

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2025




4th State Senate District Senator Kimberly Lightford

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 4

7,927 children 0 to 2
7,697 children 3 to 5
20,576 children 6 to 12
36,200 Total children under 13

} **69%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work


What child care options are available to families?

-  **53** Child care centers can serve up to **4175** children
-  **179** Licensed child care homes can serve up to **1654** children
-  **541** License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **1167** children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$93,261

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

 Home-based: **\$13,350**

 Center-based: **\$18,328**

This is **14% - 20%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

 Home-based: **\$11,565**

 Center-based: **\$13,831**

This is **12% - 15%** of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: \$15,677

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

1099 children age 0-2

1487 children age 3-5

1825 children age 6-12

4535 children served

\$3,770,284.64

in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

8 Prevention Initiative programs

203 children age 0-2

28 Preschool for All programs

1590 children age 3-5

1,793 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

8 Early Head Start sites

180 children age 0-2

6 Head Start sites

266 children age 3-5

446 children served

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.

For source information on the data cited in this profile, please email:

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