

PEORIA COUNTY

Total Population: 183,433

- Children under age 5: 12,612
- Children ages 5 to 9: 13,161
- Children ages 10 to 14: 12,684

Peoria County, with Peoria as the county seat, is located equidistant between Chicago and St. Louis. The economy is a mix of manufacturing, technology, retail, education and construction jobs. Approximately 22% of the children live in poverty. Parents have a choice of 55 full-day, center-based child care programs. Parents choosing one of the 18 part-day programs often have to seek a second child care setting so they can work full-time. There are 143 family child care providers in the county. Affordable infant-toddler care is needed, as well as school-age programs. Peoria County has 48 license exempt centers and homes, the majority of which are part-time school-age, ISBE pre-kindergartens or family child care homes which accommodate a maximum of 3 children.

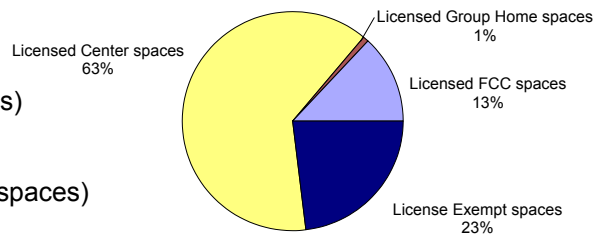
The Child Care Connection has the greatest presence in Peoria County as it is the site of the main office. Staff take part in community events. Advertisement is purchased in local media and in stationary, strategic spots in the area. The resource library is open 5 days per week and is heavily used.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 268 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 8,135 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

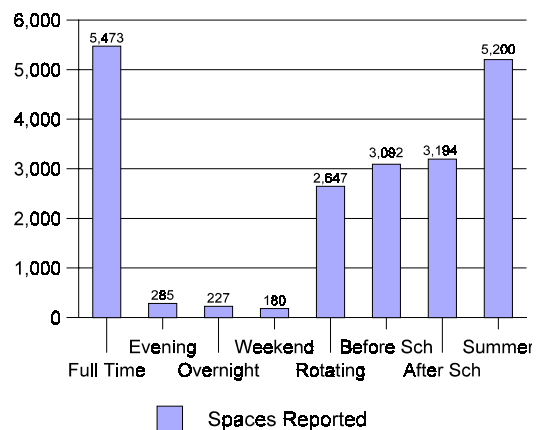
- 142 Licensed Family Child Care (1,073 spaces)
- 5 Licensed Group Homes (69 spaces)
- 73 Licensed Centers (5,139 spaces)
- 48 License Exempt Centers & Homes (1,854 spaces)



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	558
Toddlers	638
2 Years	940
3 & 4 Years	2,694
5 & Ks	1,561
School-Age B/A School	992
School-Age Summer Care	854



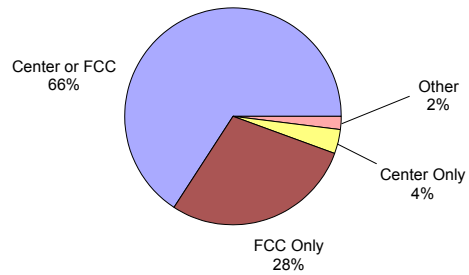
* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Peoria County, 746 families called the CCR&R to request care for 1,119 children.

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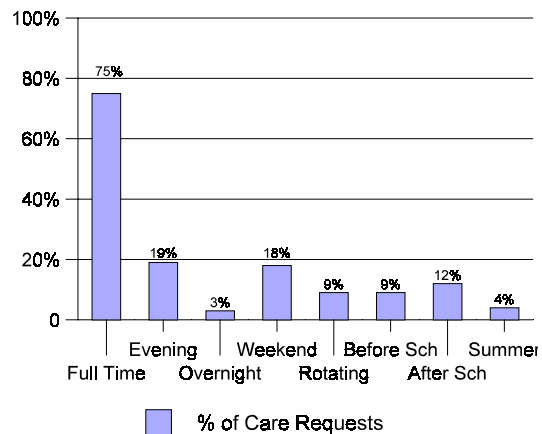
- 739 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 318 were for Family Child Care Only
- 41 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 21 were for Other types of care



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	26%
Toddlers	14%
2 Years	14%
3 & 4 Years	18%
5 & Ks	8%
School-Age	20%

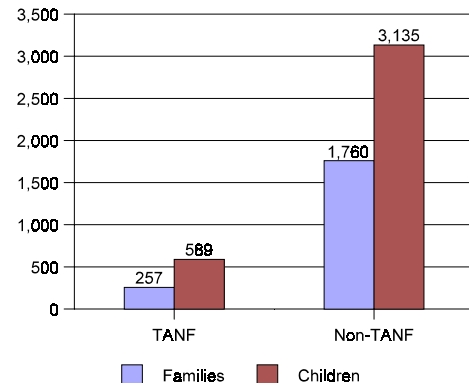


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Peoria County is \$111.94 per week, which is about 11% 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 2,017 families receiving subsidies for 3,724 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 268 child care facilities in Peoria County, 191 (71%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Peoria County, contact the Child Care Connection office:
800-421-4371

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