

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Total Population: 39,678

- Children under age 5: 2,377
- Children ages 5 to 9: 2,687
- Children ages 10 to 14: 2,972

Livingston County includes the communities of Pontiac, the county seat, and Dwight, as well as a dozen other small rural towns. Although primarily agricultural, the county has seen employment increase in the non-farm sector by 11% in transportation utilities, manufacturing 9% and retail 9% in the last ten years. Almost ten percent of the population is below the poverty level, and 13.5% of the children live in poverty.

The community of Pontiac is currently developing plans for a child care center. The local CCR&R has supplied surveys, evaluated data and provided supply and demand statistics. Family child care homes, licensed and unlicensed are at capacity much of the time. The local CCR&R and Illinois Department of Children and Services encourage licensing and provide the training to support new providers.

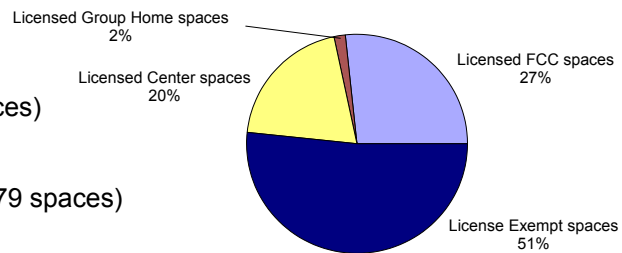
The community of Fairbury has seen four child care centers open and close over the last ten years. A new center in a new location was opened September 2001 and is almost full.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 81 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 1,315 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

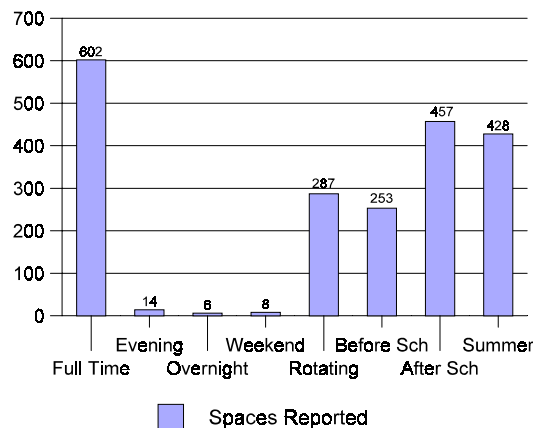
- 47 Licensed Family Child Care (351 spaces)
- 2 Licensed Group Homes (23 spaces)
- 5 Licensed Centers (262 spaces)
- 27 License Exempt Centers & Homes (679 spaces)



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	56
Toddlers	61
2 Years	83
3 & 4 Years	728
5 & Ks	194
School-Age B/A School	173
School-Age Summer Care	127



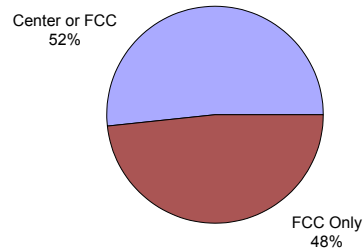
* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Livingston County, 98 families called the CCR&R to request care for 164 children.

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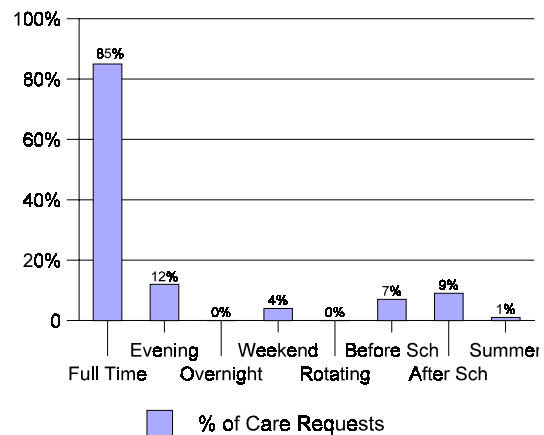
- 85 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 79 were for Family Child Care Only
- 0 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 0 were for Other types of care



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	23%
Toddlers	13%
2 Years	13%
3 & 4 Years	26%
5 & Ks	6%
School-Age	19%

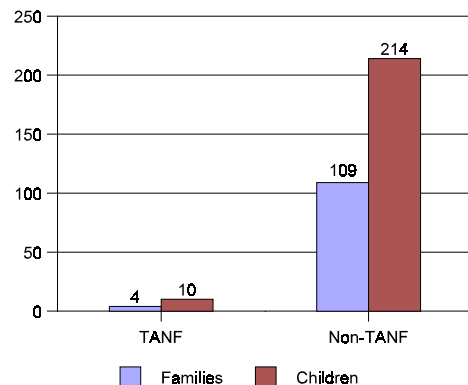


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Livingston County is \$80.94 per week, which is about 8% 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 113 families receiving subsidies for 224 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 81 child care facilities in Livingston County, 48 (59%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Livingston County, contact the Child Care Resource & Referral Network office:
800-437-8256

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