



Maryland Child Care Resource Network

Child Care Links

# Child Care Demographics 2007

## Baltimore County Report

Baltimore County, with an area of 633 square miles, surrounds Baltimore City on the east, north, and west. It is one of seven jurisdictions which make up the Baltimore metropolitan area. Traveling north, the character of the landscape changes from urban to suburban and to rural as one approaches the Pennsylvania border. Heavy industry is located in the eastern and southwestern parts of the County. The north-central area has attracted a large share of light manufacturing and service-related businesses in the past two decades. Two designated growth areas (White Marsh in the northeast and Owings Mills in the northwest) have the largest land area available for new development.

The County is home to several Fortune 500 companies and the headquarters setting for some of the largest businesses in the world. Baltimore County is home to nearly 21,000 businesses. Major employers include AAI, CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield of MD, GM Powertrain, Mittal Steel, Black & Decker, T. Rowe Price, McCormick & Co., BD Diagnostic System, Solo Cup Company, Proctor & Gamble, United Parcel Service, and Lockheed Martin.

Source: Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) 2005-2006.

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## Frequently Requested Child Care Information

### Child Population 2000

Age Group	Number in age group
0-1	17,932
2-4	27,320
5-9	50,423
10-11	21,588
Total	117,263

Source: Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), 2000 Census Summary File 1.

### Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Baltimore Co. is \$71,375<sup>6</sup>. A family of four that included a couple and two children ages 1-2 and 3-5 years can be expected to have the following yearly household expenses:

Expense	Cost	% of Income
Child Care	\$ 14,739	20.7%
Infant <sup>1</sup>	\$7,706.92	
Preschooler <sup>2</sup>	\$7,032.48	
Food <sup>3</sup>	\$ 8,346	11.7%
Housing <sup>4</sup>	\$ 14,028	19.7%
Taxes <sup>5</sup>	\$ 16,577	23.2%
Total	\$ 53,690	75.3%

<sup>1</sup>Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2006). <sup>2</sup>Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2006). <sup>3</sup>National average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, September 2006, U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). <sup>4</sup>Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2000 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. <sup>5</sup>Federal, state, and local income taxes, Medicare, and FICA taxes per IRS and Maryland Office of the Comptroller (2006). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. <sup>6</sup>Current income based on 2005 American Community Survey census data. This data can not be compared to previous data.

### Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

Baltimore County	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$148.21	\$206.61
3-5 years	\$124.72	\$135.24
School Age*	\$110.25	\$126.33

Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/06.

\* Family child care provider, center or school-based settings for school age children licensed by Office of Child Care; programs offered before and/or after school hours and during school holidays and vacation.

### Number of Baltimore Co. Children under 12 with Mothers in the Work Force<sup>1</sup>

90,555 – 77%<sup>2</sup> of total 2006 child population under 12 (117,604).

<sup>1</sup>Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care. <sup>2</sup>Percent based on 2000 census data. Total population number based on GeoLytics, Inc. Estimate Professional 2006/2011. Data is not directly comparable to earlier reports.

### Population Information

#### Child Population<sup>1</sup>

	1990		2000	
	Baltimore Co.	Maryland	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
0-3 years	28,483	216,136	26,746	209,218
3-4 years	18,797	141,682	18,506	144,175
5 years	9,070	69,456	9,378	74,546
6-9 years	33,968	262,917	41,045	316,772
10-11 years	15,861	124,328	21,588	162,481
Total	106,179	814,519	117,263	907,192

<sup>1</sup>Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census Summary Tape File 1A (STF 1A), 1990, 2000 Censuses. Age breakdowns prepared by MCC.

#### Female Population (selected ages)

Age Group	1995 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>2</sup>
20-24	22,096	23,549
25-29	27,750	24,564
30-34	32,423	28,261
Total	82,269	76,374

<sup>1</sup>Source: MDP Population Projections 7/97. trend analysis by LOCATE: Child Care  
<sup>2</sup>MDP Census 2000 Summary File 1.

