

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



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



69,364

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

34,774

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

34,590

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



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

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

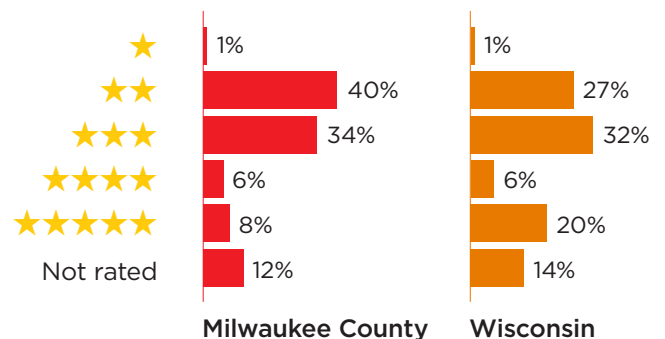
- The median household income in Milwaukee County is \$47,591 per year. On average, infant child care costs \$15,348 per year in Milwaukee County.
- The median household income in Wisconsin is \$59,305 per year. On average, infant child care costs \$12,567 per year in Wisconsin.
- The federal government recommends that families should pay no more than 7% of their income on child care. For the typical Milwaukee County family, that would mean paying no more than \$3,331 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 Milwaukee County and across the state, most child care providers are rated two or three stars. Only 8% of child care providers are rated 5 stars in Milwaukee County, compared to 20% for the state.

Percent of Child Care Providers by Star Rating



For more information, contact Aftin Warren, Milwaukee Succeeds, at awarren@milwaukesucceeds.org.

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DATA NOTES

- The number of children in Milwaukee 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 Milwaukee 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 from “Public School” category but does not include any camps or community learning centers. 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 Milwaukee 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 Milwaukee 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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