

# DUPAGE COUNTY

**Total Population: 904,161**

-Children under age 5: 65,849  
 -Children ages 5 to 9: 69,061  
 -Children ages 10 to 14: 67,632

DuPage County is the 13th highest per capita income county in the United States. Wealthy communities suffer from lack of any child care. Middle-income families are challenged with very expensive child care. Low-income parents have little supply of subsidized care, very high housing costs, no transportation and few services in Spanish for a growing Hispanic population.

Capacity building is a major effort by the CCR&R. There is a particularly large shortage of infant care in the eastern half of the county, and overall, a lack of before and after school care close to schools. DuPage County is also challenged by the lack of licensed child care providers who speak Spanish for a rapidly growing Hispanic community, up 135% from 1990. A second trend impacting the supply of care is increasing parent demands for longer hours or flexible hours. A third challenge is to increase acceptance of state subsidized care by providers. In DuPage County centers receive, on average, 20% less per week for every subsidy they accept, and family child care providers receive 32% less.

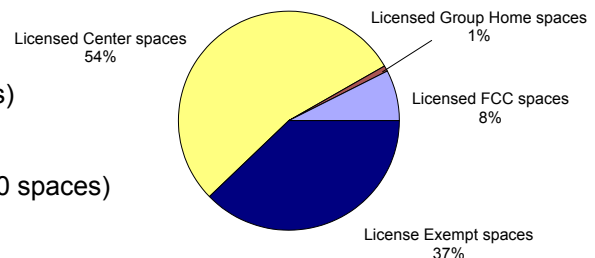
The CCR&R has made gains in many of these areas, due to increased state funding, the CCR&R developed incentives for acceptance of subsidies, resulting in 20 new slots. Partnerships with agencies whose main clientele is Spanish speaking, have been successful in expanding the number and improving the quality of Spanish speaking providers through training and mentoring in Spanish and through creating a Spanish resource library .

## Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 887 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 36,202 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

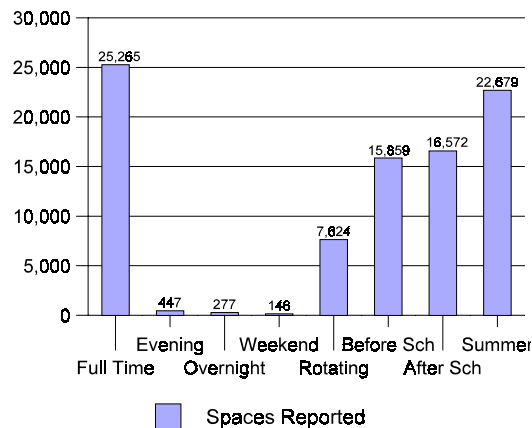
- 372 Licensed Family Child Care (2,806 spaces)
- 22 Licensed Group Homes (264 spaces)
- 221 Licensed Centers (19,512 spaces)
- 272 License Exempt Centers & Homes (13,620 spaces)



## Child Care Capacity by Age Group and Schedule

Child care programs listed with the local CCR&R report the potential capacity by age group and schedule, as shown below. The actual enrollment or available spaces may vary.\*

Age Group	Spaces Reported
Infants	1,656
Toddlers	1,905
2 Years	2,864
3 & 4 Years	10,507
5 & Ks	7,707
School-Age B/A School	6,337
School-Age Summer Care	8,936



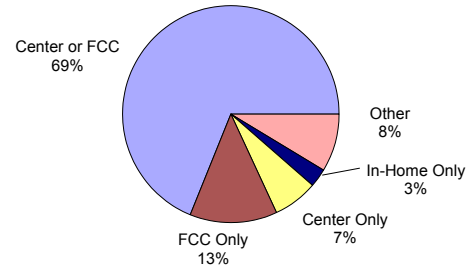
\* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

## Child Care Requests

In DuPage County 2,392 families called the CCR&R to request care for 3,414 children.

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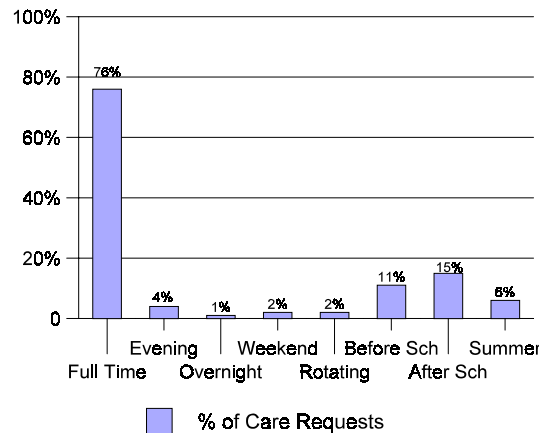
- 2,353 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 451 were for Family Child Care Only
- 230 were for Center Only
- 92 were for In-Home Only
- 288 were for Other types of care



## Requests by Age Group and Schedule

Individuals calling the local CCR&R requested the types of care by the ages and schedules shown below.

Age Group	% Requested
Infants	27%
Toddlers	14%
2 Years	12%
3 & 4 Years	20%
5 & Ks	8%
School-Age	19%

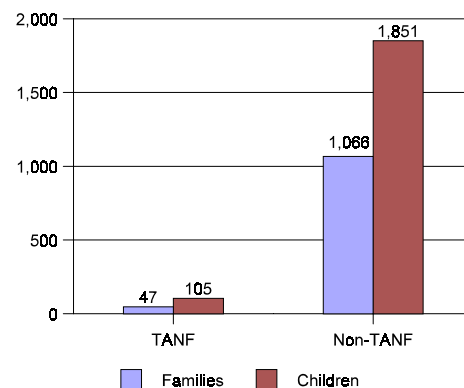


## Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in DuPage County is \$167.37 per week, which is about 17% of the state median weekly family income of \$997.

Assistance in paying for child care is provided through subsidies by DHS. In June 2001, there were a total of 1,113 families receiving subsidies for 1,956 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 887 child care facilities in DuPage County, 438 (49%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in DuPage County, contact the YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral Office: 630-790-8137

Data is from Fiscal Year 2001 (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001)