#### Work Force Information

##### Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
<b>1990</b>		
Female	178,358	1,238,003
Male	203,173	1,401,893
<b>2000</b>		
Female	195,131	1,351,034
Male	201,776	1,418,491
<b>Change</b>		
Female	9.4% (+)	9.1% (+)
Male	0.7% (-)	1.2% (+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census. Prepared by MDP, April 2002 based on STF 3A.

#### Females (16+) with Children

Age Group	2000	1990	Change
Total females (16+) with children under 6	21,514	41,291	48%(-)
Total females (16+) with children under 6 in the work force	15,028	26,601	43.5%(-)
Total females (16+) with children 6-17	53,337	42,013	27.0%(+)
Total females (16+) with children 6-17 in the work force	43,119	33,238	29.7%(+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 census. Prepared by MDP, April 2002 based on STF 3A.

#### Total Population

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
2000	754,292	5,296,486
1995	712,904	5,046,079
1990	692,134	4,780,753
1980	655,615	4,216,975

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census Summary Tape File 1A (STF 1A), 2000, 1990, 1980 Censuses of Population and Housing and Maryland Department of Planning Data Services, Revisions, 6/95.

#### Male Population (selected ages)

Age Group	1995 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>2</sup>
20-24	21,574	21,563
25-29	25,888	22,462
30-34	30,961	26,053
Total	78,423	70,078

<sup>1</sup>Source: MDP Population Projections 7/97. Spread of ages by LOCATE: Child Care  
<sup>2</sup>MDP Census 2000 Summary File 1.

#### Households

	1990	2000
Total household population	678,424	736,652
Total # of households	268,280	299,877
Average household size	2.53	2.46

Source: Census 2000 Summary File 1. Produced by the Maryland Department of Planning, Planning Data Services.



Census Information

Families and Poverty

	1990	%	2000	%	%Change
All Families	191,405	100%	198,605	100%	3.8%(+)
Families Below Poverty Level	7,335	3.8%	9,058	4.6%	23.5%(+)
All Families w/Children Under 6**	38,127	100%	20,421	N/A*	N/A*
Families w/Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	2,771	7.3%	3,045	N/A*	9.9%(+)
All Families w/Children Under 18	87,878	100%	90,711	100%	3.2%(+)
Families w/Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	5,441	6.2%	6,557	7.2%	20.5%(+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census. Prepared by MDP, May 2002 based on STF 1, STF 3A. Measurements of poverty status are based in income received from the previous year.

\*Comparable data not available from 1990 Census.

\*\*Data collected in 1990 was for children under 5

Educational Attainment

	Baltimore Co.	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs	Maryland	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs
High School Grad or Higher	431,380	84.3%	2,930,509	83.8%
Associate, Bachelor's Degree or Higher	185,198	36.2%	1,099,360	31.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000. Prepared by MDP, April 2002 based on STF 3A.

Children and Poverty

	1990	%	2000	%	%Change
Total Related Children Under 18	147,672	100%	159,317	100%	7.9%(+)
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	10,100	6.8%	13,434	8.4%	33.0%(+)
Total Related Children Under 5	46,426	100%	39,758	100%	14.4%(-)
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	3,370	7.3%	3,818	9.6%	13.3%(+)
Total Related Children 5-17	101,246	100%	119,559	100%	18.1%(+)
Total Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	6,730	6.6%	9,616	8.0%	42.9%(+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census. Prepared by MDP, August 2002 based on STF 3A. Measurements of poverty status are based in income received from the previous year.

Families

Baltimore Co.

	Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
1990	191,405	38,127**	87,878
2000	198,605	20,421	90,711
Change	3.8%(+)	N/A*	3.2%(+)

Maryland

	Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
1990	1,256,327	281,342**	649,622
2000	1,359,318	150,011	662,172
Change	8.2%(+)	N/A*	1.9%(+)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 and 2000 Censuses. Prepared by MDP, April 2002 based on Summary tape File 3A (STF 3A). See "Census of Population and Housing" in definitions section for additional information.

\* Comparable data not available for 1990 Census.

