

SALINE COUNTY

Total Population: 26,733

- Children under age 5: 1,541
- Children ages 5 to 9: 1,628
- Children ages 10 to 14: 1,792

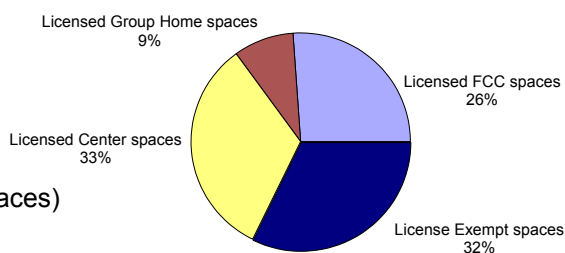
According to the US Census Bureau 2000 statistics, **Saline County** has seen almost no change in population during the last decade. The county's median household income is \$25,876 and 18.7 percent of the persons living in the county have incomes below the poverty level. The county is home to several manufacturers and to Southeastern Illinois College, which provide not only employment to the county's citizens but educational, job training and support services to the community as well. The county has a significant number of licensed providers and parents can choose from a variety of center or family based child care options. Harrisburg, the largest community in the county, is the home of one of CCR&R Family and Early Education Resource Centers. This collaborative venture with Harrisburg Pre-kindergarten program serves more than 100 families and child care providers each month. In addition CCR&R works closely with Southeastern Illinois College to provide training to the county's child care providers.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 34 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 715 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

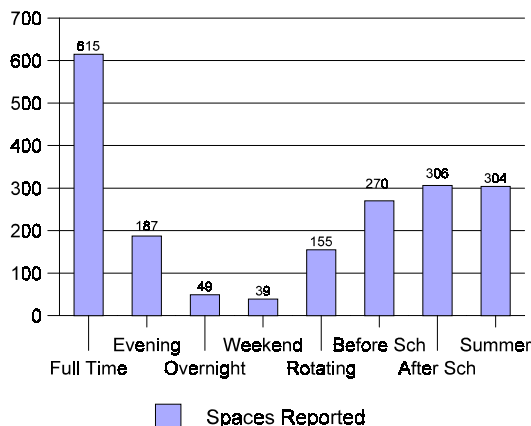
- 20 Licensed Family Child Care (187 spaces)
- 4 Licensed Group Homes (64 spaces)
- 4 Licensed Centers (235 spaces)
- 6 License Exempt Centers & Homes (229 spaces)



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	63
Toddlers	56
2 Years	78
3 & 4 Years	345
5 & Ks	140
School-Age B/A School	56
School-Age Summer Care	1



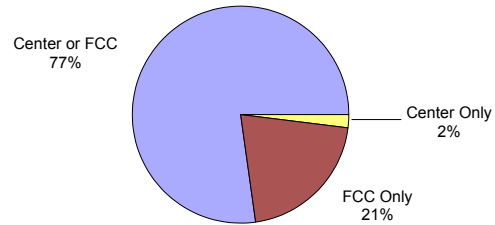
* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Saline County, 67 families called the CCR&R to request care for 111 children.

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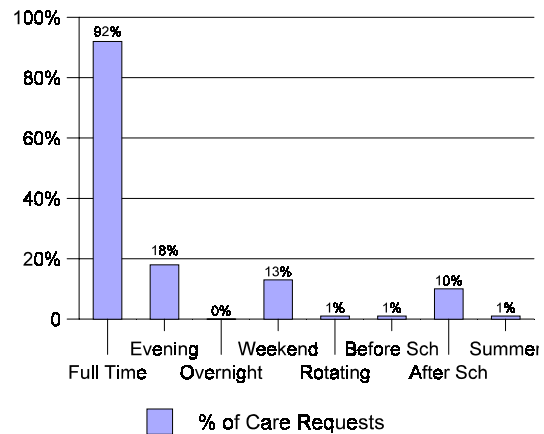
- 86 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 23 were for Family Child Care Only
- 2 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 0 were for Other types of care



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	11%
Toddlers	17%
2 Years	11%
3 & 4 Years	21%
5 & Ks	9%
School-Age	31%

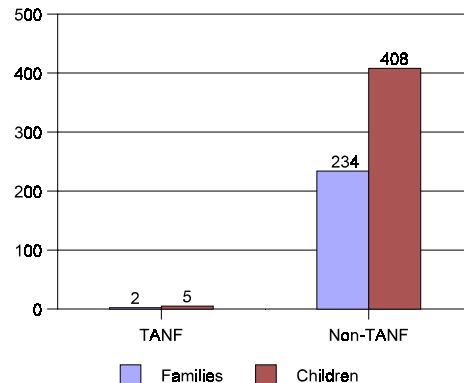


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Saline County is \$78.68 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 236 families receiving subsidies for 413 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 34 child care facilities in Saline County, 23 (68%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Saline County, contact the Child Care Resource & Referral office: 800-232-0908

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