

Children and Families

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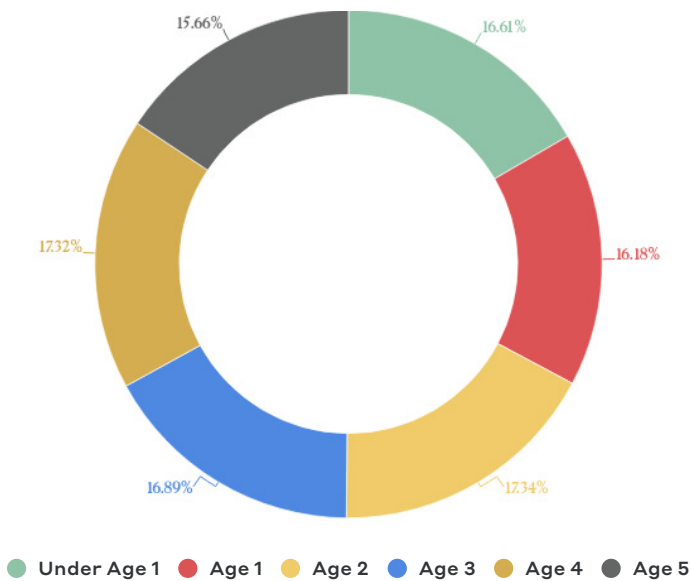
While 67% of children ages 5 and under live in households in which all parents work, 18% of all children in this age group live in families below the poverty line (\$21,960).¹

927,282
Total number of children ages 5 and under

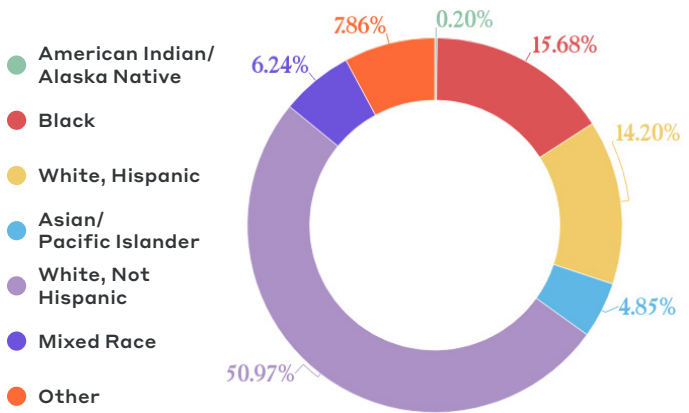
Children by Age	Number of Children	Percent
Under age 1	150,473	16.2%
Age 1	151,860	16.4%
Age 2	154,944	16.7%
Age 3	157,254	17.0%
Age 4	161,264	17.4%
Age 5	151,487	16.3%

164,987
Total number of children living in poverty

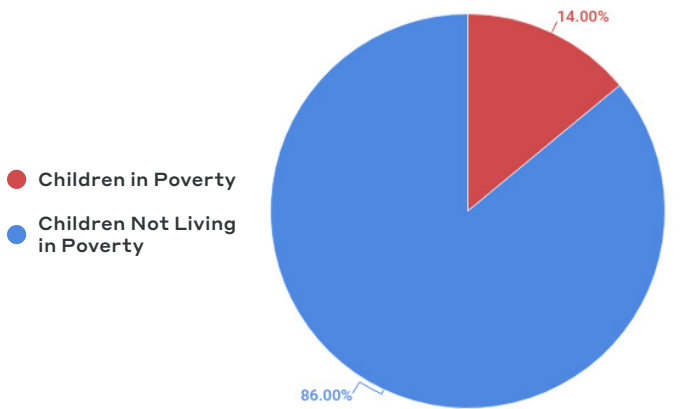
Percent of Children Living in Poverty (164,987) by Age



All Children Ages 5 and Under by Race



Percent of Children With All Parents in the Labor Force (619,209) Living in Poverty



Child Care Funding

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

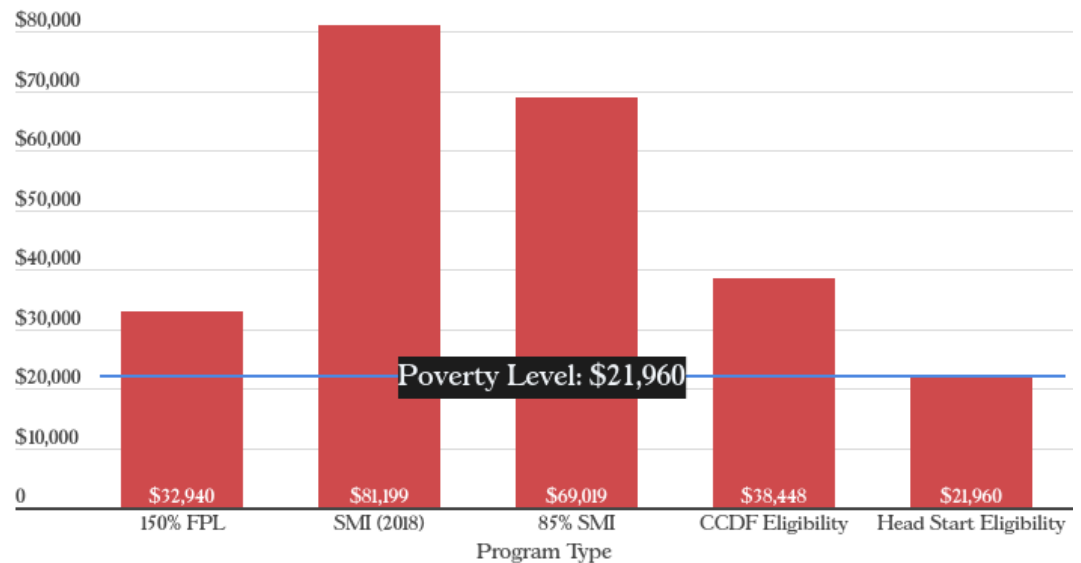
The child care funding landscape is complex and involves several federal and state funding streams, including:

- 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 Illinois detailed here.

