

# MARION COUNTY

**Total Population: 41,691**

- Children under age 5: 2,658
- Children ages 5 to 9: 2,977
- Children ages 10 to 14: 3,080

Marion County is a rural county with a stable population of 41,691. The county seat is Salem. Twenty three percent of Marion County children live in poverty. The county has a total of 79 child care facilities, of which 84% report that they accept child care subsidies.

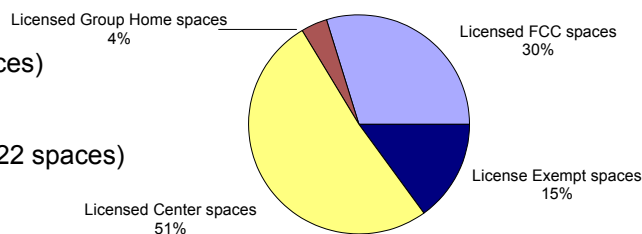
I-57 travels through the county, bringing some industry to the area. The major manufacturers of the county include North American Lighting, Littelfuse and Gilster Mary Lee. Other non-manufacturing, major employers include St. Mary's and Kaskaskia Community College. Centralia in Marion County hosts an annual Balloon Fest. It is held each year in September and attracts several hundred people to view the hot air balloons. Marion County has various child care options available for its families. However, additional infant care could be beneficial for the county.

## Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 79 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 1,505 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

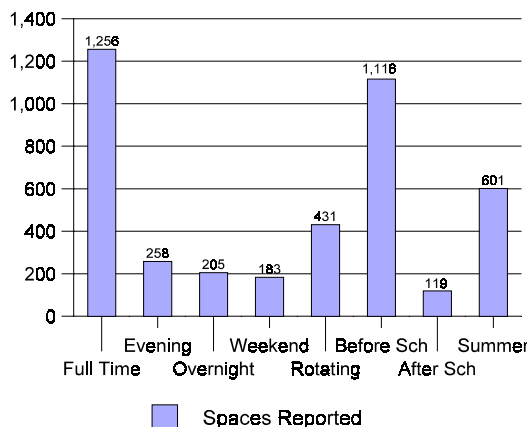
- 52 Licensed Family Child Care (450 spaces)
- 4 Licensed Group Homes (59 spaces)
- 13 Licensed Centers (774 spaces)
- 10 License Exempt Centers & Homes (222 spaces)



## 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	117
Toddlers	129
2 Years	188
3 & 4 Years	381
5 & Ks	405
School-Age B/A School	295
School-Age Summer Care	53



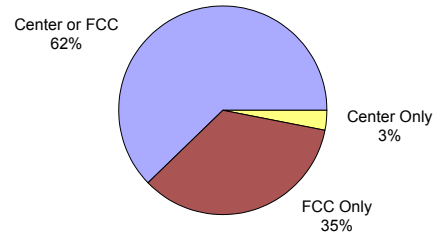
\* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Pages" at the beginning of this section.

# Child Care Requests

In Marion County, 155 families called the CCR&R to request care for 282 children.

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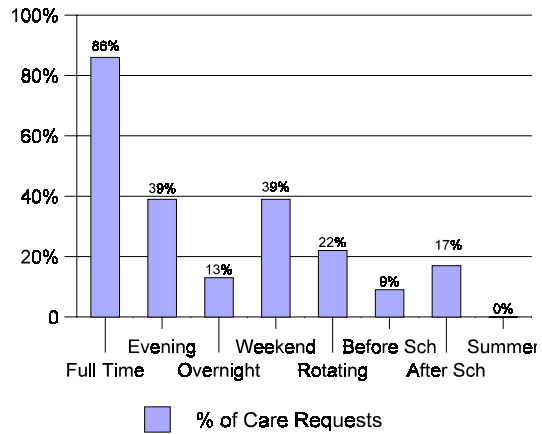
- 176 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 98 were for Family Child Care Only
- 8 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 0 were for Other Types of Care



## 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	22%
Toddlers	14%
2 Years	10%
3 & 4 Years	23%
5 & Ks	7%
School-Age	24%

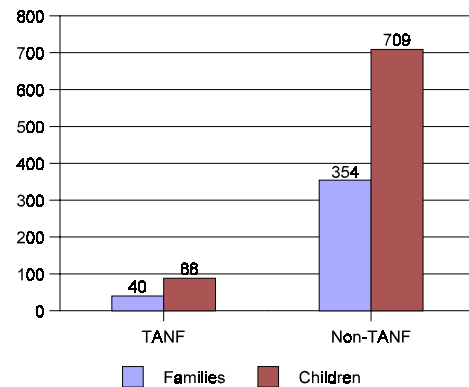


## Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Marion County is \$82.47 per week, which is about 8% of the state median weekly family income of \$997.

Assistance in paying for child care is provided through subsidies by DHS. In June 2001, there were a total of 394 families receiving subsidies for 797 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 79 child care facilities in Marion County, 66 (84%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Marion County, contact the Project CHILD office:  
800-362-7257

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