

Child Care Factsheet for Allegany County

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Child care is a critical support for families with young children, employers, and New York state's economy.

New York has made substantial investments in the child care system over the past few years, but more is needed to help the sector thrive. The supply of child care is not large enough to meet the needs of families, care is too expensive for many families to afford out-of-pocket, and the child care workforce is underpaid.

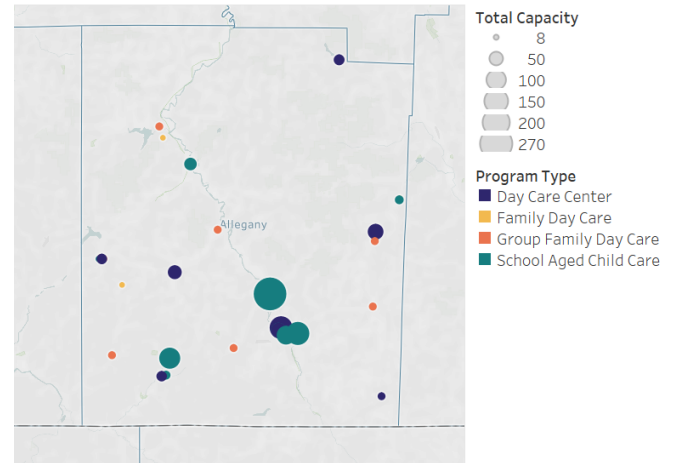
Allegany County has 2,360 children under the age of 5 and 4,086 children between 5 and 12 years old out of a total population of 47,222. In the county, 75% of families with children under 18 have all adults in the workforce, and 78% of mothers with children under 18 are in the workforce across the county.

The county saw a changes in the modalities of care for children. Between 2020 and 2024 day care centers and school aged care expanded, while family and group family capacity decreased.

Capacity Change by Setting

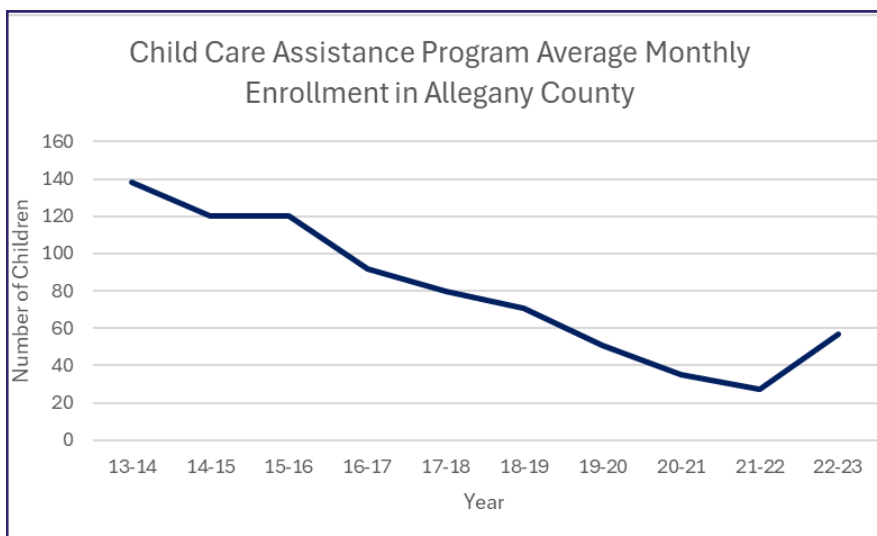
Year	Day Care Center	Family Day Care	Group Family Day Care	School Aged Child Care
2020	421	72	154	419
2024	536	32	144	764
Change	+115	-40	-10	+345

Allegany County Child Care Programs by Modality and Capacity



Capacity by Age

Age	# Children	Capacity	Ratio of Children-per-Slot
0-5	2,360	637	3.7 - 1
6-12	4,086	826	4.9 - 1



117
child care workers in Allegany County
earn an average of
\$15.23/hour
or
\$31,070
annually
97.1%
of all jobs earn more than the average
child care provider

Child Care in Allegany County



Child Care Assistance Program allocations in Allegany County from New York State have increased 31% from 2020-2024, from \$318,536 to \$462,893.



Over 76% of children living in Allegany County qualify for some form of child care assistance. However, **only 1.3%** of eligible families were in enrolled in 2022-2023.



The annual copayment for a family of 4 making \$50,000 a year enrolled in the child care assistance program **decreased** from **\$5,000** a year to **\$200** a year **from 2020 to 2024**.

Annual Child Care Assistance Program Market Rates for Toddlers

Modality	2020	2024	% Change
Day Care Center	\$10,712	\$14,300	25%
Family Day Care	\$7,800	\$13,936	44%

Child Care Assistance Eligibility Level by Family Size

Family Size	Income Level (85% of State Median Income)
2	\$67,490.17
3	\$83,370.21
4	\$99,250.25
5	\$115,130.29

Average Cost of Infant Care

Day care center **\$18,574**
Family day care **\$15,776**



SUNY Tuition
\$7,070



In New York, it is cheaper to go to college than to pay for child care.

Notes and References

Data to inform this fact sheet was derived a number of different sources, including the US Census Bureau, the Office of Children and Family Services, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Department of Labor, and from national child care researchers. All references and methodologies are available upon request.

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