



# National Child Care Information Center

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## NUMBER of LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS by STATE in 2004

The following provides an estimate of the number of child care programs in each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

| Number of Licensed Child Care Programs in 2004 |                             |  |                                       |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| State  | Licensed Child Care Centers | Licensed Small Family Child Care Homes | Licensed Large/Group Child Care Homes | Total Licensed Family Child Care Homes |
| Alabama  | 1,450                       | 1,483                                  | 468                                   | 1,951                                  |
| Alaska   | 213                         | 1,493                                  | 86                                    | 1,579                                  |
| Arizona <sup>1</sup>                           | 2,101                       | 3,857                                  | 361                                   | 4,218                                  |
| Arkansas <sup>2</sup>                          | 1,748                       | 1,125                                  | 50                                    | 1,175                                  |
| California <sup>3</sup>                        | 14,637                      | 44,800                                 | 0                                     | 44,800                                 |
| Colorado <sup>4</sup>                          | 2,873                       | 3,753                                  | 367                                   | 4,120                                  |
| Connecticut                                    | 1,588                       | 3,238                                  | 58                                    | 3,296                                  |
| Delaware                                       | 351                         | 1,605                                  | 56                                    | 1,661                                  |
| District of Columbia <sup>5</sup>              | 360                         | 233                                    | 0                                     | 233                                    |
| Florida  | 6,641                       | 7,866                                  | 207                                   | 8,073                                  |
| Georgia  | 2,572                       | 6,434                                  | 226                                   | 6,660                                  |
| Hawaii   | 523                         | 494                                    | 7                                     | 501                                    |
| Idaho <sup>6</sup>                             | 790                         | 485                                    | 750                                   | 1,235                                  |
| Illinois                                       | 3,125                       | 10,428                                 | 346                                   | 10,774                                 |
| Indiana <sup>7</sup>                           | 634                         | 0                                      | 3,222                                 | 3,222                                  |
| Iowa <sup>8</sup>                              | 1,455                       | 2,330                                  | 3,358                                 | 5,688                                  |
| Kansas   | 1,317                       | 2,724                                  | 4,571                                 | 7,295                                  |
| Kentucky                                       | 2,221                       | 9,059                                  | 124                                   | 9,183                                  |
| Louisiana <sup>9</sup>                         | 2,156                       | 8,032                                  | 0                                     | 8,032                                  |
| Maine <sup>10</sup>                            | 835                         | 1,834                                  | 0                                     | 1,834                                  |
| Maryland <sup>11</sup>                         | 2,626                       | 10,197                                 | 0                                     | 10,197                                 |
| Massachusetts                                  | 3,216                       | 6,249                                  | 3,235                                 | 9,484                                  |
| Michigan                                       | 4,657                       | 10,519                                 | 3,538                                 | 14,057                                 |
| Minnesota <sup>12</sup>                        | 1,600                       | 13,645                                 | 0                                     | 13,645                                 |
| Mississippi <sup>13</sup>                      | 1,789                       | 550                                    | 41                                    | 591                                    |
| Missouri                                       | 1,826                       | 1,837                                  | 208                                   | 2,045                                  |
| Montana  | 268                         | 628                                    | 429                                   | 1,057                                  |
| Nebraska                                       | 851                         | 2,509                                  | 597                                   | 3,106                                  |
| Nevada <sup>14</sup>                           | 450                         | 562                                    | 26                                    | 588                                    |

