

Child Care Factsheet for Nassau County

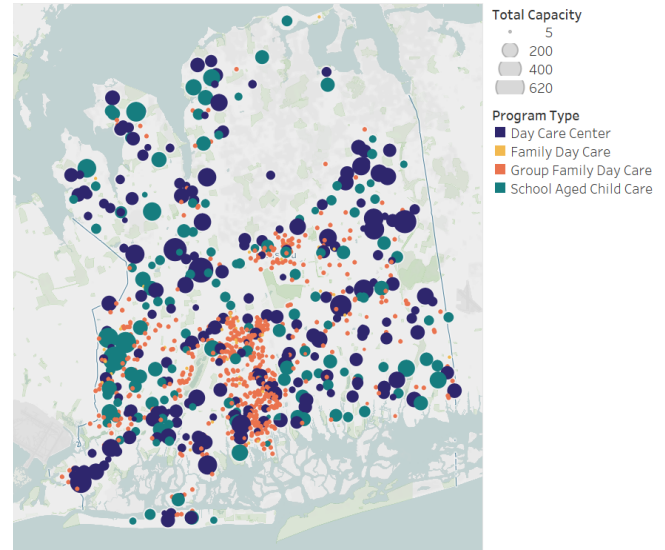
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Child care is a critical support for families with young children, employers, and New York state's economy. New York has made substantial investments in the child care system over the past few years, but more is needed to help the sector thrive. The 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.

Nassau County has 73,678 children under the age of 5 and 134,139 children between 5 and 12 years old out of a total population of 1,389,160. In the county, 76% 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.

In Nassau County, there were 1012 child care programs in 2020 and 1095 programs in 2024, a change of 8% over four years.

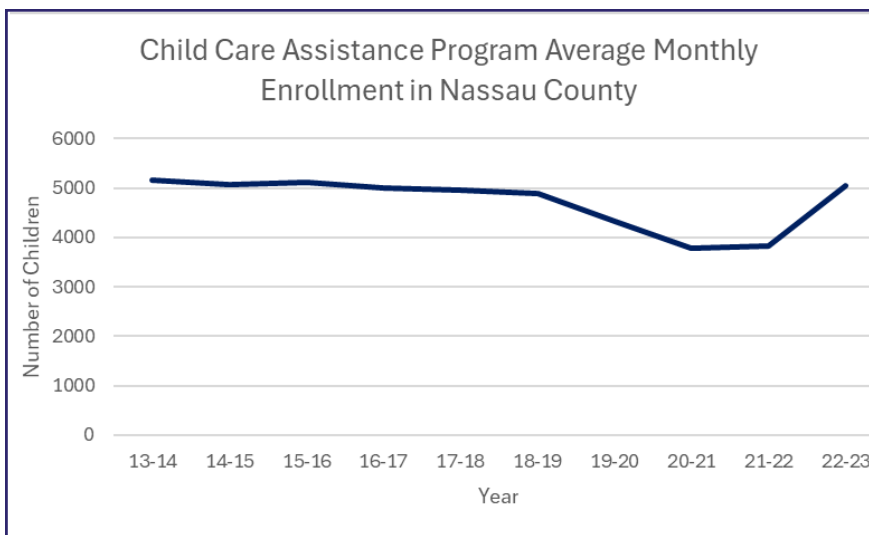
Nassau County Child Care Programs by Modality and Capacity



Capacity by Age

Year	Day Care Center	Family Day Care	Group Family Day Care	School Aged Child Care
2020	23,632	647	8,962	12,381
2024	26,236	475	10,201	15,668
Change	+2,604	-172	+1,239	+3,287

Age	# Children	Capacity	Ratio of Children-per-Slot
0-5	73,678	32,162	2.3 - 1
6-12	134,139	20,361	6.6 - 1



6,444
child care workers in Nassau County
earn an average of
\$18.21/hour
or
\$37,153
annually

95.5%
of all jobs earn more than the average
child care provider

Child Care in Nassau County

Child Care Assistance program reimbursements in Nassau County have increased 16% from 2020-2024, from \$66,981,253 to \$79,896,326.

Over 30% of children living in Nassau County qualify for some form of child care assistance. However, **only 9.8%** of eligible families were 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 **\$7,000** a year to **\$200** a year **from 2020 to 2024**.

Annual Child Care Assistance Program Rates for Toddlers

Modality	2020	2024	% Change
Day Care Center	\$17,576	\$19,760	11%
Family Day Care	\$15,340	\$17,940	14%

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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