

# DEKALB COUNTY

**Total Population: 88,969**

- Children under age 5: 5,551
- Children ages 5 to 9: 5,774
- Children ages 10 to 14: 5,878

DeKalb County is located approximately 65 miles west of Chicago. Northern Illinois University (NIU) is located in the city of DeKalb, the largest population center in the county. Apart from DeKalb, the county is rural in nature with a strong agricultural base.

The large number of staff & students at NIU creates a demand for child care on campus and in the community. In September 2000, a new child care center opened on campus. The new Northern Illinois Campus Child Care has the capacity to serve 165 children in a freestanding building designed to meet the needs of young children. The additional child care spaces available on campus means there will be fewer NIU staff and students competing with other families for child care spaces in the community. The 4-C staff provided technical assistance on this project.

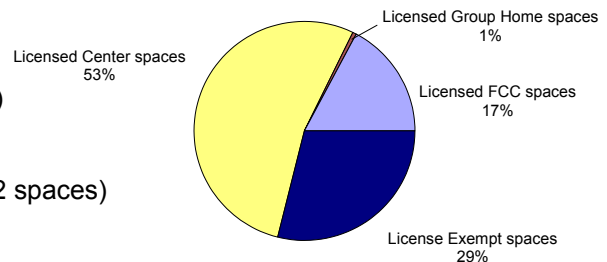
NIU students with children frequently require evening and weekend child care to meet the 10 hour work requirement to be eligible for the DHS Child Care Subsidy. To alleviate the shortage of evening/weekend care, the 4-C CCR&R Program provided training and technical assistance to 4 students who were providing family child care services to other students. The providers received a mini grant to purchase cots, bedding, books, toys, infant/toddler equipment and other materials needed to create a safe and healthy environment. All 4 providers were required to become certified in CPR/First Aid.

## Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 185 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 3,565 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

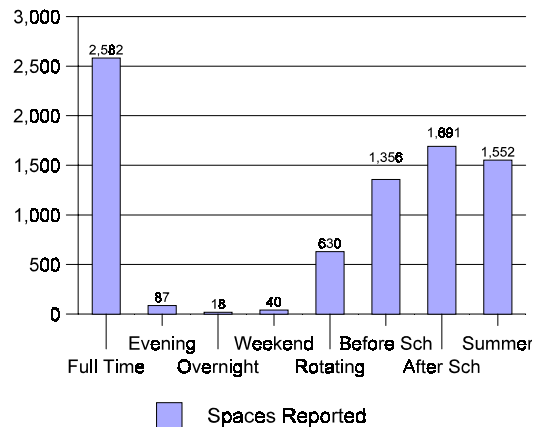
- 85 Licensed Family Child Care (614 spaces)
- 2 Licensed Group Homes (26 spaces)
- 35 Licensed Centers (1,903 spaces)
- 63 License Exempt Centers & Homes (1,022 spaces)



## 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	199
Toddlers	198
2 Years	335
3 & 4 Years	926
5 & Ks	576
School-Age B/A School	561
School-Age Summer Care	409



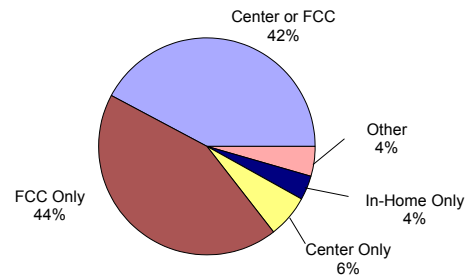
\* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

## Child Care Requests

In DeKalb County, 519 families called the CCR&R to request care for 761 children.

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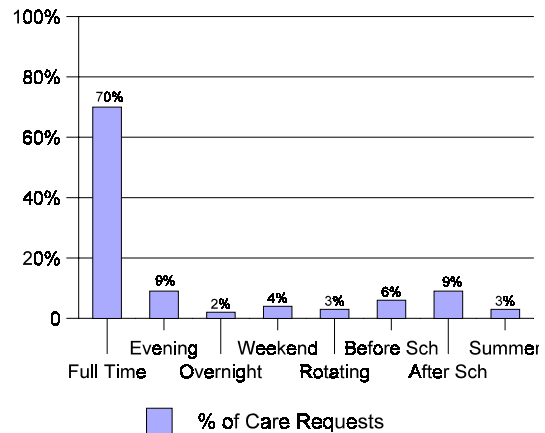
- 322 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 331 were for Family Child Care Only
- 47 were for Center Only
- 29 were for In-Home Only
- 32 were for Other types of care



## 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	24%
Toddlers	16%
2 Years	12%
3 & 4 Years	18%
5 & Ks	9%
School-Age	21%

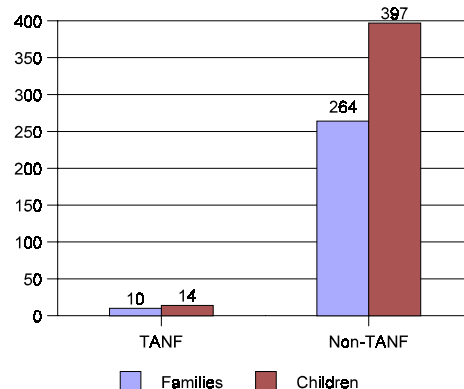


## Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in DeKalb County is \$112.72 per week, which is about 11% of the state median weekly family income \$997.

Assistance in paying for child care is provided through subsidies by DHS. In June 2001, there were a total of 274 families receiving subsidies for 411 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 185 child care facilities in DeKalb County, 122 (66%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in DeKalb County, contact the Community Coordinated Child Care Office: 800-848-8727

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