

# Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020




Illinois

## A Snapshot of Children in Illinois

**456,649** children 0 to 2  
**474,178** children 3 to 5  
**1,149,418** children 6 to 12

} **69%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work



## Child Care Options for Families

-  **3,513** child care centers with capacity to serve up to **273,713** children
-  **6,847** licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **67,267** children
-  **13,242** license-exempt home caregivers serve around **31,080** children

## Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$77,795**



Average annual cost of licensed care: **INFANT**

-  Home-based: **\$9,096**
-  Center-based: **\$13,413**

This is **12%-17%** of a family's income.

This rivals college tuition: **\$14,166**

Average annual cost of licensed care: **PRESCHOOLER**

-  Home-based: **\$8,235**
-  Center-based: **\$9,932**

This is **11%-13%** of a family's income.

## Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

### CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**199,180** children served  
**64,297** children age 0-2  
**61,536** children age 3-5  
**73,347** children age 6-12  
**780,591,032**  
total CCAP payments

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school. Families are eligible if they earn below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$42,660 for a family of three.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

**85,360** children served  
**628** Prevention Initiative programs  
**12,744** children age 0-2  
**1,326** Preschool for All programs  
**72,616** children age 3-5

Early Childhood Block Grant funds from the Illinois State Board of Education provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) part- and full-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds and Prevention Initiative services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families. Programs are expected to prioritize children determined to be at-risk.

### HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

**34,022** children served  
**271** Early Head Start sites  
**7,548** children age 0-2  
**595** Head Start sites  
**26,474** children age 3-5

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.