



Maryland Child Care Resource Network  
 Prince George's Child  
 Resource Center

# Child Care Demographics 2009

## Prince George's County Report

Prince George's County, located in suburban metropolitan Washington D.C., encompasses almost 500 square miles. A diverse population of 801,515 (2000) residents is made up of African-Americans, Native Americans, Caucasians, Latinos, Filipinos, Asians and more. Environmentally, the county is as diverse as its people. This vital suburban jurisdiction has densely populated older inner beltway communities, tobacco fields, park lands, wildlife sanctuaries, and 100 miles of shoreline whose rivers empty in to the Chesapeake Bay.

In the past 10 years, Prince George's County experienced the greatest net increase of high-tech jobs in the state. Office space has tripled, and the tax base has doubled. Prince George's 15,300 businesses employ 230,000 workers, and estimated 475 of these businesses have 100 or more employees. Major employers include Andrews Air Force Base, ATK, SGT, Dimensions Health, NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, the University System of Maryland, Verizon Communications, Giant Foods Inc., Computer Sciences Corp, and Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Source: Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) 2007-2008.

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## Frequently Requested Child Care Information

### Child Population 2000

Age Group	Number in age group
0-1	22,826
2-4	35,114
5-9	64,103
10-11	25,142
Total	147,185

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 Prince George's is \$76,726<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	\$16,756	21.8%
Infant <sup>1</sup>	\$8,994.44	
Preschooler <sup>2</sup>	\$7,761.52	
Food <sup>3</sup>	\$ 9,838	12.8%
Housing <sup>4</sup>	\$16,848	22.0%
Taxes <sup>5</sup>	\$17,492	22.8%
Total	\$60,934	79.4%

<sup>1</sup>Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2008).  
<sup>2</sup>Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2008).  
<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 2008), 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 Comptroller (2008). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit.  
<sup>6</sup>Current income as shown in the 2nd Quarter 2008 EDIS Report. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

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

Prince George's	Family Child Care Programs	Child Care Centers
0-23 months	\$172.97	\$220.21
3-5 years	\$145.08	\$149.26
School Age*	\$133.42	\$141.08

Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/08.

\* 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 Prince George's Children under 12 with Mothers in the Work Force<sup>1</sup>

109,027 - 77%<sup>2</sup> of total 2008 child population under 12 (141,594).

<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 2008/2013. Data is not directly comparable to earlier reports.

### Population Information

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

	1990		2000	
	Prince George's	Maryland	Prince George's	Maryland
0-3 years	33,899	216,136	34,246	209,218
3-4 years	21,510	141,682	23,694	144,175
5 years	10,277	69,456	12,251	74,546
6-9 years	39,405	262,917	51,852	316,772
10-11 years	19,046	124,328	25,142	162,481
Total	124,137	814,519	147,185	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	29,666	29,176
25-29	35,411	31,432
30-34	38,842	35,139
Total	103,919	95,747

<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

	Prince George's	Maryland
<b>1990</b>		
Female	297,928	1,238,003
Male	224,291	1,401,893
<b>2000</b>		
Female	221,852	1,351,034
Male	209,268	1,418,491
<b>Change</b>		
Female	25.5% (+)	9.1% (+)
Male	6.7% (+)	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	25,051	46,630	46.3% (-)
Total females (16+) with children under 6 in the work force	18,715	35,851	48.0% (-)
Total females (16+) with children 6-17	58,025	49,362	17.5% (+)
Total females (16+) with children 6-17 in the work force	47,972	43,126	11.2% (+)

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

#### Total Population

	Prince George's	Maryland
2000	801,515	5,296,486
1995	771,605	5,046,079
1990	728,553	4,780,753
1980	665,071	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	30,452	29,436
25-29	34,303	28,565
30-34	36,508	31,042
Total	101,263	89,043

<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	712,090	784,158
Total # of households	258,011	286,610
Average household size	2.76	2.74

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



Census Information

Families and Poverty

	1990	%	2000	%	%Change
All Families	183,800	100%	198,066	100%	7.8%(+)
Families Below Poverty Level	6,872	3.7%	10,641	5.4%	54.8%(+)
All Families w/Children Under 6**	44,048	100%	22,678	N/A*	N/A*
Families w/Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	2,827	6.4%	4,137	N/A*	46.3%(+)
All Families w/Children Under 18	101,891	100%	101,251	100%	0.6%(-)
Families w/Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	5,409	5.3%	8,450	8.3%	56.2%(+)