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|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>State</b>  | <b>Licensed Child Care Centers</b> | <b>Licensed Small Family Child Care Homes</b> | <b>Licensed Large/Group Child Care Homes</b> | <b>Total Licensed Family Child Care Homes</b> |
| New Hampshire   | 1,172                              | 219   | 133  | 352   |
| New Jersey <sup>15</sup>                              | 4,134                              | 4,072   | 0  | 4,072   |
| New Mexico <sup>16</sup>                              | 630                                | 8,794   | 192  | 8,986   |
| New York  | 4,653                              | 10,283  | 4,155  | 14,438  |
| North Carolina <sup>17</sup>                          | 4,248                              | 4,999   | 0  | 4,999   |
| North Dakota <sup>18</sup>                            | 122                                | 1,448   | 858  | 2,306   |
| Ohio <sup>19</sup>                                    | 3,663                              | 15,051  | 120  | 15,171  |
| Oklahoma  | 1,933                              | 3,463   | 1,006  | 4,469   |
| Oregon  | 840                                | 4,764   | 249  | 5,013   |
| Pennsylvania  | 3,966                              | 4,290   | 842  | 5,132   |
| Puerto Rico <sup>20</sup>                             | 702                                | 41  | 0  | 41  |
| Rhode Island  | 460                                | 1,306   | 12   | 1,318   |
| South Carolina  | 1,631                              | 1,663   | 284  | 1,947   |
| South Dakota <sup>21</sup>                            | 285                                | 913   | 93   | 1,006   |
| Tennessee <sup>22</sup>                               | 3,574                              | 1,125   | 686  | 1,811   |
| Texas   | 11,206                             | 11,544  | 1,690  | 13,234  |
| Utah  | 336                                | 2,247   | 238  | 2,485   |
| Vermont   | 630                                | 1,300   | 20   | 1,320   |
| Virginia <sup>23</sup>                                | 2,573                              | 2,037   | 1,655  | 3,692   |
| Washington <sup>24</sup>                              | 2,150                              | 6,629   | 0  | 6,629   |
| West Virginia <sup>25</sup>                           | 600                                | 3,061   | 75   | 3,136   |
| Wisconsin <sup>26</sup>                               | 2,415                              | 8,099   | 0  | 8,099   |
| Wyoming   | 257                                | 415   | 95   | 510   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>117,053</b>                     | <b>255,732</b>                                | <b>34,734</b>                                | <b>290,466</b>                                |

**Sources:** *2004 Child Care Center Licensing Study* (February 2004), by the Children's Foundation and the National Association for Regulatory Administration; and *2004 Family Child Care Licensing Study* (August 2004), by the Children's Foundation and the National Association for Regulatory Administration.

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> **Arizona:** Number for family child care homes includes ones that are required to be certified if caring for subsidized children and Alternate Approval homes taking part in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

<sup>2</sup> **Arkansas:** Includes a mix of licensed and voluntary registered homes.

<sup>3</sup> **California:** Small and large/group family child care homes are not tracked separately.

<sup>4</sup> **Colorado:** Number for small family child care homes includes family child care homes and infant/toddler homes. Number for large/group family child care homes includes group child care homes and experienced child care providers.

<sup>5</sup> **District of Columbia:** Does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>6</sup> **Idaho:** Data on child care centers and family child care homes are from 2003. Voluntary licensing for small family child care homes and certification required for large/group family child care homes. Individual city/county certifications or registrations are included for family child care homes.

<sup>7</sup> **Indiana:** Small family child care homes are not licensed.

<sup>8</sup> **Iowa:** Small family child care homes have voluntary registration.

<sup>9</sup> **Louisiana:** Registration is only mandatory when caring for six or fewer children and program receives public funding. State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>10</sup> **Maine:** Data on family child care homes are from 2003. State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>11</sup> **Maryland:** State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>12</sup> **Minnesota:** Small and large/group family child care homes are not tracked separately.

<sup>13</sup> **Mississippi:** There are 550 alternate approval homes reported by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsors. Alternate approval of small family child care homes as reported by CACFP sponsors; does not include voluntarily registered homes.

<sup>14</sup> **Nevada:** Number for small and large/group family child care homes includes individual city/county certifications and registrations.

<sup>15</sup> **New Jersey:** Small family child care homes have only voluntary certification. State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>16</sup> **New Mexico:** Number for small family child care homes includes voluntary registered homes.

<sup>17</sup> **North Carolina:** State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>18</sup> **North Dakota:** Number for small family child care homes includes voluntary self-certification.

<sup>19</sup> **Ohio:** Small family child care home figure is total of Type B homes, Limited Child Care, and In-home Certified aides. Small family child care home certification only required if receiving public funds.

<sup>20</sup> **Puerto Rico:** Data on child care centers and family child care homes are from 2003. State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>21</sup> **South Dakota:** Small family child care home registration only required if receiving public funds.

<sup>22</sup> **Tennessee:** Number for small family child care homes includes voluntary registration.

<sup>23</sup> **Virginia:** Number for small family child care homes includes voluntarily registered homes, licensed homes, and homes approved through two licensed systems.

<sup>24</sup> **Washington:** State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

<sup>25</sup> **West Virginia:** Number for small family child care homes includes exempt homes meeting health and safety requirements.

<sup>26</sup> **Wisconsin:** State does not have a category of large/group family child care homes.

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