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

Program Eligibility



\$418,151,304²

Total Child Care and Development Fund expenditures in Illinois in 2019

Category	CCDF Mandatory	CCDF Matching	CCDBG Discretionary	State MOE	Total CCDF Funds
Federal Expenditure	\$56,873,824	\$66,576,100	\$172,071,912	N/A	\$295,521,836
State Expenditure	N/A	\$65,755,643	N/A	\$56,873,825	\$122,629,468
Total Expenditure	\$56,873,824	\$132,331,743	\$172,071,912	\$56,873,825	\$418,151,304

\$603,970,451³

Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families expenditures on child care in Illinois in 2019

Category	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Total
TANF Transferred to CCDF	--	N/A	--
TANF Spent Direct on Child Care	\$113,084,549	\$382,171,371	\$495,255,920
TANF Spent Directly on Pre-K/Head Start	--	\$108,714,531	\$108,714,531
Total TANF Funds	\$113,084,549	\$490,885,902	\$603,970,451

Illinois Preschool For All⁶

\$385,174,818

Total state Pre-K
spending (FY2019)

81,161

Number of children
served (2018–2019)

\$4,746

State spending per child
enrolled (2018–2019)

Child Care and Development Fund 2020 Allocations⁴

Category	Total
Federal CCDF Allocations	\$310,075,853
2020 CARES Act CCDBG Supplemental	\$118,420,119
Total 2020 CCDF Allocations	\$428,495,972

\$331,954,027⁵

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

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021⁷

Category	Amount
ARPA CCDF Discretionary	\$496,853,094
ARPA Stabilization	\$796,272,357
Total ARP Allocations	\$1,293,125,451

Additional Funding Streams FY2020 Allocations

Category	Amount
Head Start ⁸	\$386,044,040
Early Head Start ⁹	--
IDEA Part C, FY2019 ¹⁰	\$17,327,861
IDEA Part B, Section 619, FY2019 ¹¹	\$18,074,298
Preschool Development Grant, B-5 Renewal Grants, 2019–2022 ¹²	\$13,414,500
Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program, FY2019 ¹³	\$1,122,506
Child and Adult Food Program, FY2019 ¹⁴	\$139,268,858
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships ¹⁵	--

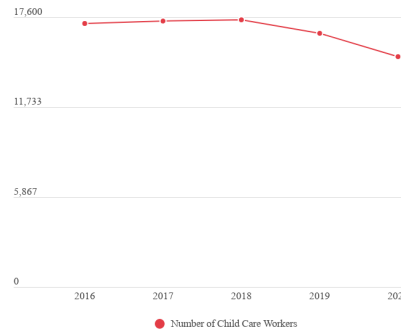
Child Care Providers

In 2020, there were 15,030 child care workers in Illinois. This is a 9% decline in the number of child care workers from 2019 and a 13% decline since 2016. In 2020, the annual mean salary for child care workers was \$27,230.¹⁶ In Illinois, 41% of young children do not have access to formal child care.

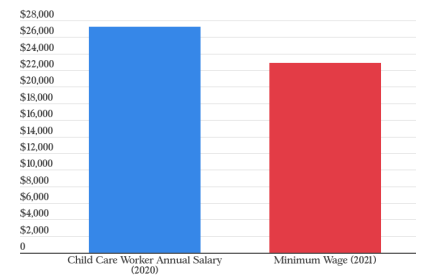
Learn more about the child care supply gap in BPC's report, [Child Care in 25 States](#).

15,030
Number of child care workers in Illinois in 2020

Number of Child Care Workers: 5-Year Trend¹⁷

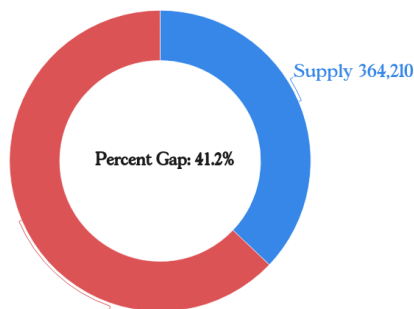


Child Care Worker Annual Salary (2019) \$27,230^{18, 19}



Child Care Supply Gap²³

In Illinois, 617,420 children have the potential need for child care. There is a supply of 364,210 child care slots. The families of 253,210 children do not have access to child care. The child care gap is 41.2% of the potential need (children with working parents).



Adult-to-Child Ratios for Licensed Child Care Centers

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

Illinois Child Care Facility Types²²

Facility Type	Count	Capacity
(CCC) Before/After School Only	544	250
(CCC) Head Start/Early Head Start Only	247	14,850
(CCC) Park/Recreation Only	416	7
(CCC) Preschool for All Only	449	32,040
(CCC) Special Needs Care Only	30	1,700
Child Care Center	2,600	197,450
Preschool Program	953	45,050
School Age Program	197	92
Family Child Care	7,623	71,060
Additional from Office of Head Start	18	710
Department of Defense	3	1,030

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 Illinois Department of Public Health, Day Care Guidance
- 21 National Association for the Education of Young Children
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