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

	Prince George's	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs	Maryland	%Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs
High School Grad or Higher	427,557	84.9%	2,930,509	83.8%
Associate Bachelor's Degree or Higher	164,259	32.6%	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	174,164	100%	179,642	100%	3.1%(+)
Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level	11,500	65.6%	20,108	11.2%	74.9%(+)
Total Related Children Under 5	54,000	100%	46,366	100%	14.1%(-)
Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level	4,027	7.5%	5,461	11.8%	35.6%(+)
Total Related Children 5-17	120,164	100%	133,276	100%	10.9%(+)
Total Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level	7,473	6.2%	14,647	11.0%	96.0%(+)

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

Prince George's

	Total	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6	Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18
1990	183,800	44,048**	101,891
2000	198,066	22,676	101,251
Change	7.8%(+)	N/A*	0.6%(-)

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 (Prince George's)	\$60,886
Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD)	\$60,069
Nonpublic School Teacher Average (Maryland)	\$47,860
Family Child Care Provider (Maryland)	\$28,620
Child Care Center Director (Maryland)	\$34,862
Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland)	\$24,110
Center Aide (Maryland)	\$16,016

Sources: MSDE, Oct 2007, Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), 2008-09 school year, and MCC's 2008 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

#### Family Income

##### Median Family Income, 2000 Census

Prince George's	\$62,467
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):

Prince George's	\$51,658
Maryland	\$50,597

#### Percent Households

EBI Distribution	Prince George's	Maryland
under \$25,000	15.4%	19.2%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	32.7%	30.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	24.5%	22.3%
\$75,000+	27.5%	28.3%

Source: Reprinted by permission: Copyright © Market Statistics, 2007. Demographics USA-County Ed. Median Household Effective Buying Income (EBI) is not directly comparable to 1997 or earlier reports.

#### Unemployment Rate

	Prince George's	Maryland
1996	4.9%	4.9%
1997	4.8%	4.7%
1998	4.5%	4.3%
1999	3.4%	3.3%
2000	3.4%	3.4%
2001	4.4%	4.0%
2002	4.5%	3.9%
2003	4.5%	4.1%
2004	4.3%	3.9%
2005	4.4%	3.9%
2006	4.0%	3.7%
2007	3.9%	3.6%
2008	4.8%	4.5%

Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), Sept 2008.

#### Housing Information

	Prince George's	Maryland
Owner-Occupied housing	177,177 (62%)	1,341,751 (67.7%)
Renter-Occupied housing	109,433 (38%)	639,108 (32.3%)

Note: Percentage is based on total occupied housing units.

	Prince George's	Maryland
Mean value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$145,600	\$146,000
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs With a Mortgage	\$1,404	\$1,296
Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent	\$737	\$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	1,284	9,798
*OCC Licensed Group Programs	420	24,741
8-12 Hour Child Care Centers	287	16,839
Infant/Toddler	125	1,355
Part-Day	52	N/A
Before/after School (School & Center-Based)	311	N/A
Small Centers	74	835
Employer-Sponsored Centers	11	767
Youth Camps	81	N/A
Nursery Schools	28	N/A
Kindergarten	27	N/A
**Head Start	35	enrollment: 872
***Public Pre-Kindergarten	129	participants: 4,960

\*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, 7/08; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Education

Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

	Public	Private
Elementary Schools	138	53
Middle Schools	27	2
Combined	5	39

Elementary School Enrollment

	Public	Private
Pre-Kindergarten (included EEEP):	6,640	3,593
Kindergarten	8,819	1,690
Grades 1 - 6	43,772	8,496
Total	59,231	13,779

Source: MSDE, 2007-08 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2007. 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 Child Care

#### Supply of Family Child Care

Number Providing Services to					Mean Weekly Cost of Care		
City	# of Providers	Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
Beltsville	17	16	16	12	181.43	159.29	126.67
Bowie	142	126	136	118	194.68	168.05	134.00
Greenbelt	10	9	10	9	191.25	166.25	145.00
Hyattsville	73	70	73	63	158.64	141.71	109.23
Lanham	64	59	64	52	167.96	150.00	128.00
Laurel	67	64	67	58	198.08	161.84	129.70
Riverdale	20	18	20	14	170.91	140.83	120.71
Capitol Heights	61	55	61	54	161.41	138.95	112.50
Forestville	41	39	41	38	158.46	136.18	117.81
Landover	38	36	37	35	157.14	141.00	118.46
Mitchellville	33	30	32	27	197.22	168.16	131.07
Suitland	40	36	39	32	162.63	138.64	114.41
Upper Marlboro	150	128	142	127	177.31	155.53	120.51
Accokeek	21	18	19	19	180.00	157.78	142.86
Brandywine	14	12	13	12	182.50	153.33	132.50
Clinton	103	95	101	92	177.50	149.80	125.51
Fort Washington	95	83	88	86	171.83	147.97	115.33
Oxon Hill	43	36	42	41	160.36	133.75	108.93
Temple Hills	79	69	77	66	170.24	139.20	111.67

