

Child Care Factsheet for Delaware County

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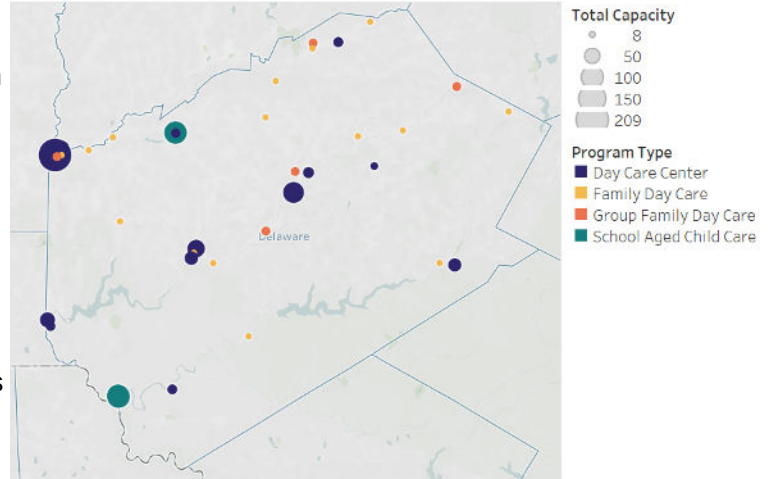
Child care is a critical support for families with young children, employers, and New York state's economy.

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.

Delaware County has 1,673 children under the age of 5 and 3,300 children between 5 and 12 years old out of a total population of 44,637. In the county, 77% of families with children under 18 have all adults in the workforce, and 80% of mothers with children under 18 are in the workforce across the county.

In Delaware County, there was no change in the number of programs- there were 41 in 2020 and 2024.

Delaware County Child Care Programs by Modality and Capacity



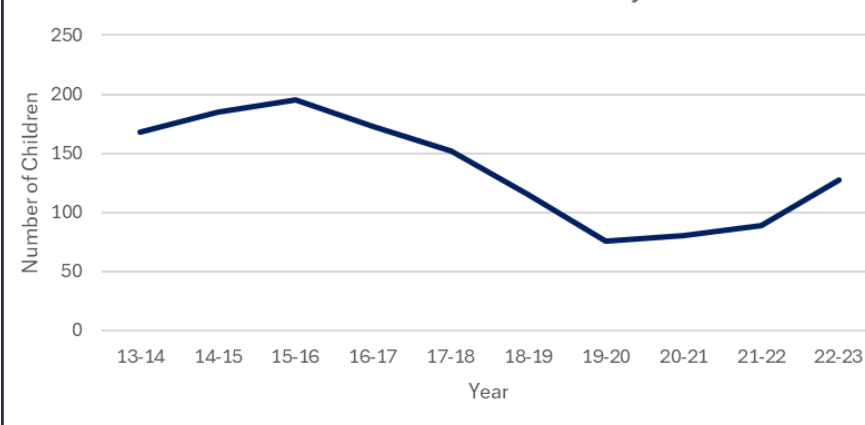
Capacity Change by Setting

Year	Day Care Center	Family Day Care	Group Family Day Care	School Aged Child Care
2020	566	136	96	239
2024	628	144	112	288
Change	+62	+8	+16	+49

Capacity by Age

Age	# Children	Capacity	Ratio of Children-per-Slot
0-5	1,673	735	2.3 - 1
6-12	3,300	437	7.6 - 1

Child Care Assistance Program Average Monthly Enrollment in Delaware County



74

child care workers in Delaware County earn an average of

\$15.22/hour

or

\$31,045

annually

96.6%

of all jobs earn more than the average child care provider

Child Care in Delaware County

Child Care Assistance program reimbursements in Delaware County have increased 11% from 2020-2024, from \$1,150,817 to \$1,289,618.

Annual Child Care Assistance Program Rates for Toddlers

Modality	2020	2024	% Change
Day Care Center	\$10,712	\$14,300	25%
Family Day Care	\$7,800	\$13,104	40%

Over 74% of children living in Delaware County qualify for some form of child care assistance. However, **only 3.9%** of eligible families were in enrolled in 2022-2023.

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

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**.

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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