

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

7th State Senate District Senator Mike Simmons

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 7

7,230 children 0 to 2
5,920 children 3 to 5
10,794 children 6 to 12

23,944 Total children under 13

} **68%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

What child care options are available to families?



78 Child care centers can serve up to **5,425** children



28 Licensed child care homes can serve up to **277** children



55 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **117** children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$97,284

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care



Home-based: **\$14,395**



Center-based: **\$20,912**

This is **15%-21%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care



Home-based: **\$13,219**



Center-based: **\$14,549**

This is **14%-15%** of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: **\$15,348**

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

749 children age 0-2

777 children age 3-5

546 children age 6-12

2,092 children served

\$12,937,906

in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

6 Prevention Initiative programs

224 children age 0-2

28 Preschool for All programs

1,587 children age 3-5

1,811 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

11 Early Head Start sites

281 children age 0-2

7 Head Start sites

420 children age 3-5

701 children served

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.

For source information on the data cited in this profile, please email:

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