#### Supply of Full-Day Center Care

Number Providing Services to					Mean Weekly Cost of Care		
City	# of Providers	Infant	Pre-school	School-Age	Infants	Pre-school	B/A School
Beltsville	11	4	11	8	\$230.00	\$156.25	\$123.75
Bowie	28	11	24	20	257.50	175.00	97.86
Greenbelt	6	1	6	4	255.00	188.33	62.50
Hyattsville	17	5	16	8	207.50	144.06	87.00
Lanham	13	5	13	9	310.00	210.00	127.00
Laurel	20	5	19	13	257.50	178.33	92.50
Riverdale	7	2	5	3	255.50	164.00	00.00
Capitol Heights	16	7	14	11	200.00	132.50	93.33
Forestville	10	4	9	8	230.00	151.50	79.00
Landover	17	11	16	13	206.25	151.25	90.00
Mitchellville	6	3	6	3	000.00	000.00	00.00
Suitland	8	4	8	6	195.00	130.00	81.67
Upper Marlboro	17	8	16	11	227.50	167.33	89.13
Accokeek	3	2	2	2	250.00	000.00	00.00
Brandywine	3	2	3	2	211.45	144.38	143.75
Clinton	13	6	13	8	192.50	161.67	100.00
Fort Washington	18	5	17	16	215.00	143.40	92.50
Oxon Hill	6	3	5	4	215.00	160.50	77.50
Temple Hills	14	4	14	13	200.00	160.00	85.00

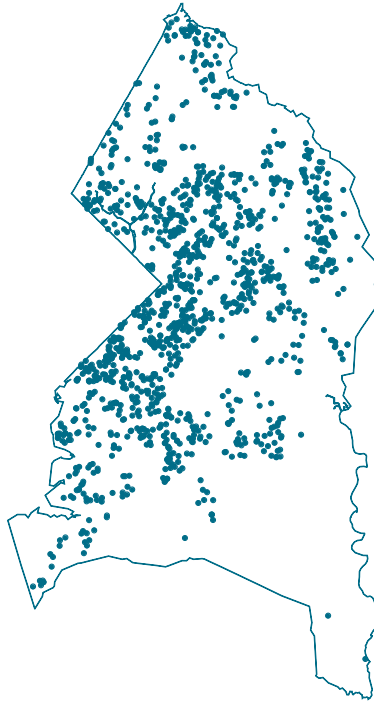
NOTE: Only selected cities/communities in Prince George's County are represented. The number of providers caring for the different age groups does not equal the total number of providers in each city because some providers may care for more than one age group and/or complete information may not be available. "B/A School" is care provided before and/or after school.

Source: PGCCRC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/08.

Supply of Regulated Child Care

Density of Regulated Family Child Care Homes in Prince George's County

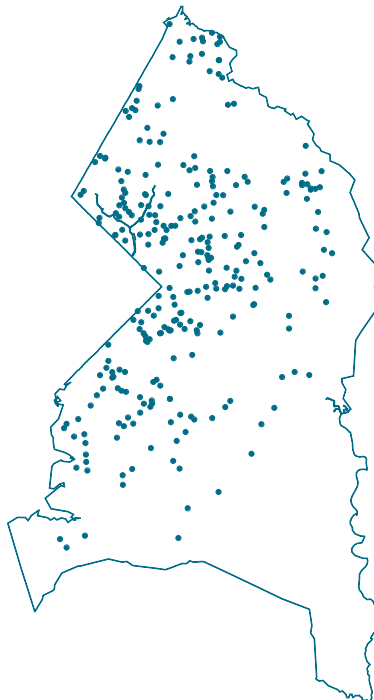
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Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/08.

