

Alaska Quick Facts on Child Care



Children in Alaska	
Number of Children Under Age 5	53,793
Number of Children Age 4	10,488
Number of Children Age 5 - 9 Years	50,142
Number of Children Age 10 - 14 Years	51,202
Number of Children Under Age 6 with Working Parents	38,000
Number of Children Age 6 – 12 with Working Parents	45,000
Families in Alaska	
Families with Children Under Age 18	85,768
Married Couples with Children Under Age 18	57,920
Dads Raising Children Under Age 18	8,765
Moms Raising Children Under Age 18	19,083
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	6,729
Low Income Working Families in Alaska	
Percentage of Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty	15.7%
Percentage of Children Age 5 - 17 Years Living in Poverty	11.2%
Percentage of Families with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty	13.4%
Percentage of Families with Children Under Age 18 Living in Poverty	10.5%
Percentage of Families with Children Under Age 5 Living with Mom in Poverty	37.9%
Number of Children Under Age 18 Living Below 200% of the Poverty Level	66,000
Percentage of Children Under Age 18 Living Below 200% of the Poverty Level	36%
Number of children Under Age 18 who were Food Insecure at Some Point During the Year	36,000
Percentage of Children Under Age 18 who were Food Insecure at Some Point During the Year	20%
Education Related Stats for Alaska	
Number of Children in Alaska Pre-K Program	289
Number of Children Participating in Head Start	2,954
Number of Children in Kindergarten	9,606
Fourth Graders Reading Below Grade Level (2013 Test NAEP Results)	
Percentage of White 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level	25%
Percentage of Hispanic 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level	38%
Percentage of Black 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level	52%
Percentage of Alaska Native 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level	74%
Percentage of 4th Grade Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch Reading Below Grade	57%
High School Students Not Graduating on Time	2,678
Percentage of High School Students Not Graduating on Time	25%
Early Care & Education Workforce in Alaska	
Number of Paid Employees in Child Care Programs	1,766
Number of Self-Employed Child Care Providers	1,738
Average Annual Wage for Child Care Workers	\$24,480

Licensed Child Care Programs in Alaska	
Child Care Centers	222
Small Family Child Care Homes	278
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	89
Child Care Subsidies in Alaska	
Average Monthly Number of Children Who Receive a Subsidy	4,200
Average Number of Families Who Receive a Subsidy	2,700
Number of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Licensed Care	1,734
Percentage of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Licensed Care	77%
Number of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Unlicensed Care	966
Percentage of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Unlicensed Care	23%
Year of Most Recent Child Care Program Market Rate Survey Used for Setting Payment Rates	2009
Provider Payment Rates at the 75 th percentile or higher in all communities?	No
Average Annual Fees Charged to Parents for Child Care Programs in Alaska	
Center-based Infant Care	\$10,338
Center-based Preschool-age Care	\$7,655
Family Child Care Home Infant Care	\$8,476
Family Child Care Home Preschool-age Care	\$8,421
Annual Cost of College Tuition and Related Fees in NM	\$5,818

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