

MONROE COUNTY

Total Population: 27,619

- Children under age 5: 1,809
- Children ages 5 to 9: 1,971
- Children ages 10 to 14: 2,227

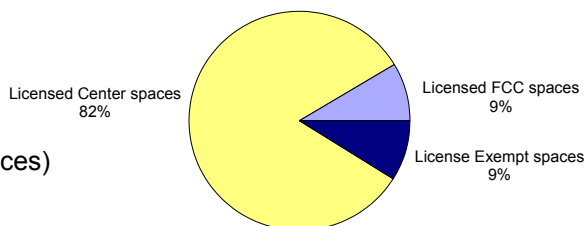
Over the past few years, **Monroe County** began to experience a housing boom in communities convenient to Missouri. Though most of the county is rural, Monroe County is considered part of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Overall, the residents of Monroe County have income levels higher than the state's median income and the number of children living in poverty (6.8%) is relatively low. Monroe County families have found the availability of child care services to be a serious problem and often have to seek services in other counties or in Missouri. Thirteen of the 24 child care providers listed on Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois' (CHASI), Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Program database are child care centers.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 22 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 929 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

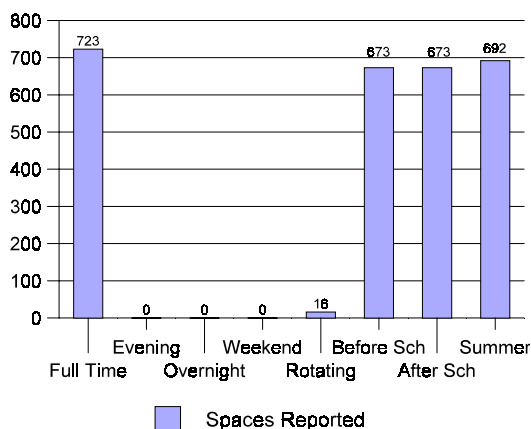
- 9 Licensed Family Child Care (80 spaces)
- 0 Licensed Group Homes (0 spaces)
- 10 Licensed Centers (769 spaces)
- 3 License Exempt Centers & Homes (80 spaces)



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	41
Toddlers	69
2 Years	113
3 & 4 Years	340
5 & Ks	156
School-Age B/A School	211
School-Age Summer Care	173



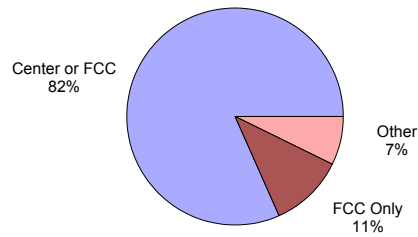
* For more information about these data, please refer to "Understanding The County Data Pages" at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Monroe County, 46 families called the CCR&R to request care for 71 children.

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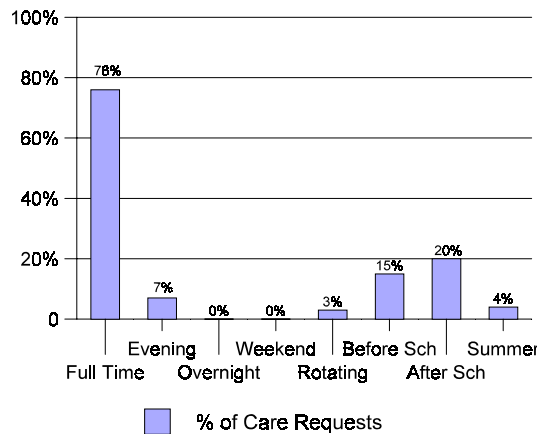
- 58 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 8 were for Family Child Care Only
- 0 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 5 were for Other Types of Care



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	25%
Toddlers	16%
2 Years	15%
3 & 4 Years	13%
5 & Ks	6%
School-Age	25%

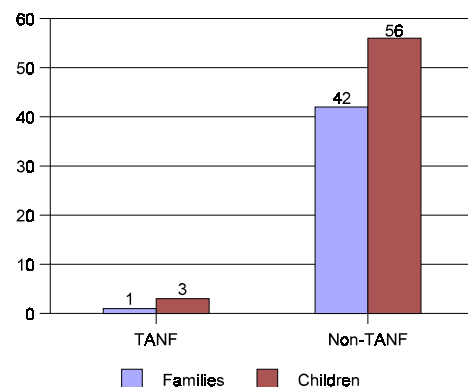


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for in infant in Monroe County is \$96.56 per week, which is about 10% 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 43 families receiving subsidies for 59 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 22 child care facilities in Monroe County, 13 (59%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Monroe County, contact the CHASI Child Care Resource & Referral office: 800-467-9200

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