

# JEFFERSON COUNTY

**Total Population: 40,045**

- Children under age 5: 2,344
- Children ages 5 to 9: 2,718
- Children ages 10 to 14: 2,945

**Jefferson County** is a rural county with a growing population of 40,045 reported in the 2000 census. Median age for the county is 34.9 and the number of children under 5 is 2,344. The county seat is Mount Vernon. Twenty-five percent of the county's children live in poverty. Jefferson County has 71 child care facilities, of which 55 report that they accept child care subsidies.

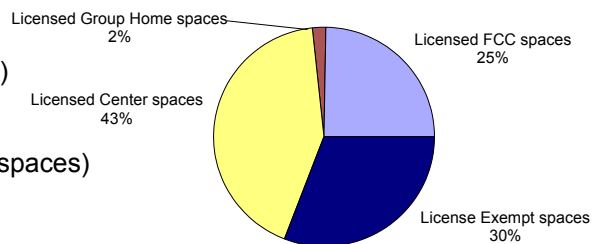
Jefferson County has diverse employment opportunities and is home to Rend Lake Community College. Some of the larger employers of the county include Continental General Tire, St Mary's Good Samaritan and Walgreens Distribution Center. I-64 and I-57 intersect Jefferson County making access to recreation attractions like Rend Lake Resort and Golf center, Wayne Fitzgerald Park and Rend Lake popular. Due to the growing population, tourism, and the expanding business opportunities, the need for weekend care is increasing in Jefferson County.

## Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 71 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 1,525 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

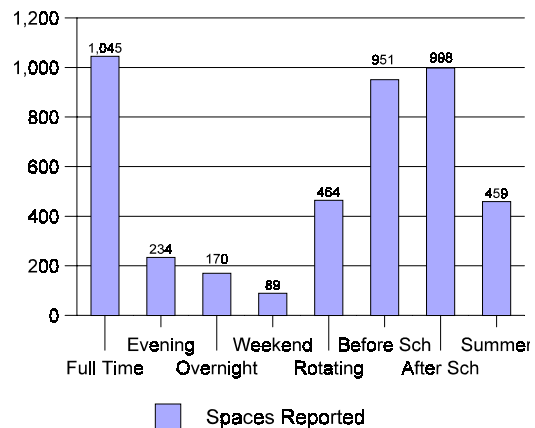
- 44 Licensed Family Child Care (381 spaces)
- 2 Licensed Group Homes (27 spaces)
- 9 Licensed Centers (651 spaces)
- 16 License Exempt Centers & Homes (466 spaces)



## Child Care Capacity by Age Group and Schedule

Child care programs listed with the local CCR&R report the potential capacity by age group and schedule, as shown below. The actual enrollment or available spaces may vary.\*

Age Group	Spaces Reported
Infants	112
Toddlers	113
2 Years	155
3 & 4 Years	589
5 & Ks	328
School-Age B/A School	232
School-Age Summer Care	35



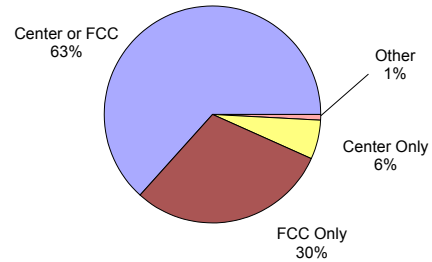
\* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

## Child Care Requests

In Jefferson County, 237 families called the CCR&R to request care for 396 children.

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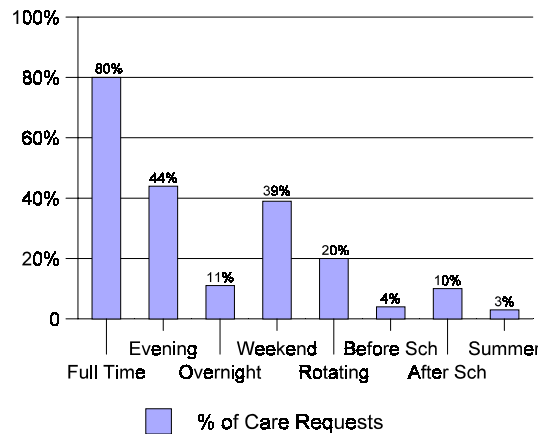
- 251 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 119 were for Family Child Care Only
- 23 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 3 were for Other Types of Care



### Requests by Age Group and Schedule

Individuals calling the local CCR&R requested the types of care by the ages and schedules shown below.

Age Group	% Requested
Infants	21%
Toddlers	16%
2 Years	14%
3 & 4 Years	21%
5 & Ks	7%
School-Age	21%

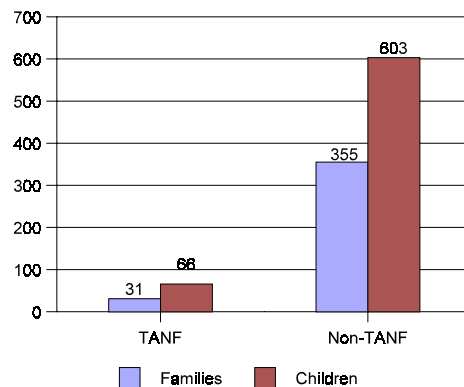


## Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Jefferson County is \$86.01 per week, which is about 9% of the state median weekly family income of \$997.

Assistance in paying for child care is provided through subsidies by DHS. In June 2001, there were a total of 386 families receiving subsidies for 669 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 71 child care facilities in Jefferson County, 55 (77%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Jefferson County, contact the Project CHILD office:  
800-362-7257

Data is from Fiscal Year 2001  
(July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001)