2019 from <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF>.
- The number of available child care slots for Racine 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” or “Licensed Group”. From age was limited to start between 0 to 4 years. Does not include children enrolled in 3K or 4K. 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 Racine 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 Racine 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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