Density of Licensed 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers in Prince George's County

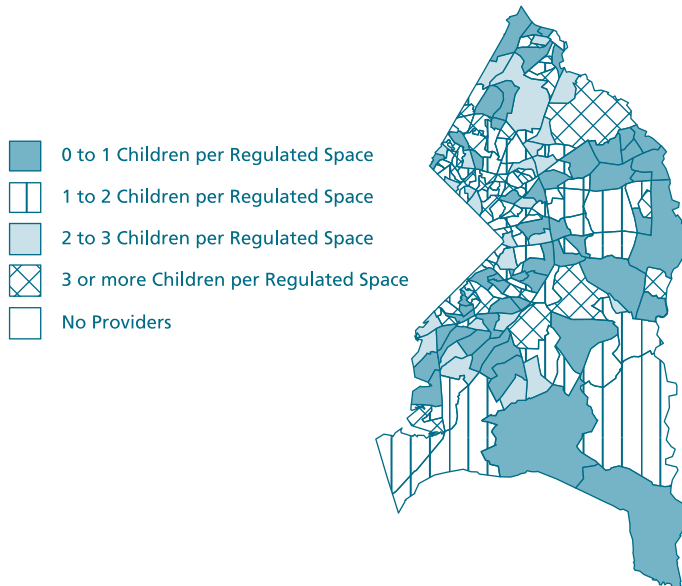
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Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/08.

### Supply of Regulated Child Care

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

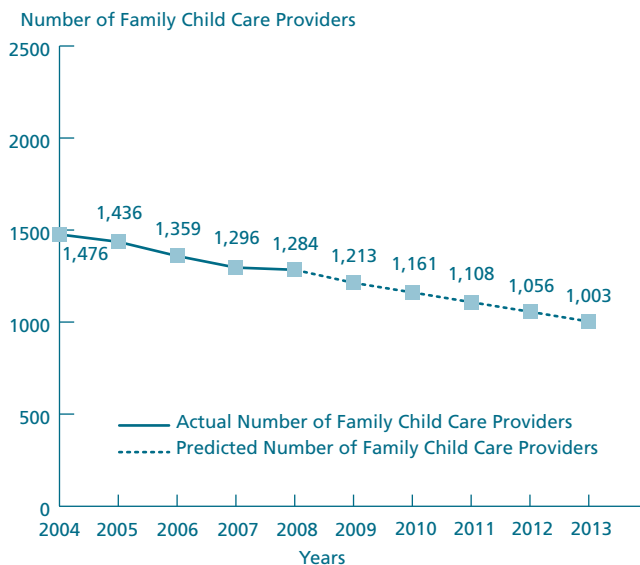


This map is based on the total population of children 0-5 yrs. Child population numbers are taken from Geolytics, Inc. Estimate Professional 2008/2013. When assessing the need for child care, the results of the National Child Care Survey 1990 also should be considered which indicate that approximately 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.

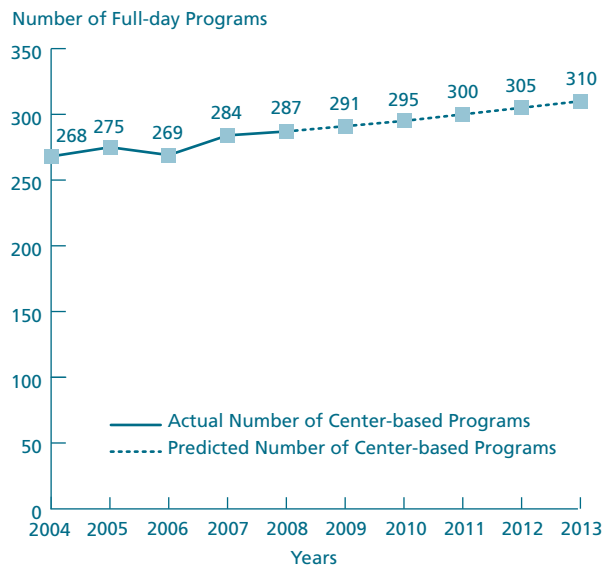
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#### Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

##### Family Child Care Providers in Prince George's 2004-2013



##### Center-based Programs in Prince George's 2004-2013 Full-day (8 to 12 hours)



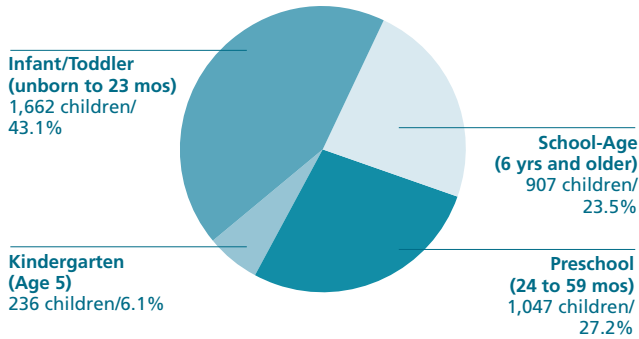
These predictions were generated with the use of the Cycle Regression Analysis Model. This model is being developed as part of the FORECAST system by Dr. LeRoy Simmons and Mr. George Wright of Loyola College. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social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

Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/08.

