

State Child Care Facts in the State of: Alaska



CHILD CARE NEED¹

| POPULATION | ALASKA | UNITED STATES |
|---|---------|---------------|
| Total residents | 736,732 | 318,857,056 |
| Children age birth to 4 years | 53,404 | 19,757,997 |
| Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty | 9,103 | 4,658,187 |
| Children age 5 to 11 | 73,021 | 28,761,402 |
| Total families with children | 81,462 | 33,106,587 |
| Single parent families | 25,092 | 10,993,697 |
| Families in poverty | 10,631 | 6,603,926 |

| CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE | ALASKA | UNITED STATES |
|---|--------|---------------|
| Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force | 20,636 | 8,441,764 |
| Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force | 15,345 | 6,360,521 |
| Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care | 35,981 | 14,802,285 |

| NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS | ALASKA | UNITED STATES |
|---|--------|---------------|
| With infants under one year | 6,177 | 2,435,563 |
| With any children under age 6 | 23,544 | 9,721,156 |
| With children under age 6 only | 13,292 | 5,422,464 |
| With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17 | 10,252 | 4,298,692 |
| Married working mothers | 37,518 | 15,306,983 |
| Single working mothers | 13,587 | 6,749,078 |

AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE²

| SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS | ALASKA |
|--|--------|
| Total spaces/slots | 30,756 |
| Percent of spaces in child care center programs* | 69% |
| Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes | 15% |
| Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs | 16% |
| Percent of total spaces in other programs | 0% |
| Total spaces/slots of licensed programs | NR |
| Percent of licensed spaces for infants and toddlers | NR |
| Percent of licensed spaces for preschool-aged children | NR |
| Percent of licensed spaces for school-aged children | NR |

*Does not include school-aged programs

TYPES OF AVAILABLE CHILD CARE

| TYPES OF CHILD CARE | ALASKA |
|---|--------|
| Number of center-based child care programs | 476 |
| Percent of centers that are nationally accredited | 4% |
| Do faith-based programs need to be regulated? | Yes |
| Number of regulated faith-based programs | 24 |
| Number of family child care (FCC) homes | 685 |
| Percent of FCC homes that are nationally accredited | 0% |
| Number of school-aged care programs | 64 |
| Number of other regulated child care centers | 0 |
| Number of other regulated FCC homes | 0 |

CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

| NUMBERS, INCOME, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ³ | ALASKA | UNITED STATES |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Child care workers (in centers) | 2,420 | 573,430 |
| Average annual income of child care workers ⁴ | \$25,640 | \$22,310 |
| Total paid early childhood workforce ⁵ | N/A | 2.2 million |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

| CCR&R CONTACTS | URL |
|------------------------------|---|
| thread | www.threadalaska.org |
| Child Care Aware® of America | http://usa.childcareaware.org www.childcareaware.org |

¹ Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Need 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 Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2016 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2015 calendar year.

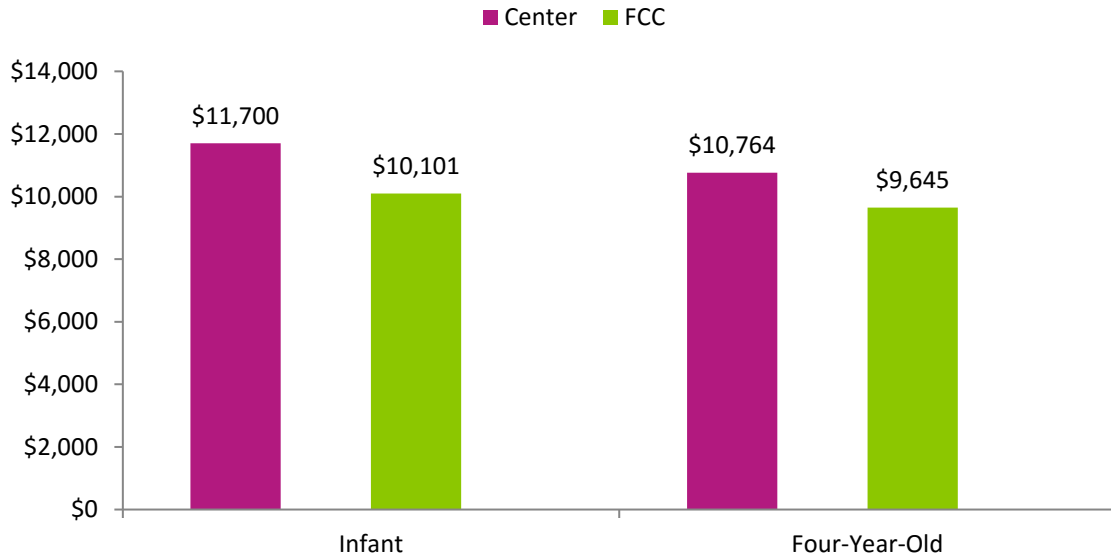
³ Statistics provided by the Office of Child Care from the Child Care Development Fund, and are derived from monthly averages. Total number of child care providers includes paid relatives and other nonregulated caregivers. U.S. Totals include all 50 states and the District of Columbia (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy-2013-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary>).

⁴ 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)

⁵ Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

Cost of Child Care in the State of Alaska

COST OF INFANT AND PRE-SCHOOL CARE



COST OF SCHOOL-AGE CARE

