

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Total Population: 14,287

- Children under age 5: 924
- Children ages 5 to 9: 1,005
- Children ages 10 to 14: 1,067

Moultrie County is a rural area located in East Central Illinois, near Macon County. Agriculture provides the primary source of income for many residents in the county. Workers who are not engaged in agriculture are typically self-employed or commute to other areas. Many workers commute several miles in between home, work and a child care program.

The nature of the employment requires many families to work “non-traditional” shifts and hours. Some of the challenges faced by families include the difficulty of securing a quality child care arrangement for rotating, weekend, second or third shift schedules. The lack of child care providers willing to accept families with “non-traditional” schedules often becomes an overwhelming challenge for many families.

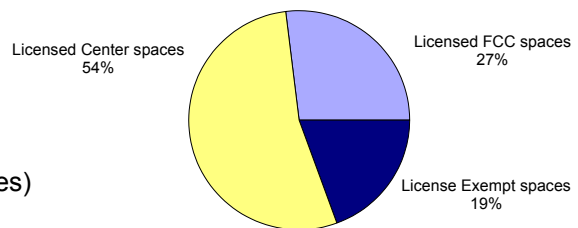
Eastern Illinois University, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) offers financial assistance through the Illinois Department of Human Services to low-income families to help lessen the economic burden of child care costs. CCR&R continues to provide information about the subsidy program to local agencies and industries. In addition, CCR&R provides information to families on choosing quality child care; actively recruits child care providers who may help meet the needs of families; provides training and technical assistance to child care providers to help enhance the quality of child care including the Quality Counts program. A goal of the Quality Counts program is to encourage and enhance literacy activities in child care programs. The Quality Counts resource delivery program provides rural providers with the opportunity to receive developmentally appropriate materials without the burden of traveling.

Child Care Capacity

There are a total of 24 child care facilities listed with the local CCR&R with a capacity to serve 434 children.

Of those facilities, there are a total of:

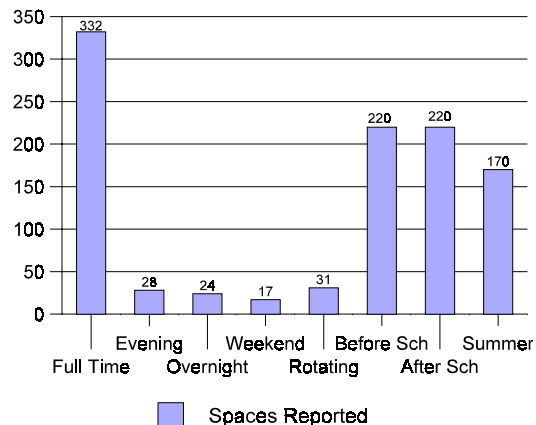
- 15 Licensed Family Child Care (117 spaces)
- 0 Licensed Group Homes (0 spaces)
- 4 Licensed Centers (233 spaces)
- 5 License Exempt Centers & Homes (84 spaces)



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	27
Toddlers	35
2 Years	42
3 & 4 Years	155
5 & Ks	96
School-Age B/A School	31
School-Age Summer Care	35



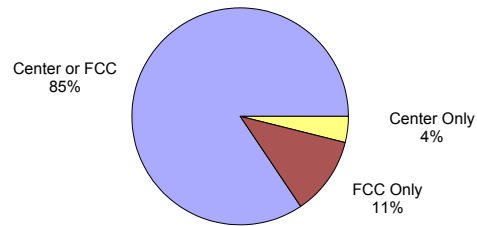
* For more information about these data, please refer to “Understanding The County Data Pages” at the beginning of this section.

Child Care Requests

In Moultrie County, 39 families called the CCR&R to request care for 52 children.

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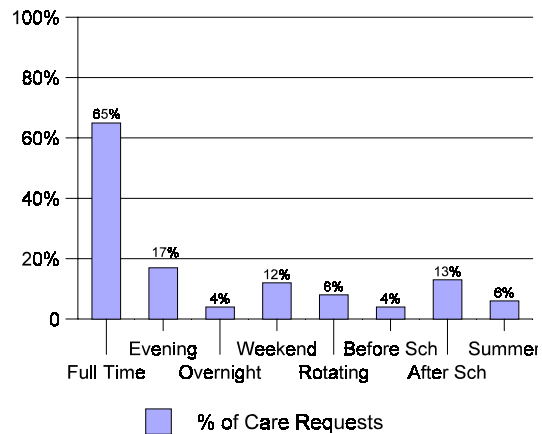
- 44 were for either Center or Family Child Care
- 6 were for Family Child Care Only
- 2 were for Center Only
- 0 were for In-Home Only
- 0 were for Other Types of Care



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	21%
Toddlers	16%
2 Years	15%
3 & 4 Years	23%
5 & Ks	4%
School-Age	21%

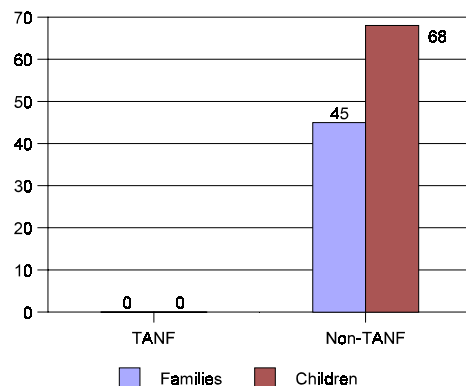


Assistance Paying for Care

The average provider rate for full-time care for an infant in Moultrie County is \$79.29 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 45 families receiving subsidies for 68 children in care. This figure includes both TANF and non-TANF recipients.

Out of the 24 child care facilities in Moultrie County, 16 (67%) report that they accept DHS child care subsidies.



For more information about child care in Moultrie County, contact the Child Care Resource & Referral office: 800-545-7439

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