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### Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

#### Annual Wage Rate Information

Public School Teacher Salary Average (Baltimore County)	\$52,536
Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD)	\$54,333
Nonpublic School Teacher Average (Maryland)	\$44,582
Family Child Care Provider (Maryland)	\$27,529
Child Care Center Director (Maryland)	\$32,034
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland)	\$21,927
Center Aide (Maryland)	\$15,761

Sources: MSDE, Oct 2005; Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), 2006-07 school year, and MCC's 2006 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

#### Family Income

##### Median Family Income, 2000 Census

Baltimore Co.	\$59,998
Maryland	\$61,876

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census. Prepared by MDP, May 2002 based on STF 3A.

##### Median Household Effective Buying Income (EBI):

Baltimore Co.	\$44,560
Maryland	\$47,062

##### Percent Households

EBI Distribution	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
under \$25,000	21.7%	21.3%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	35.7%	32.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	23.4%	23.5%
\$75,000+	19.1%	22.6%

Source: Reprinted by permission: Copyright © Market Statistics, 2005. Demographics USA-County Ed. Median Household Effective Buying Income (EBI) is not directly comparable to 1997 or earlier reports.

#### Unemployment Rate

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
1996	5.5%	4.9%
1997	4.8%	4.7%
1998	4.7%	4.3%
1999	3.7%	3.3%
2000	3.7%	3.4%
2001	4.4%	4.0%
2002	4.4%	3.9%
2003	4.8%	4.1%
2004	4.3%	3.9%
2005	4.1%	3.9%
2006	3.9%	3.7%

Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), Sept 2006.

#### Housing Information

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
Owner-Occupied housing	202,579 (68%)	1,341,751 (68%)
Renter-Occupied housing	97,298 (32%)	639,108 (32%)

Note: Percentage is based on total occupied housing units.

	Baltimore Co.	Maryland
Mean value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$127,300	\$146,000
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs With a Mortgage	\$1,169	\$1,296
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$670	\$689

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census STF 1A and STF 3A, 2000 Census. Prepared by MDP, May 2002. Percentage based on total occupied housing units prepared by MCC.

Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children’s Programs by Type with Capacity/Enrollment

	# of Programs	Capacity
Family Child Care Providers	1,208	8,802
*CCA Licensed Group Programs	394	21,310
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	182	11,823
Infant/Toddler	83	1,149
Part-Day	89	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	275	N/A
Small Centers	15	201
Employer-Sponsored Centers	11	1,042
Youth Camps	69	N/A
Nursery Schools	58	N/A
Kindergarten	68	N/A
**Head Start	9	enrollment: 572
***Public Pre-Kindergarten	77	participants: 3,020

\*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.  
 \*\*= federally funded \*\*\*= state funded

Source: MCC/LOCATE Child Care, 7/06; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private
Elementary Schools	104	54
Middle Schools	26	0
Combined	0	34

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private
Pre-Kindergarten (included EEEP):	3,657	7,856
Kindergarten	7,204	2,531
Grades 1 - 6	37,349	12,696
Total	48,210	23,083

Source: MSDE, 2005-06 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2005. Private schools include MSDE approved schools and those operated by a tax-exempt religious organization which hold a letter of exemption from approval in accordance with State law.



### Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

#### Density of Family Providers and Center Programs by Community/Zip Code

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Baltimore Co. as of July 1, 2006.

Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Baldwin 21013	1	0.1	0	0
Baltimore 21128	1	0.1	0	0
Baltimore 21204	4	0.3	5	2.7
Baltimore 21206	28	2.3	1	0.5
Baltimore 21207	134	11.1	13	7.1
Baltimore 21208	45	3.7	3	1.6
Baltimore 21209	9	0.7	1	0.5
Baltimore 21212	6	0.5	3	1.6
Baltimore 21215	4	0.3	0	0
Baltimore 21219	8	0.7	1	0.5
Baltimore 21220	59	4.9	5	2.7
Baltimore 21221	73	6.0	9	4.9
Baltimore 21222	61	5.0	10	5.5
Baltimore 21224	9	0.7	0	0
Baltimore 21227	56	4.6	8	4.4
Baltimore 21228	81	6.7	9	4.9
Baltimore 21229	19	1.6	3	1.6
Baltimore 21234	106	8.8	8	4.4
Baltimore 21235	0	0	1	0.5
Baltimore 21236	41	3.4	6	3.3
Baltimore 21237	39	3.2	8	4.4
Baltimore 21239	4	0.3	2	1.1
Baltimore 21244	96	7.9	15	8.2
Baltimore 21250	0	0	1	0.5
Baltimore 21252	0	0	1	0.5
Baltimore 21286	9	0.7	6	3.3
Brooklandville 21022	0	0	1	0.5
Cockeysville 21030	14	1.2	8	4.4

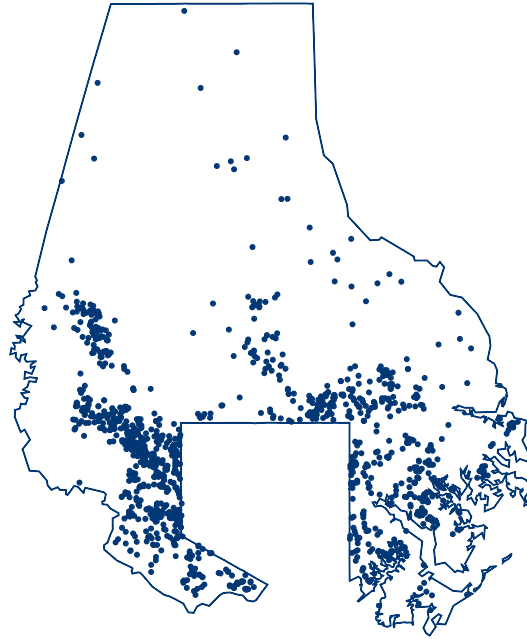
Community/ Zip Code	Family Providers	%	8-12 Hour Centers	%
Freeland 21053	1	0.1	0	0
Glen Arm 21057	3	0.2	0	0
Glyndon 21071	1	0.1	0	0
Hampstead 21074	2	0.2	0	0
Hunt Valley 21030	1	0.1	0	0
Hunt Valley 21031	0	0	1	0.5
Hydes 21082	2	0.2	0	0
Kingsville 21087	3	0.2	1	0.5
Lutherville/ Timonium 21093	28	2.3	3	1.6
Middle River 21220	1	0.1	0	0
Monkton 21111	6	0.5	1	0.5
Nottingham 21236	6	0.5	1	0.5
Oella 21043	2	0.2	0	0
Owings Mills 21117	57	4.7	18	9.9
Parkton 21120	2	0.2	1	0.5
Perry Hall 21128	12	1.0	4	2.2
Phoenix 21131	6	0.5	1	0.5
Pikesville 21208	2	0.2	1	0.5
Randallstown 21133	93	7.7	9	4.9
Reisterstown 21136	59	4.9	4	2.2
Rosedale 21237	3	0.2	0	0
Sparks 21152	1	0.1	4	2.2
Towson 21286	1	0.1	1	0.5
Upper Falls 21156	1	0.1	0	0
Upperco 21155	2	0.2	2	1.1
White Hall 21161	1	0.1	1	0.5
White Marsh 21162	2	0.2	0	0
Windsor Mill 21244	2	0.2	1	0.5
Woodstock 21163	1	0.1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>98.7%</b>

Source: MCC/LOCATE:Child Care, 7/06. Note: Percentages do not total 100% because of rounding.

