



Early Care & Education and School-Age Child Care Demographic Dashboard - June 2021

| | | Mecklenburg | Cabarrus | Union | Rowan | Stanly | Region 6 Total | North Carolina |
|---|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Child population¹ | 0-5 years | 88,040 | 15,189 | 16,585 | 9,537 | 4,172 | 133,523 | 727,346 |
| | 6-13 years | 102,178 | 19,551 | 20,863 | 12,327 | 5,044 | 159,963 | 904,241 |
| | <i>Total</i> | 190,218 | 34,740 | 37,448 | 21,864 | 9,216 | 293,486 | 1,631,587 |
| Households in which all parents present are employed^{2,3} | <i>Children under age 6</i> | 56,847 69% | 11,343 71% | 10,348 67% | 6,199 71% | 3,013 73% | 87,750 69% | 460,380 67% |
| | <i>Children 6-17 years</i> | 125,329 76% | 32,376 86% | 29,029 64% | 15,094 76% | 6,612 77% | 208,440 76% | 1,081,386 73% |
| Employed mothers with children under age 6^{2,3} | <i>Total with children under age 6</i> | 33,182 66% | 7,604 69% | 6,059 66% | 3,850 74% | 1,866 67% | 52,561 67% | 294,900 66% |
| Licensed early care & education and school-age child care programs | <i>Number of programs^{4,5}</i> | 570 | 83 | 87 | 48 | 33 | 821 | 5,667 |
| | <i>Licensed child care spaces^{4,5}</i> | 49,860 | 9,001 | 9,762 | 3,179 | 2,011 | 73,813 | 377,555 |
| | <i>Child care workforce⁶</i> | 4,341 | 671 | 748 | 343 | 267 | 6,370 | 35,256 |
| 4- and 5- star programs compared to all star rated programs | <i>Programs^{4,5}</i> | 393 77% | 56 79% | 59 82% | 39 87% | 20 63% | 567 78% | 3,696 72% |
| | <i>Licensed capacity^{4,5}</i> | 37,917 76% | 6,603 92% | 6,620 83% | 2,599 89% | 1,641 84% | 55,380 87% | 26,381 79% |
| | <i>Children enrolled⁶</i> | 11,221 81% | 2,354 87% | 2,068 74% | 724 89% | 986 83% | 17,353 81% | 98,402 78% |
| Average annual fee for full-time, star rated child care center^{4,7} | <i>Infant</i> | \$13,936 | \$13,208 | \$12,584 | \$9,256 | \$9,100 | \$11,617 | \$11,033 |
| | <i>1-2 years</i> | \$13,676 | \$12,792 | \$12,116 | \$9,100 | \$8,840 | \$11,305 | \$10,801 |
| | <i>2-3 years</i> | \$13,000 | \$12,220 | \$11,648 | \$8,320 | \$8,268 | \$10,691 | \$11,045 |
| | <i>3-4 years</i> | \$12,116 | \$11,128 | \$10,556 | \$7,644 | \$7,956 | \$9,880 | \$9,411 |
| | <i>4-5 years</i> | \$11,960 | \$10,608 | \$10,608 | \$7,228 | \$7,644 | \$9,610 | \$9,240 |
| | <i>School-age*</i> | \$7,240 | \$6,172 | \$5,856 | \$5,616 | \$4,940 | \$5,965 | \$5,856 |
| Child care subsidy^{8,9} | <i>Children receiving subsidy</i> | 6,343 | 735 | 695 | 926 | 342 | 9,041 | 67,592 |
| | <i>Eligible children on waiting list</i> | 1,372 | 467 | 240 | 609 | 140 | 2,828 | 18,031 |

1) NC Office of State Budget & Management, 2019 Population Estimates, updated 2021

4) Child Care Resources Inc. (CCRI), 6/30/21

7) NC: WorkLife Systems, CCRI, 6/30/2021

2) Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Rowan, Union & NC: 2019 American Community Survey

5) NC: NC Division of Child Development & Early Education, 6/30/21

8) Mecklenburg: CCRI, 6/30/21

3) Stanly: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

6) WorkLife Systems, CCRI, 6/30/21

9) Cabarrus, Union, Rowan, Stanly, NC: NCDCEE, 6/30/21