

WHITESIDE COUNTY

Total Population: 60,653

- Children under age 5: 3,908
- Children ages 5 to 9: 4,186
- Children ages 10 to 14: 4,408

Whiteside County is predominantly rural, with the adjoining towns of Sterling and Rock Falls, which forms the largest population cluster. Manufacturing accounts for almost 30% of jobs for employed persons over the age of 16. Because of the high number of manufacturing jobs there is a need for second shift care and summer care for school age children.

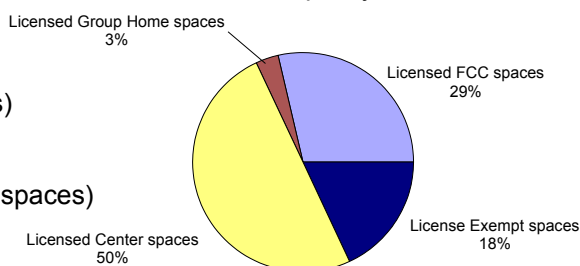
A staff member at the 4-C CCR&R satellite office at the YWCA of Sauk Valley in Sterling, facilitates a Child Care Forum consisting of business and community members. The Forum seeks to address issues employees face in finding child care. The CCR&R program provided information on child care issues, quality indicators, and the role of CCR&R to Forum members. Materials promoting the 4-C CCR&R were made available to employers to take back to their worksites. A summer resource directory for Whiteside County is published annually by 4-C and made available to parents through the referral program and the satellite office at the YWCA of Sauk Valley.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 80 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 1,258 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

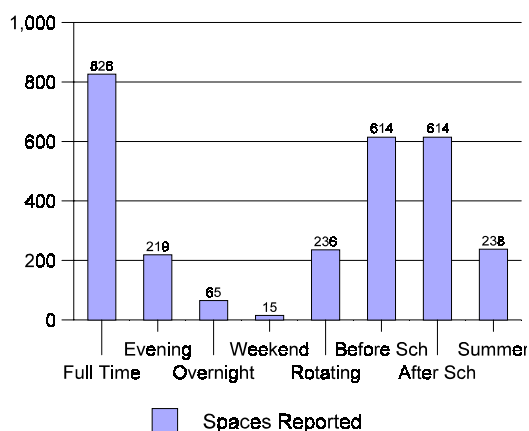
- 42 Licensed Family Child Care (363 spaces)
- 3 Licensed Group Homes (40 spaces)
- 16 Licensed Centers (630 spaces)
- 19 License Exempt Centers & Homes (225 spaces)



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	89
Toddlers	95
2 Years	157
3 & 4 Years	486
5 & Ks	309
School-Age B/A School	120
School-Age Summer Care	12



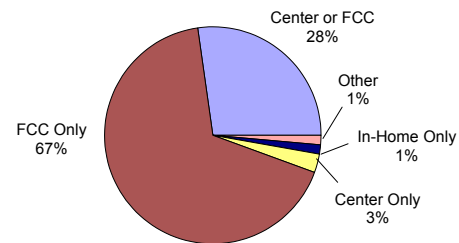
* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Whiteside County, 136 families called the CCR&R to request care for 222 children.

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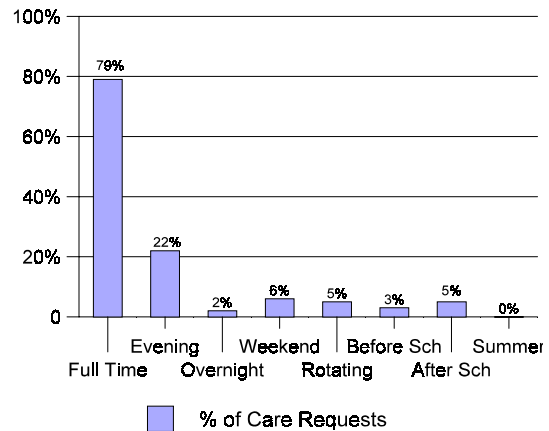
- 61 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 149 were for Family Child Care Only
- 6 were for Center Only
- 3 were for In-Home Only
- 3 were for Other types of care



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	25%
Toddlers	22%
2 Years	16%
3 & 4 Years	18%
5 & Ks	5%
School-Age	14%

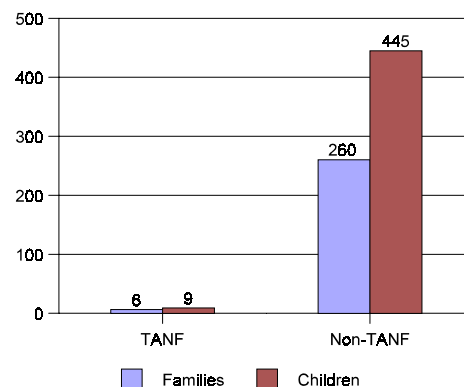


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Whiteside County is \$88.42 per week, which is about 9% 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 266 families receiving subsidies for 454 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 80 child care facilities in Whiteside County, 58 (73%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Whiteside County contact the Community Coordinated Child Care Office: 800-848-8727

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