

SANGAMON COUNTY

Total Population: 188,951

- Children under age 5: 12,110
- Children ages 5 to 9: 13,290
- Children ages 10 to 14: 13,483

Sangamon County is located in the heartland of the nation. Government is the largest employer in Sangamon County and providing quality service to the public is of primary importance. There are many factors that contribute to the quality of life in Sangamon County; one of most importance is its excellent neighborhoods with a great sense of community. Springfield, Sangamon County's largest city, is the state capital and county seat.

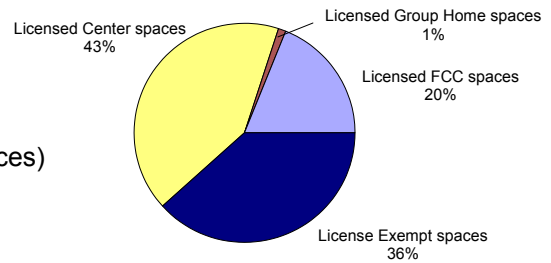
The CCR&R agency has been involved in community activities such as county fairs, health fairs, interagency meetings and parades and works to help families become self-sufficient by helping them pay for child care. Also, the CCR&R is present to serve its providers by providing training, lending library resources, scholarship programs, nurse consultations, etc. in order to help support them and their business.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 463 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 13,115 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

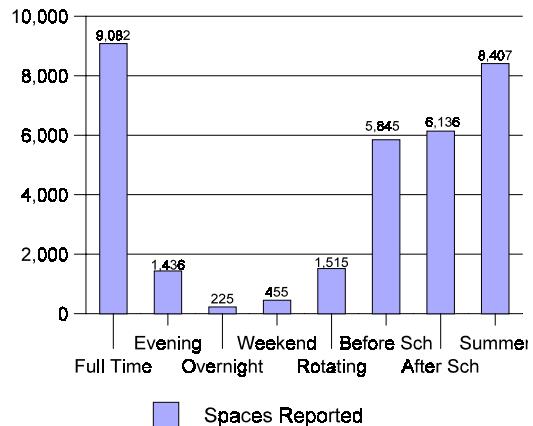
- 305 Licensed Family Child Care (2,598 spaces)
- 9 Licensed Group Homes (135 spaces)
- 73 Licensed Centers (5,657 spaces)
- 76 License Exempt Centers & Homes (4,725 spaces)



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	858
Toddlers	1,012
2 Years	1,312
3 & 4 Years	3,918
5 & Ks	1,623
School-Age B/A School	2,934
School-Age Summer Care	2,090



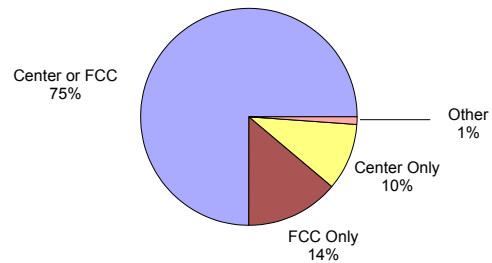
* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Sangamon County, 1,152 families called the CCR&R to request care for 1,751 children.

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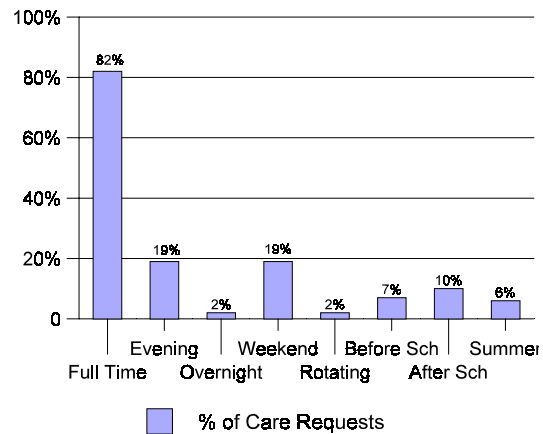
- 1,317 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 242 were for Family Child Care Only
- 177 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 15 were for Other Types of Care



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	26%
Toddlers	14%
2 Years	13%
3 & 4 Years	19%
5 & Ks	6%
School-Age	22%

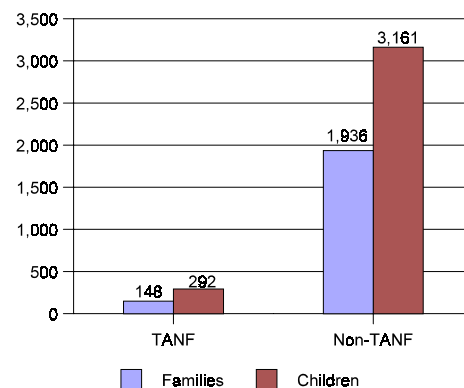


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Sangamon County is \$99.31 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 2,084 families receiving subsidies for 3,453 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 463 child care facilities in Sangamon County, 297 (64%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Sangamon County, contact the Community Child Care Connection office: 800-676-2805

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