



Connecticut

Children and Families

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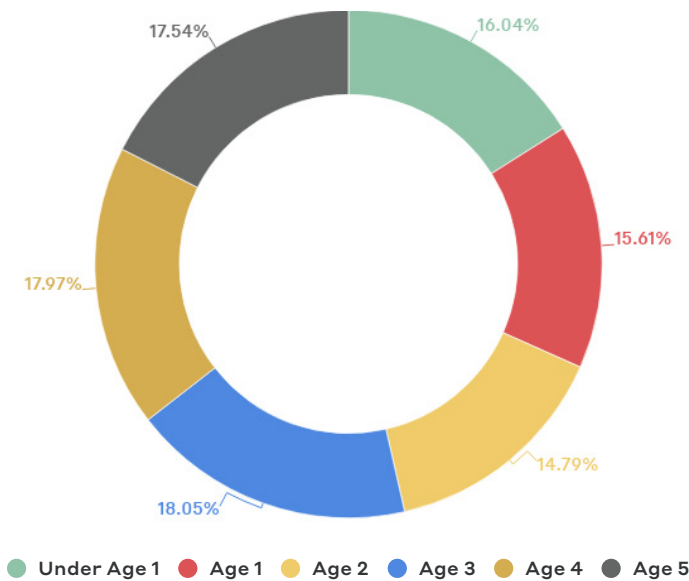
While 70% of children ages 5 and under live in households in which all parents work, 13% of all children in this age group live in families below the poverty line (\$21,960).¹

221,259
Total number of children ages 5 and under

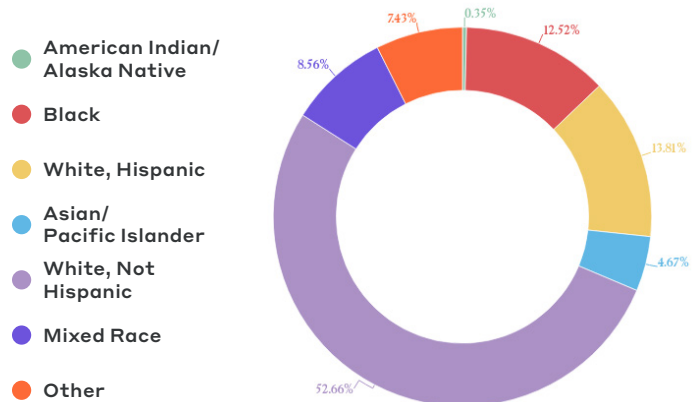
Children by Age	Number of Children	Percent
Under age 1	33,866	15.3%
Age 1	37,177	16.8%
Age 2	35,487	16.0%
Age 3	39,034	17.6%
Age 4	38,549	17.4%
Age 5	37,146	16.8%

29,368
Total number of children living in poverty

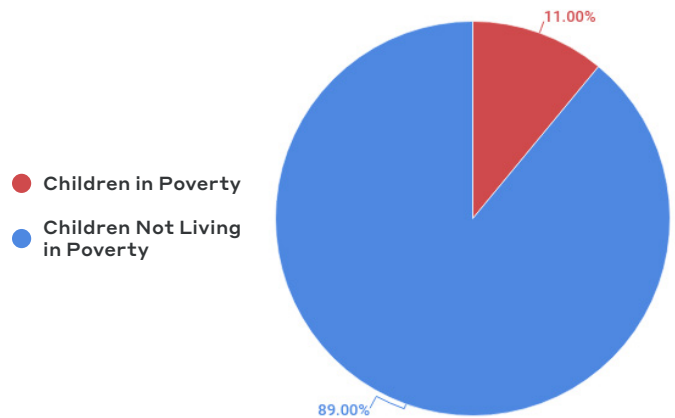
Percent of Children Living in Poverty (29,368) by Age



All Children Ages 5 and Under by Race



Percent of Children With All Parents in the Labor Force (154,310) Living in Poverty



Child Care Funding

Quality early care and learning programs contribute to both thriving economies and healthy families.

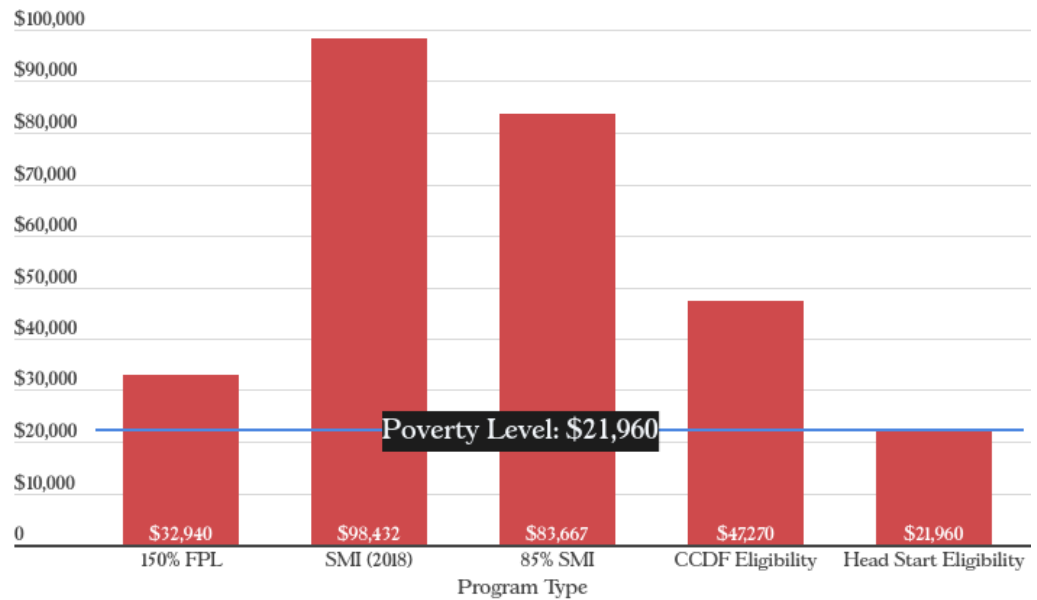
The child care funding landscape is complex and involves several federal and state funding streams, including:

- The Child Care and Development Fund
- The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
- State Pre-K
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Allocation and expenditure data for child care funding in Connecticut detailed here.