Supply of Regulated Child Care

Density of Regulated Family Child Care Homes in Baltimore County

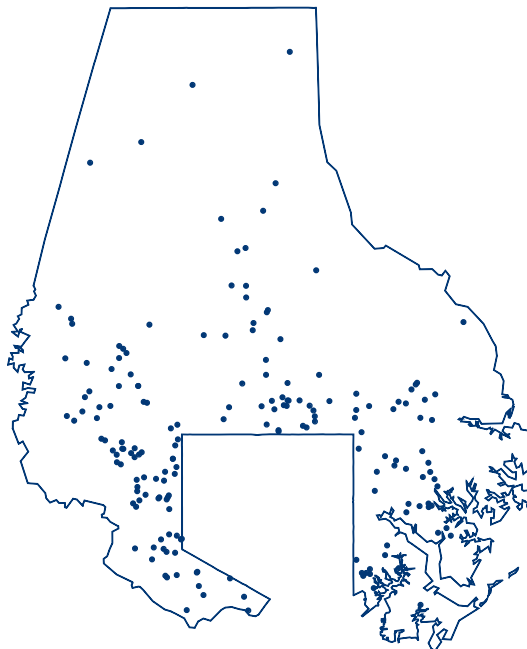
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Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/06.

Density of Licensed 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers in Baltimore County

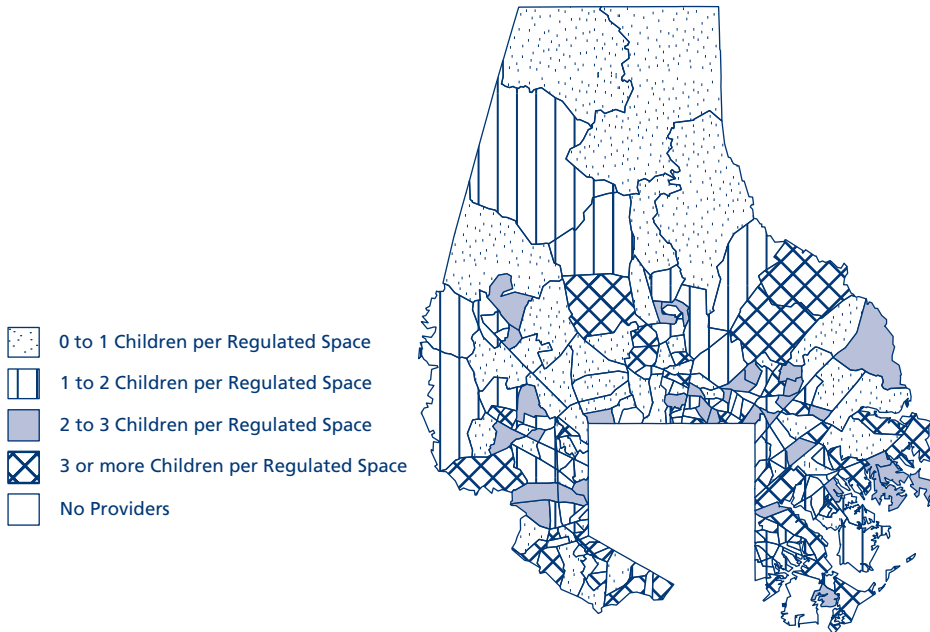
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### Supply of Regulated Child Care

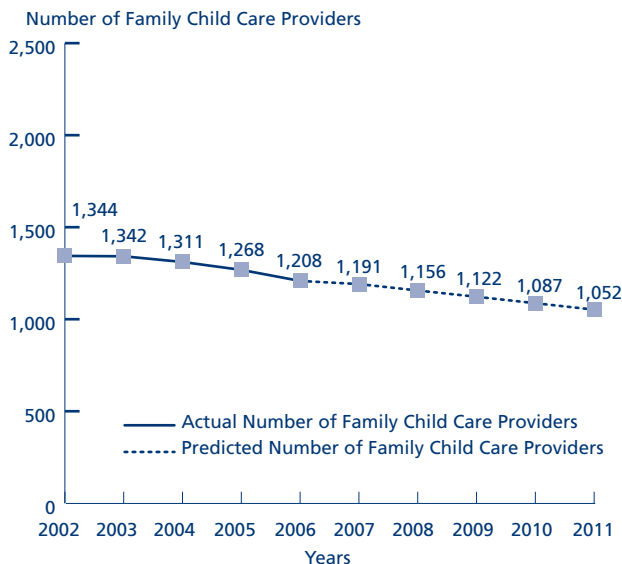
#### Number of Children 0-5 Years Per Regulated Child Care Space by Census Tract



