

Children and Families

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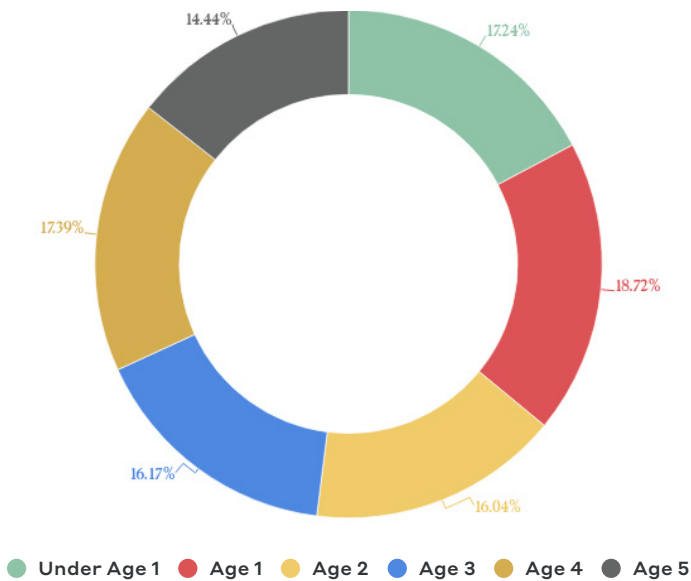
While 54% of children ages 5 and under live in households in which all parents work, 16% of all children in this age group live in families below the poverty line (\$21,960).¹

137,012
Total number of children ages 5 and under

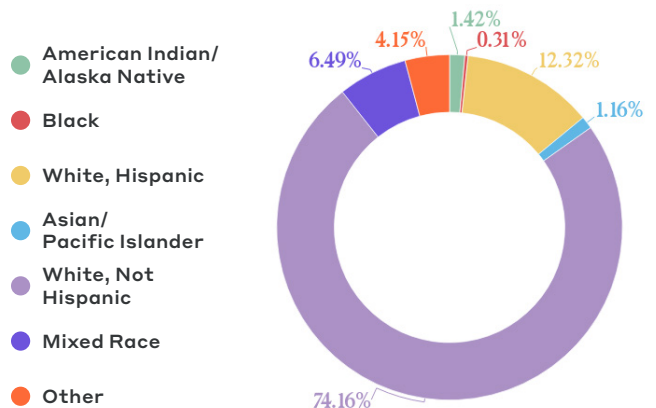
Children by Age	Number of Children	Percent
Under age 1	20,795	15.2%
Age 1	21,437	15.6%
Age 2	23,294	17.0%
Age 3	23,700	17.3%
Age 4	24,645	18.0%
Age 5	23,141	16.9%

22,343
Total number of children living in poverty

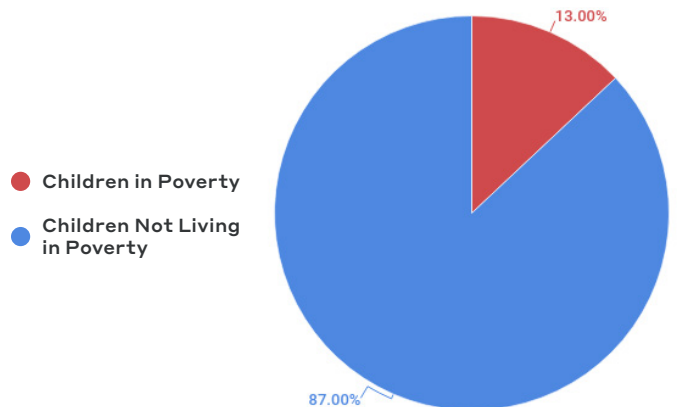
Percent of Children Living in Poverty (22,343) by Age



All Children Ages 5 and Under by Race



Percent of Children With All Parents in the Labor Force (74,522) Living in Poverty



Child Care Funding

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

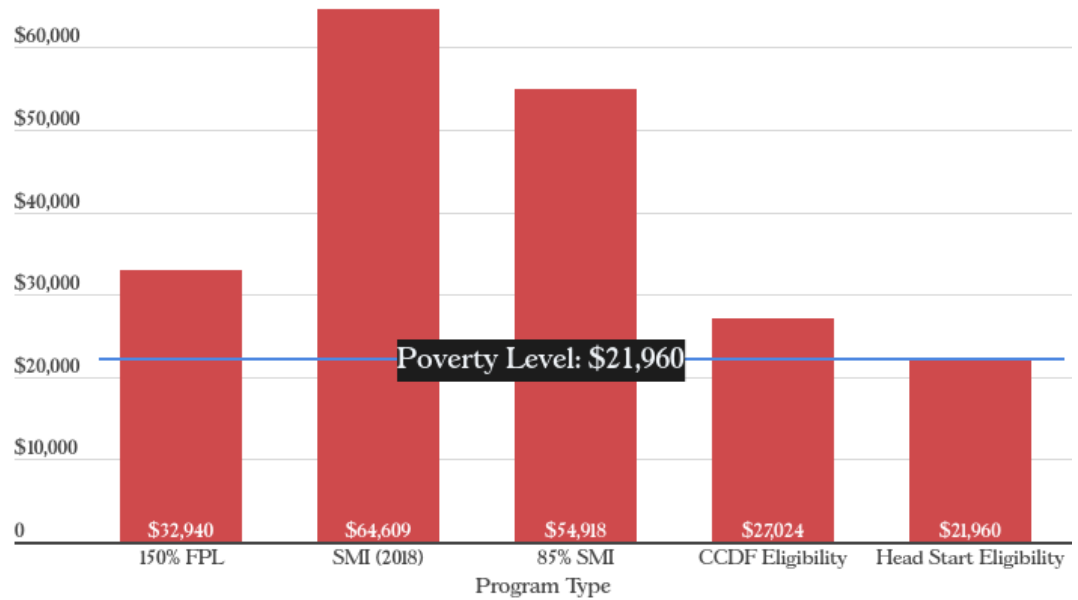
The child care funding landscape is complex and involves several federal and state funding streams, including:

- 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 Idaho detailed [here](#).