## Demand for Child Care

### Children Served by Age

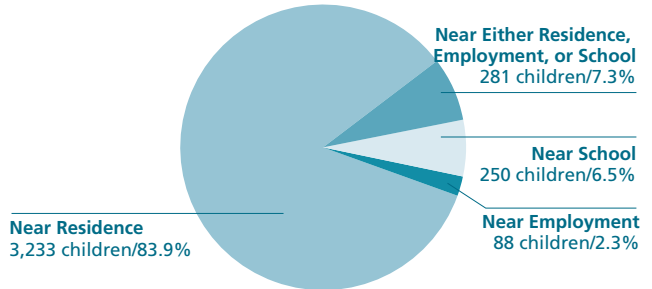
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).  
NOTE: Percentages do not total 100% because of rounding.

### Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

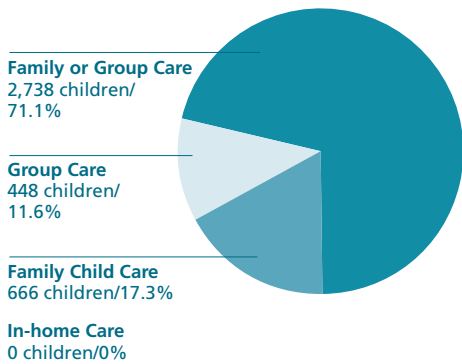
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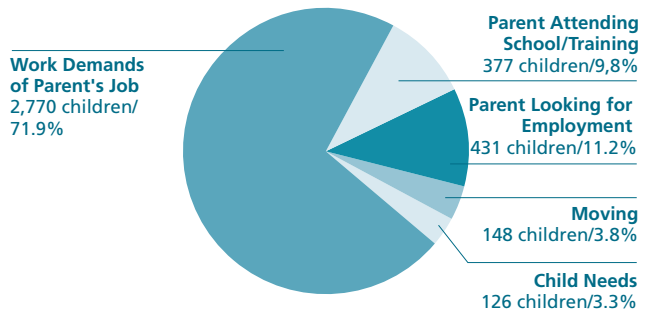
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).  
\* Indicates all other combinations of Family Care, Group Care and In-home Care

### Reason Child Care is Needed

N=3,852



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).

### Demand for Child Care

**Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care**  
3,852 children (7/1/07-6/30/08)

**Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served** N=3,852

Full-time: 2,511 children (65.2%)

Part-time: 1,267 children (32.9%)

Other\*: 74 children (1.9%)

\* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).

**Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly POC)**

**LOCATE calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Subsidy**  
974 (25.3% of all calls)

**LOCATE calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Subsidy**  
1,080 (28.0% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).

**Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Prince George's**

Reason	Count
Cost	55
No vacancies for infant	41
Combination of ages	28
No vacancies for school age	23
Other	22
Quality of care	16
Location	13
Schedule	11
No vacancies for preschool	7
Special needs experience	6
No part time	1
Transportation/Escort	1

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).

**Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in Prince George's**

Reason	Count
Quality of care	407
Proximity to home	327
Educational program	132
Cost	104
Appearance/facilities	85
Group size	67
Family setting	66
Escort	56
Hours of operation	49
Proximity to school	24
Only provider/program with vacancy	20
Proximity to work	19
Special needs experience	14
Offered part time care	13
Nearby transportation	8

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).

### Supply of Child Care

**Child Care Subsidy Program**

**Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's**  
1,061 (82.6% of total family child care providers)

**Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Prince George's County**  
205 (71.4% of total child care centers)

Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care at Prince George's Child Resource Center (7/1/07-6/30/08).

**Prince George's FY 09 Allocation**  
\$18,159,372 = 4,798 full-time children

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

**Special Needs Child Care**

**Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
730 (56.9% of total family child care providers in Prince George's)

**Centers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
165 (57.5% of total child care centers in Prince George's)

Source: MCC/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/08.

## 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.

**Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly POC):** 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.

**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 the value presented in the Economic Development Intelligence System (EDIS) 2nd Quarter 2008 report.

**Current Population Estimates:** Current population estimates are based on GeoLytics, Inc. Estimate Professional 2008/2013.

**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 1st 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.

## Definitions, cont.

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.

**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 poverty guideline for a family of four persons was \$21,200 in 2008. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, OCT 2008)

**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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