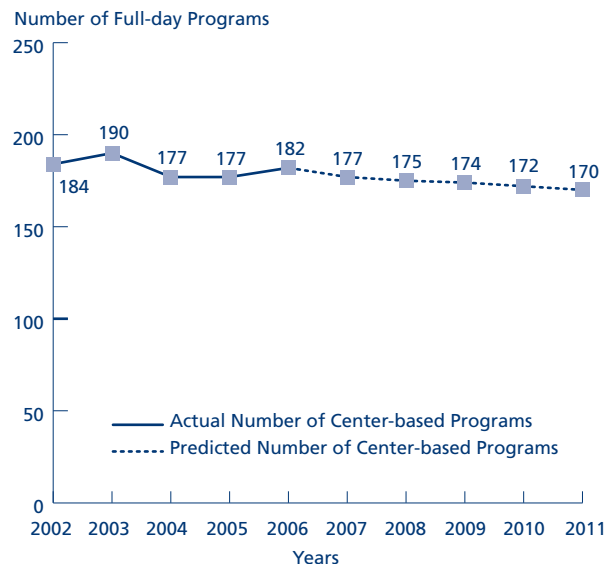
This map is based on the total population of children 0-5 yrs. Child population numbers are taken from Geolytics, Inc. Estimate Professional 2006/2011. When assessing the need for child care, the results of the National Child Care Survey 1990 also should be considered which indicate that approximately 66% of the working mothers surveyed used no supplemental care or utilized care by relatives, caregivers in the child's own home, or other arrangements. Only 34% utilized care in regulated out-of-home settings. See "National Child Care Survey 1990" in definition section for additional information.  
 Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census STF 3B, 2000 Census; MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/06.

#### Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

##### Family Child Care Providers in Baltimore 2002-2011



##### Center-based Programs in Baltimore 2002-2011



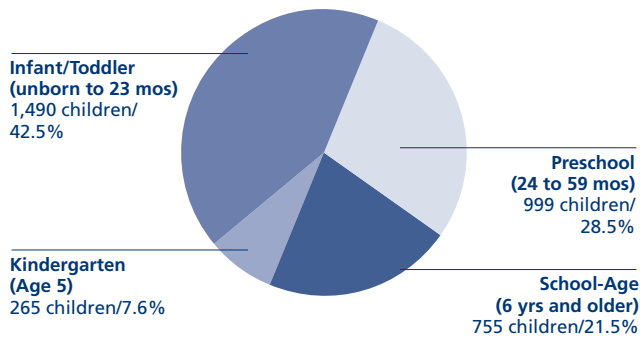
These predictions were generated with the use of the Cycle Regression Analysis Model. This model is being developed as part of the FORECAST system by Dr. LeRoy Simmons and Mr. George Wright of Loyola College. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care. For further information, contact Arna Griffith, 410.752.7588.

Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/06.

## Demand for Child Care

### Children Served by Age

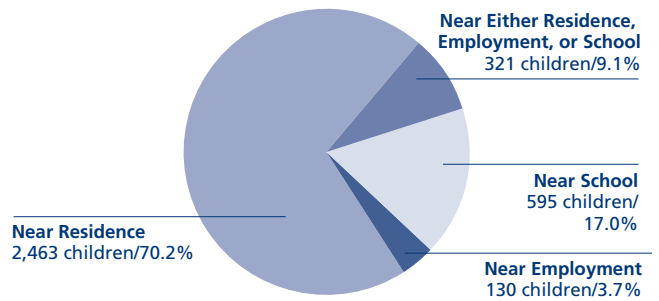
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).  
NOTE: Percentages do not total 100% because of rounding.

### Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

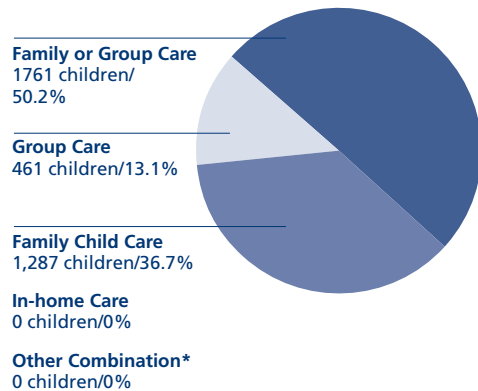
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### Children Served by Type of Care Preferred

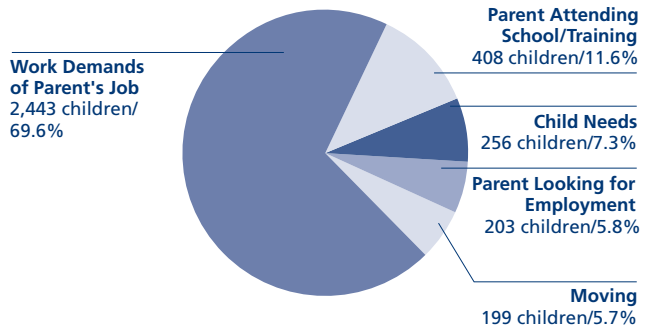
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).  
\* Indicates all other combinations of Family Care, Group Care and In-home Care

### Reason Child Care is Needed

N = 3,509



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

### Demand for Child Care

**Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care**  
3,509 children (7/1/05-6/30/06)

**Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served** N=3,509

Full-time: 2,148 children (61.2%)

Part-time: 1,338 children (38.1%)

Other\*: 23 children (0.7%)

\* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.  
Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

**Purchase of Care Program**

**LOCATE calls received from parents with children eligible for Purchase of Care Subsidy**  
1,059 (30.2% of all calls)

**LOCATE calls received from parents with children receiving Purchase of Care Subsidy**  
818 (23.3% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

**Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Baltimore County**

Reason	Count
No vacancies for infant	45
Cost	32
Schedule	31
Combination of ages	25
No vacancies for preschool	11
No vacancies for school age	11
Quality of care	8
No part time	7
Transportation/Escort	7
Location	5
Other	4

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

**Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in Baltimore County**

Reason	Count
Proximity to home	164
Quality of care	136
Educational program	119
Appearance/facilities	118
Cost of care	65
Hours of operation	57
Family setting	53
Group size	46
Proximity to work	42
Proximity to school	18
Only program/provider with vacancy	13
Special needs experience	13
Escort	9
Nearby transportation	8
Offered part time care	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

### Supply of Child Care

**Purchase of Care Program**

**Family Child Care Providers willing to care for POC children in Baltimore County**  
975 (80.7% of total family child care providers)

**Child Care Centers willing to care for POC children in Baltimore County**  
151 (83.0% of total child care centers)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

**Baltimore County FY 07 Allocation**  
\$12,998,208 = 2,551 full-time slots

Source: Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.

**Special Needs Child Care**

**Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
654 (54.1% of total family child care providers in Baltimore)

**Centers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
131 (72.0% of total child care centers in Baltimore)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Child Care Links (7/1/05-6/30/06).

## Definitions

**Before/After-School Care:** School-Age child care offers care to children enrolled in Kindergarten or above. Care is provided before and/or after school and during school holidays/vacations. Programs are licensed by the Office of Child Care. Programs may operate from a school building or other licensed facility.

**Census of Population and Housing:** There are two versions of the 1990 Census questionnaire: a short form which asks a limited number of population and housing questions of all households, and a long form questionnaire which asks additional social and economic questions of a sample of all households. The data contained in the Census Summary Tape File 1 A (STF 1 A) are based on the questions which were asked of all persons, while the data from the Census Summary Tape File 3A (STF 3A) are based on the sample questionnaire. The user should note that data obtained from a sample are subject to sampling variability, and that there are limitations to many of these data.

