

# ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

**Total Population: 149,374**

- Children under age 5: 9,486
- Children ages 5 to 9: 9,598
- Children ages 10 to 14: 10,160

Rock Island County is comprised of a relatively large urban area (Rock Island/Moline) and several smaller towns and rural areas as well. The urban area also enjoys proximity to Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa which are cities directly across the river. This bi-state connection allows for joint projects and agency ties, including the Quad Cities AEYC affiliate and a combined United Way. Rock Island Arsenal joins the two states as well and is home to a large child care facility, which serves both military and civilian Arsenal employees.

Two hundred seventy-two child care providers with a capacity of almost 7,000 spaces serve the needs of the 9,846 children 5 years of age and under. An additional 3,000 spaces are needed to provide a wide range of choices to parents. In June 2001, 819 families in Rock Island County received child care assistance from Illinois DHS. Several large child care centers in Rock Island County serve low income families with sliding scale fees and 510 site contracted spaces with Illinois DHS. Blackhawk College offers a degree program in Early Childhood Education.

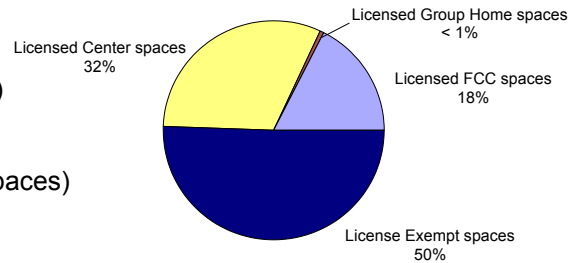
Export Packaging, a local full service logistics provider, has partnered with Just Kids, a large local child care business, to provide on-site child care at Export's Milan facility. Export received one of nine Governor's Family Investment Awards designed to showcase progressive business policies and highlight them as "best practices" for others to emulate. Just Kids at Export also serves children with a second shift. Each year, several large industrial companies in the area survey their employees regarding child care and other issues, but so far only Export has acted on the results.

## Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 272 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 6,979 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

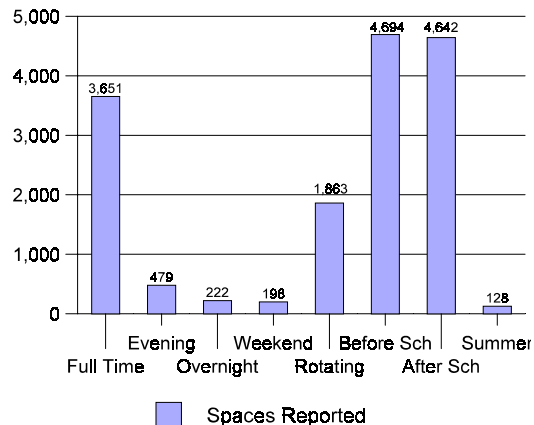
- 164 Licensed Family Child Care (1,227 spaces)
- 3 Licensed Group Homes (34 spaces)
- 35 Licensed Centers (2,208 spaces)
- 70 License Exempt Centers & Homes (3,510 spaces)



## 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	242
Toddlers	323
2 Years	476
3 & 4 Years	2,337
5 & Ks	661
School-Age B/A School	2,554
School-Age Summer Care	623



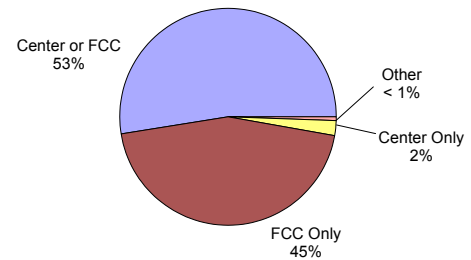
\* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

## Child Care Requests

In Rock Island County, 800 families called the CCR&R to request care for 1,218 children.

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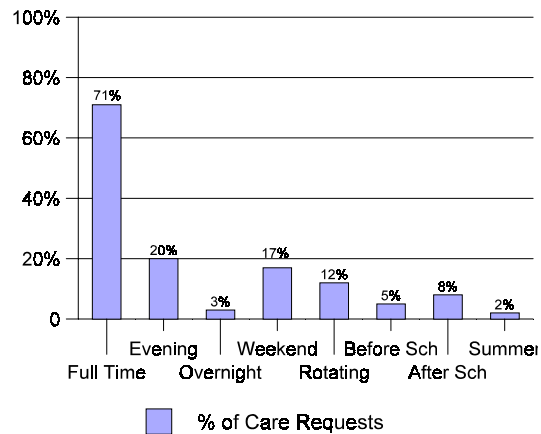
- 640 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 546 were for Family Child Care Only
- 27 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 5 were for Other types of care



### 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	24%
Toddlers	18%
2 Years	11%
3 & 4 Years	20%
5 & Ks	6%
School-Age	21%

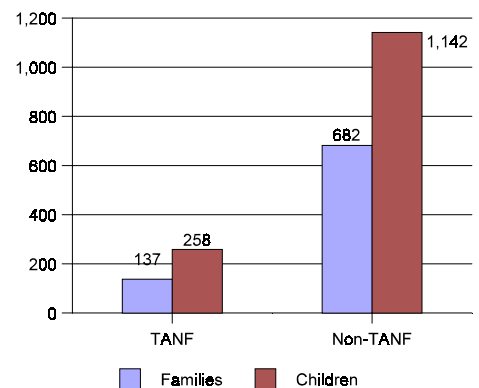


## Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Rock Island County is \$96.82 per week, which is about 10% 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 819 families receiving subsidies for 1,400 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 272 child care facilities in Rock Island County, 215 (79%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Rock Island County, contact the Community Child Care Resource & Referral Center office: 800-369-3778

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