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

Program Eligibility



\$19,504,930²
Total Child Care and Development Fund
 expenditures in Idaho in 2019

Category	CCDF Mandatory	CCDF Matching	CCDBG Discretionary	State MOE	Total CCDF Funds
Federal Expenditure	\$2,867,578	\$147,866	\$15,253,622	N/A	\$18,269,086
State Expenditure	N/A	\$60,024	N/A	\$1,175,820	\$1,235,844
Total Expenditure	\$2,867,578	\$207,910	\$15,253,622	\$1,175,820	\$19,504,930

\$14,798,066³
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 expenditures on child care in Idaho in 2019

Category	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Total
TANF Transferred to CCDF	\$7,804,095	N/A	\$7,804,095
TANF Spent Direct on Child Care	\$4,313,163	\$1,175,820	\$5,488,983
TANF Spent Directly on Pre-K/Head Start	--	\$450,000	\$450,000
Total TANF Funds	\$12,117,258	\$1,625,820	\$13,743,078

No State Preschool Program⁶

Child Care and Development Fund 2020 Allocations⁴

Category	Total
Federal CCDF Allocations	\$45,944,466
2020 CARES Act CCDBG Supplemental	\$20,672,881
Total 2020 CCDF Allocations	\$66,617,347

\$57,763,865⁵

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

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021⁷

Category	Amount
ARPA CCDF Discretionary	\$86,458,222
ARPA Stabilization	\$138,560,660
Total ARP Allocations	\$225,018,882

Additional Funding Streams FY2020 Allocations

Category	Amount
Head Start ⁸	\$41,710,002
Early Head Start ⁹	--
IDEA Part C, FY2019 ¹⁰	\$2,609,877
IDEA Part B, Section 619, FY2019 ¹¹	\$2,241,927
Preschool Development Grant, B-5 Renewal Grants, 2019–2022 ¹²	--
G6. Preschool Development Grant B-5 Initial Grants, 2019–2020 ¹¹	\$3,343,592
Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program, FY2019 ¹³	\$145,814
Child and Adult Food Program, FY2019 ¹⁴	\$7,737,327
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships ¹⁵	--

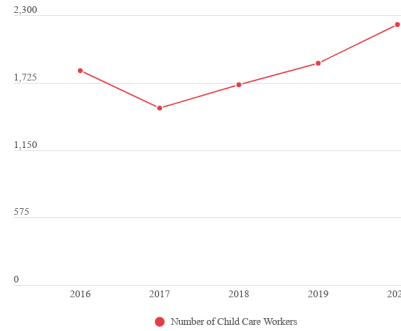
Child Care Providers

In 2020, there were 2,220 child care workers in Idaho. This is a 17% increase in the number of child care workers from 2019 and a 21% increase since 2016. In 2020, the annual mean salary for child care workers was \$24,400.¹⁶

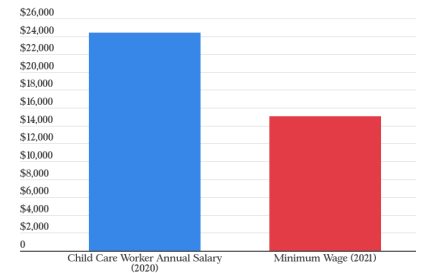
Learn more about the child care supply gap in BPC's report, [Child Care in 25 States](#).

2,220
Number of child care workers in Idaho in 2020

Number of Child Care Workers: 5-Year Trend¹⁷

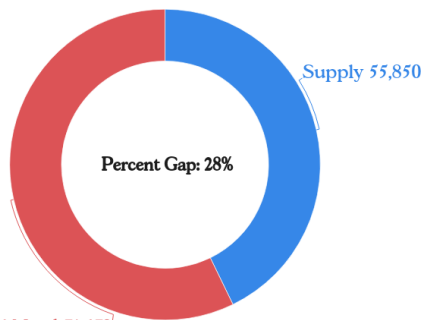


Child Care Worker Annual Salary (2019) \$24,400^{18, 19}



Child Care Supply Gap²³

In Idaho, 74,670 children have the potential need for child care. There is a supply of 55,850 child care slots. The families of 20,910 children do not have access to child care. The child care gap is 28% of the potential need (children with working parents).



Adult-to-Child Ratios for Licensed Child Care Centers

	Infant	Young Toddler	Older Toddler	Preschool
Idaho ²⁰	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 5	1 to 8
NAEYC's Best Practice ²¹	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 6	1 to 10

Idaho Child Care Facility Types²²

Facility Type	Count	Capacity
Family Child Care Facility (up to 6 children)	272	1,650
Group Child Care Facility (up to 12 children)	400	4,520
In-home Child Care (I provide care in the child's own home)	43	260
Large Child Care Center (26 or more children)	698	45,560
Relative Child Care (up to 6 related children)	105	510
Small Child Care Center (up to 25 children)	107	2,550
Additional facilities from Office of Head Start	20	640
Department of Defense	1	160

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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- 20 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Rules Governing Standards for Child Care Licensing
- 21 National Association for the Education of Young Children
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