

Child Care Factsheet for Fulton County

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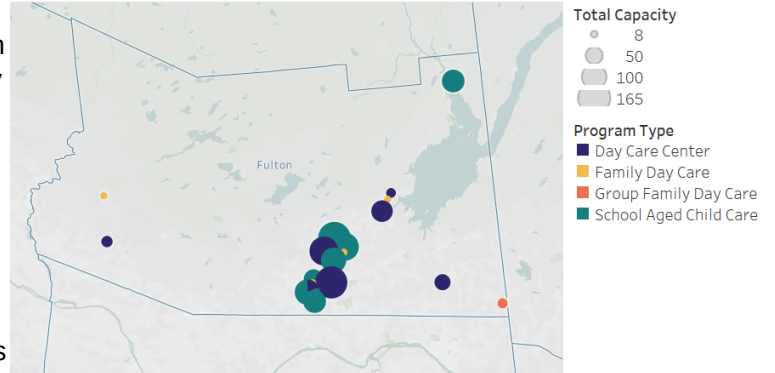
Child care is a critical support for families with young children, employers, and New York state's economy.

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.

Fulton County has 2,590 children under the age of 5 and 4,766 children between 5 and 12 years old out of a total population of 53,280. In the county, 81% of families with children under 18 have all adults in the workforce, and 83% of mothers with children under 18 are in the workforce across the county.

In Fulton County, there were 25 child care programs in 2020 and 27 programs in 2024, a change of 8% over four years.

Fulton County Child Care Programs by Modality and Capacity

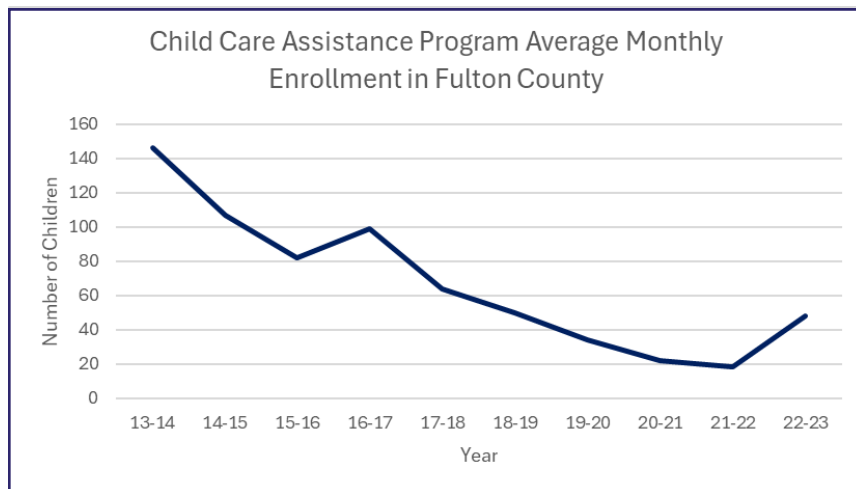


Capacity Change by Setting

Year	Day Care Center	Family Day Care	Group Family Day Care	School Aged Child Care
2020	480	56	101	400
2024	530	56	41	685
Change	+50	0	-60	+285

Capacity by Age

Age	# Children	Capacity	Ratio of Children-per-Slot
0-5	2,590	522	5.0 - 1
6-12	4,766	790	6.0 - 1



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child care workers in Fulton County earn an average of
\$16.02/hour
or
\$32,673
annually
93%
of all jobs earn more than the average child care provider

Child Care in Fulton County

Child Care Assistance program reimbursements in Fulton County have increased 2% from 2020-2024, from \$487,651 to \$496,481.

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 71% of children living in Fulton County qualify for some form of child care assistance. However, **only 1.1%** of eligible families were 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 **\$7000** a year to **\$200** a year from 2020 to 2024.

Average Cost of Infant Care in New York State

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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