**Child Care:** The care or supervision of a child when the child's parent has given the child's care over to another for some portion of a 24-hour-day as a supplement to the parent's primary care of the child. (OCC)

**Child Care Center:** Child care provided in a facility that, for part or all of the day, provides care to children in the absence of the parent. Centers are licensed by the Office of Child Care.

**Children with Special Needs:** Children who, because of a disability or other special educational, developmental, physical, emotional, behavioral, or medical condition, require additional care, or whose activities are restricted by a certain condition. (OCC)

**Current Median Family Income:** Current median family income is based on 2005 American Community Survey census date.

**Current Population Estimates:** Current population estimates are based on GeoLytics, Inc. Estimate Professional 2006/2011.

**Educational Attainment:** The highest level of school completed or the highest degree received. Educational attainment figures were used for persons over 25 years of age. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Effective Buying Income:** Personal income less personal tax and nontax payments. It is commonly known as "Disposable personal income." (DBED)

**Employer-Sponsored Centers:** A child care center located on-site or off-site which is sponsored by a corporation, business, or other employer. Employees are given priority for enrollment slots.

**Family Child Care:** The care given to a child younger than 13 years old or to a developmentally disabled person younger than 21 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Regulations allow a family child care provider to care for as many as eight children at any time. (OCC)

**Family Household Income:** Family includes a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. Information on money income received in the calendar year 1999 was requested from persons 15 years and over. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Head Start:** Project Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for children from low-income families. Head Start is comprised of four components including Education, Health, Parent Involvement, and Social Services. Head Start Centers serve children from age 3 to school entry age from income eligible families.

**Infant/Toddler:** In the State of Maryland, "infant" means a child under 18 months old. "Toddler" means a child 18 months old or older but younger than 2 years old. (OCC)

**Kindergarten:** An instructional program for children who are 5 years old by September 30th of each academic year. Programs may be operated by a private or public school. Kindergarten is the year of school which precedes entrance to first grade.

**The National Child Care Survey 1990:** (NCCS) contains information on demand and parental preferences for care based on a nationally representative sample of families with children younger than age 13. The NCCS examined the type of care and education (excluding formal schooling) that parents use to supplement their own care of children. Employed mothers were surveyed regarding the primary supplemental care arrangements used for the most hours per week by their youngest child excluding school or kindergarten attendance.

The results indicate that 66% of the employed mothers surveyed used no supplemental care, or utilized care by relatives, by caregivers in the child's own home, or other arrangements. Family child care homes or child care centers were used as the primary supplemental care arrangement by the remaining 34%. The mother's utilization of out-of-home care varied with the age of the child, with 42% of children under 3 years of age, 60% of children ages 3-4 years, and 21 % of children 5-12 years placed in these settings for supplemental care.

## Definitions, cont.

**Nursery Schools:** An instructional program approved or exempted by the Maryland State Department of Education for children who are two through four years old. The maximum length of the program is 6 hours per day, however most operate only a few hours per day and may meet only two or three times per week for a nine month period.

**Owner Costs with Mortgage (Selected Monthly):** The sum of payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities; and fuels. It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fees or mobile home costs. A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Part Day:** A program regulated by OCC with an educational focus for children one or two years before entering kindergarten. These programs are usually 2-3 hrs/day, 2-3 days/week, nine months/year.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** These are publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs for eligible 4-year-old children administered by local boards of education or qualified vendors. The programs have the overall goal of providing learning experiences to help children develop and maintain school readiness skills necessary for successful school performance. Local school systems shall enroll all 4-year-old applicants from economically disadvantaged or homeless families.

**Poverty Level:** The 2006 poverty guideline for a family of four persons was \$20,000 in 2006. (Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, OCT 2006)

**Purchase of Care:** Provides financial assistance to eligible families in securing care for their children in registered family child care homes or licensed child care centers while parents/guardians are attending school, working, or in job training.

**Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent:** Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Small Centers:** A small center is licensed by the Office of Child Care for a maximum of 12 children. It may be in a residential or non-residential setting.

**Unemployment Rate:** Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Youth Camps (Licensed):** A day camp, residential camp, travel camp, or trip camp licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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