For more information about child care and early learning funding streams, see [BPC's Child Care Toolkit](#).

Program Eligibility



\$103,578,994²
Total Child Care and Development Fund expenditures in Connecticut in 2019

Category	CCDF Mandatory	CCDF Matching	CCDBG Discretionary	State MOE	Total CCDF Funds
Federal Expenditure	\$11,405,893	\$11,064,950	\$54,932,750	N/A	\$77,403
State Expenditure	N/A	\$7,437,043	N/A	\$18,738,358	\$26,175,401
Total Expenditure	\$11,405,893	\$18,501,993	\$54,932,750	\$18,738,358	\$103,578,994

\$124,185,485³
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families expenditures on child care in Connecticut in 2019

Category	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Total
TANF Transferred to CCDF	\$26,678,810	N/A	\$26,678,810
TANF Spent Direct on Child Care	--	\$14,806,028	\$14,806,028
TANF Spent Directly on Pre-K/Head Start	--	\$82,700,647	\$82,700,647
Total TANF Funds	\$26,678,810	\$97,506,675	\$124,185,485

Connecticut Child Day Care Contracts, Connecticut School Readiness, Connecticut Smart Start⁶

\$131,864,893

Total state Pre-K spending (FY2019)

15,008

Number of children served (2018–2019)

\$8,786

State spending per child enrolled (2018–2019)

Child Care and Development Fund 2020 Allocations⁴

Category	Total
Federal CCDF Allocations	\$72,300,371
2020 CARES Act CCDBG Supplemental	\$23,504,479
Total 2020 CCDF Allocations	\$95,804,850

\$70,820,221⁵

Total allocations from the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021** in Connecticut

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021⁷

Category	Amount
ARPA CCDF Discretionary	\$106,000,358
ARPA Stabilization	\$169,879,499
Total ARP Allocations	\$275,879,857

Additional Funding Streams FY2020 Allocations

Category	Amount
Head Start ⁸	\$69,178,458
Early Head Start ⁹	--
IDEA Part C, FY2019 ¹⁰	\$4,041,509
IDEA Part B, Section 619, FY2019 ¹¹	\$5,028,809
Preschool Development Grant, B-5 Renewal Grants, 2019–2022 ¹²	\$8,943,000
Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program, FY2019 ¹³	\$584,404
Child and Adult Food Program, FY2019 ¹⁴	\$18,152,113
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships ¹⁵	--

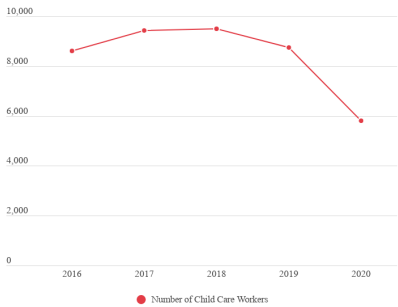
Child Care Providers

In 2020, there were 5,810 child care workers in Connecticut. This is a 34% decline in the number of child care workers from 2019 and a 33% decline since 2016. In 2020, the annual mean salary for child care workers was \$28,570.¹⁶

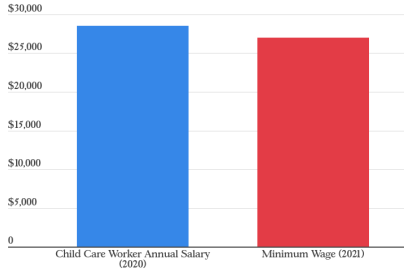
Learn more about the child care supply gap in BPC's report, [Child Care in 25 States](#).

5,810
Number of child care workers in Connecticut in 2020

Number of Child Care Workers: 5-Year Trend¹⁷



Child Care Worker Annual Salary (2019) \$28,570^{18, 19}



Adult-to-Child Ratios for Licensed Child Care Centers

	Infant	Young Toddler	Older Toddler	Preschool
Connecticut ²⁰	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 10
NAEYC's Best Practice ²¹	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 6	1 to 10

Endnotes

- 1 U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Public Use Micro Sample
- 2 Administration for Children and Families, FY 2019 CCDF State Expenditure Data
- 3 Administration for Children and Families, TANF Financial Data 2019
- 4 Administration for Children and Families, GY 2020 CCDF Allocations (Based on Appropriations)
- 5 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) of 2021 Allocations for States and Territories
- 6 The National Institute for Early Education Research, The State of Preschool 2019
- 7 ARPA Supplemental Stabilization and CCDF Discretionary Funding Allocation Tables – States and Territories
- 8 Administration for Children and Families, FY 2019 Head Start State Allocations
- 9 Data not publicly available yet
- 10 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C
- 11 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619, Part B
- 12 Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five
- 13 U.S. Department of Education, Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program
- 14 Child and Adult Care Food Program
- 15 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships
- 16 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics
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- 19 U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, State Minimum Wage Laws
- 20 Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, Statutes and Regulations: Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes
- 21 National Association for the Education of Young Children

