

How many children and families are there? ¹	Mississippi	United States
Total residents	2,985,181	313,861,723
Children age birth to 4 years	202,351	19,930,834
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	73,452	4,997,150
Children age 5 to 11	287,297	28,719,013
Total families with children	316,770	33,589,629
Single parent families	134,353	11,121,083
Families in poverty	103,675	6,888,151

How many children under age 6 potentially need child care? ¹	Mississippi	United States
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	69,907	8,538,727
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	88,327	6,486,355
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	158,234	15,025,082

How many working mothers are there? ¹	Mississippi	United States
With infants under one year	24,576	2,507,428
With any children under age 6	124,360	12,415,638
With children under age 6 only	75,772	7,967,171
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	48,588	4,448,467
With children under 18		
Married working mothers	131,146	15,670,121
Single working mothers	88,459	6,912,777

How many centers/family child care homes are there? ²	Mississippi	United States
Number of centers	1,838	110,000
Percent of centers that are nationally accredited	9%	10.3%
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	2	160,000
Percent of FCC homes that are nationally accredited	0%	1.4%
Number of other child care programs	NR	1,300
Total spaces/slots	151,380	8.4 million
Percent of spaces in centers	81%	83.1%
Percent of spaces in FCC	0%	15.8%
Percent of spaces in other programs	NR	0.1%

What kind of child care is requested? ²	Mississippi	United States
Percent of requests for referrals received by CCR&Rs		
For infant/toddler care		40.7%
For preschool-age care	NR	33.5%
For school-age care	NR	25.8%
For full-time care	99%	88.1%
For part-time care	1%	7.9%
For before-/after-school care	1%	8.4%
For nontraditional hours care	0%	7.3%
Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	25	612,000

¹ Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2013 three year estimates (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>).

² Estimate based on data provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2015 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2014 calendar year.

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How expensive is child care? ³	Mississippi	United States
Average annual fees for full-time care in a center		
Infant	\$4,822	\$4,822 – \$17,062
4-year-old child	\$3,997	\$3,997 – \$12,781
School-age child (before-/after-school care)	\$1,569	\$1,104 – \$8,919
Average annual fees for full-time care in a family child care home		
Infant	\$3,972	\$3,972 – \$10,666
4-year-old child	\$3,675	\$3,675 – \$10,030
School-age child (before-/after-school care)	\$2,465	\$1,846 – \$8,346
Compare with:		
Average annual tuition and fees for public four-year college (in-state) ⁴	\$6,861.05	\$8,980
Affordability (cost of full-time child care as percent of median family income):		
Infant in center, percent of income for MARRIED COUPLES	7%	7% - 15%
Infant in center, percent of income for SINGLE MOTHERS	26%	24% - 63%

What are the numbers, income, and support of the child care workforce? ⁵	Mississippi	United States
Child care workers (in centers)	6,420	582,970
Average annual income of child care workers ⁶	\$18,310	\$21,710
Total paid early childhood workforce ⁷	Not Available	2.2 million
Training sessions CCR&Rs held for providers ³	1,487	Not Available
Average attendance per session	17	3 to 113
Providers trained by CCR&Rs ⁸	4877	241,000
On-site technical assistance visits by CCR&Rs to child care programs ⁸	3,213	115,000
Child care programs receiving technical assistance	194	22,000

CCR&R Contacts	URL
Mississippi CCR&R	www.earlyyearsnetwork.msucare.com
Office for Children and Youth	www.mdhs.state.ms.us
Child Care Aware® of America	http://usa.childcareaware.org www.childcareaware.org



³ Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data or are provided by state licensing offices. National totals are rounded estimates.

Some states reported cost of care based on their state's most recent market rate survey. Costs and prices from prior to 2014 are converted to 2014 dollars.

⁴ Average price of 2014-2015 in state tuition and fees for public four-year colleges by state, from the College Board Annual Survey of Colleges, *Trends in College Pricing 2014* (<http://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing/figures-tables/published-prices-state-region#Tuition>).

⁵ These statistics are provided by the Office of Child Care from the Child Care Development Fund preliminary data, and are derived from monthly averages. Total number of child care providers includes paid relatives and other nonregulated caregivers. U.S. totals include all 50 states, the District of Columbia and all territories. (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy-2013-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary>)

⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Employment Survey, May 2013 estimates. Does not include child care administrators/managers, preschool teachers, special education teachers, or self-employed workers such as family child care business owners. (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)

⁷ Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

⁸ National estimates of training and technical assistance are derived from NACCRRRA's 2010 survey of CCR&R training.

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