



## 2015 Child Care Needs Assessment for: Mercer County

Data as of 6/17/15



Demographics of County	Mercer County	Missouri
Total residents	3,719	6,044,171
Percent of people below poverty level	20.30%	15.50%
Children under 6 with working parents	265	300,694
Median Family Income**	\$49,087	\$46,640
Unemployment rate - population 16 and older	5.70%	5.90%
Number of children in child care receiving state assistance	0	33,205

### Child Care Supply as of 6/17/15

#### Child Care and Early Learning Programs (all regulation types: licensed, licensed exempt and exempt from regulation)

Centers	0
Group Homes	0
Preschools	2
Family Child Care	4
School Age Only Programs	0
<b>Total Child Care and Early Learning</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Licensed Child Care and Early Learning Programs

Licensed Centers	0
Licensed Group Homes	0
Licensed Preschools	2
Licensed Family Child Care Programs	2
Licensed School Age Only Programs	0
<b>Total Licensed Child Care and Early Learning</b>	<b>4</b>

#### License Exempt/Inspected Child Care and Early Learning Programs

License Exempt Centers	0
License Exempt Preschools	0

#### Known Exempt/Not subject to regulation Child Care and Early Learning Programs

Exempt Centers	0
Exempt Preschools	0
Exempt Family Child Care Programs	2

**Licensed Capacity**

Licensed Centers	0
Licensed Group Homes	0
Licensed Preschools	54
Licensed Family Child Care Programs	20
Licensed School Age Only	0

**Total Licensed Capacity** **74**

**Desired Enrollment (License Exempt & Exempt)**

Desired Enrollment Capacity - Center-based Care	no data collected
Desired Enrollment Capacity - Family Child Care Programs**	8
Desired Enrollment Capacity - School Age Only	no data collected

**Total Desired Enrollment (License Exempt and Exempt,Self Reported)** **8**

**Cost of Care - Full Time Weekly**

	Center			Family Child Care			School Age		
	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg	Max
<b>Infant</b>	X	X	X	\$70	\$70	\$70	X	X	X
<b>4 Year Old</b>	X	X	X	\$70	\$73	\$75	X	X	X
<b>School Age</b>	X	X	X	\$70	\$73	\$75	X	X	X

\*\* calculated by taking FCC Programs multiplied by 4 as that is the maximum unrelated children

**Income of Families** – In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount. Although the family income statistics cover the past 12 months, the characteristics of individuals and the composition of families refer to the time of interview. Thus, the income of the family does not include amounts received by individuals who were members of the family during all or part of the past 12 months if these individuals no longer resided with the family at the time of interview. Similarly, income amounts reported by individuals who did not reside with the family during the past 12 months but who were members of the family at the time of interview are included. However, the composition of most families was the same during the past 12 months as at the time of interview.

**Data Sources from United States Census Reports:**

- DP03 2009-2013 ACS Economic Characteristics 5-year estimates
- State and County Quickfacts (Census.gov)

**Missouri Subsidy Data:**

- DSS Early Childhood & Prevention Services Block Grant Child Care Monthly

## Supply & Capacity Data

*Information included in this report is maintained by Child Care Aware® of Missouri and is based on reports from the Department of Health and Senior Services and other sources. Because child care programs change frequently, the Department of Health and Senior Services should always be contacted for the most exact number of licensed programs and licensed capacity data.*

*Child Care Aware® of Missouri tracks data on licensed child care, early learning and after-school programs across the state, as well as on early learning and after-school programs that opt-in to regulations or listing for referrals to families. Therefore, Child Care Aware® of Missouri recognizes that there is a group of child care, early learning and after-school programs that are not captured in these totals because they are not required to provide information about themselves to any authority. Child care facilities operated by religious organizations and nursery schools (facilities that serve each child for no more than four hours a day) are required by statute to be inspected but are exempt from licensure. Family child care homes that serve four or fewer unrelated children and child care provided by public or private K-12 education are some examples that are not subject to regulation.*