

Far East

The second most populous planning area in Franklin County is the Far East. It is bound by Morse Road to the north, the county border to the east, I-70 to the south, and I-270 and Big Walnut Creek to the west. The area is home to an estimated 83,800 people with 8.3% being children under age six. Since 2000 there has been a 25% increase in children this age. Of these, 21% are living in households below 125% the Federal Poverty Level. This is below the countywide estimate of 30%.

The availability of proximal and affordable child care is critical to the local economy as it enables parents and caregivers to work or further their education. The potential demand for child care exceeds the area supply in all age categories. After adjusting for parental labor force status, the Far East's ratio of 2 to 1 of potential demand to supply for children under age six is similar to the countywide ratio of 2.1 to 1.

The average weekly costs for center-based child care in the Far East are slightly above the Franklin County averages, and of 30 child care centers in the area, nine are accredited or quality rated.

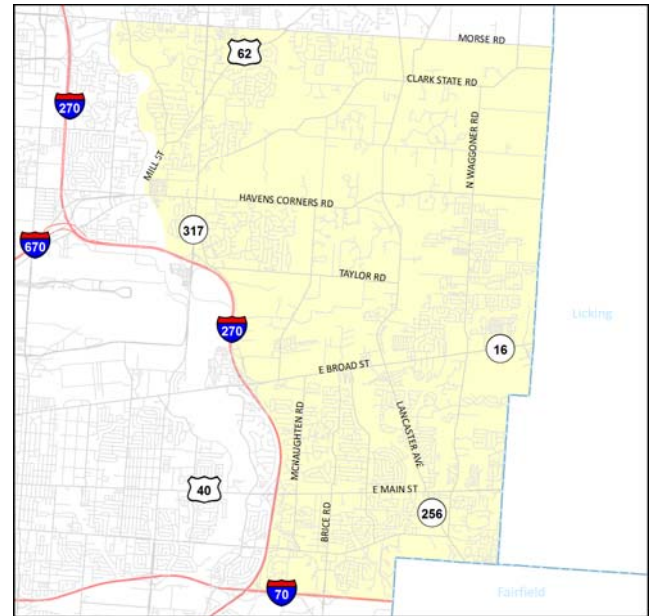


Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	1,730	351	4.9	5.2
Toddlers*	1,764	608	2.9	3.0
Preschoolers*	3,499	1,373	2.5	2.8
School-age**	8,149	1,688	4.8	5.7
Under age 6***	6,992	2,413	2.9	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	4,937	2,413	2.0	2.1

*Center-based slots **Center and after school provider slots

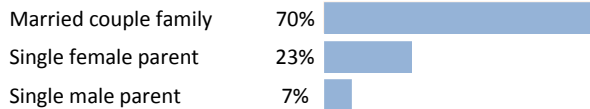
***Center and family child care (FCC) slots, with 3 slots per FCC provider



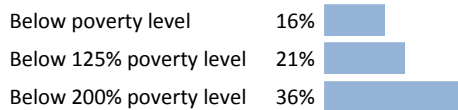
Characteristics of young children in the area

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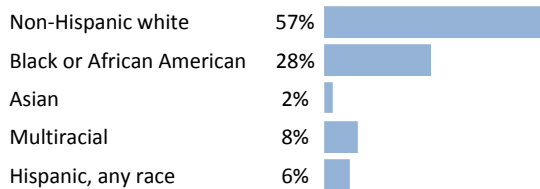
Family type for children under age 6



Household income for children under age 6

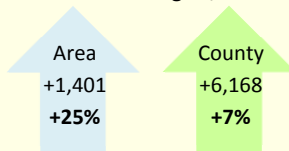


Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

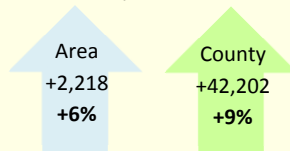


Population trend and household projection

Children under age 6, 2000-2010



Households, 2010-2020

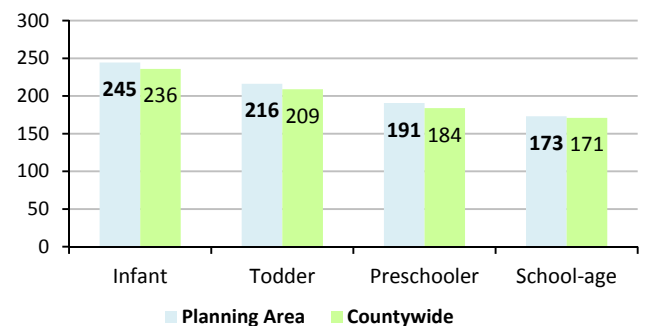


Data sources and notes

Capacity data in this brief refer to child care providers registered with Action for Children or certified through Franklin County Job and Family Services.

- Action for Children NACCRRRA database – capacity (August 2011) and slot-weighted average cost for center-based full-day, full-week care (2010)
- U.S. Census 2010 – potential demand by age level, family type, and race/ethnicity
- American Community Survey, 2005-2009 – income and parental labor force adjustment factor (children assumed in need of care only if all present parents in labor force)
- MORPC – household projections, 2010-2035 (extrapolated for 2020 by CRP)
- Ohio Department of Education – active public and private elementary schools (2012)

Average weekly cost of center-based child care (in \$)



Providers in the area by accreditation or quality rating

Provider type	Total	Accredited or quality rated	2 or 3 stars in Step Up to Quality
Centers	30	9	1
Accept infants	25	7	0
Accept toddlers	27	8	0
Accept preschoolers	30	9	1
Accept school-age	25	9	1
Preschools	6	1	1
After school providers	12	1	
Family child care	27	0	

Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Blacklick	Gahanna-Jefferson City
School	French Run	Reynoldsburg City
School	Herbert Mills	Reynoldsburg City
School	High Point	Gahanna-Jefferson City
School	Jefferson	Gahanna-Jefferson City
School	Lincoln	Gahanna-Jefferson City
School	Oakmont	Columbus City
School	Rose Hill	Reynoldsburg City
School	Shepherd Christian	Nonpublic School
School	St Matthew	Nonpublic School
School	St Pius X	Nonpublic School
Center	A Child's Place Learning Center	
Center	A Place of Our Own 4 Early Learning	
Center	Bright Beginnings Learning & Enrichment Center	
Center	Building Blocks Child Care Center	
Center	Busy Bee Learning Academy	
Center	Church of the Redeemer UM Preschool á& Child Care	
Center	Creative Child Care - East	
Center	Enchanted Care Kids Campus - Gahanna	
Center	Enchanted Care Learning Center - Gahanna	
Center	Gahanna Christian Academy	
Center	It Takes a Village	
Center	Kidding Around Day Care	
Center	Kidding Around Nursery	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (E Broad St)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (Havens Corner Rd)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center - Gahanna	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Centers #707 & #1550	
Center	La Petite Academy	
Center	Little Angels Enrichment Center	
Center	Little Lambs Children's Center	
Center	Michael's Lil' Angels	
Center	Michelle's Academy	
Center	Primrose School of Johnstown Road	
Center	Rainbow Station Day Care - Reynoldsburg Brice Rd	
Center	Romake Bilingual Preschool and Day Care	
Center	The Goddard School	
Center	The Goddard School of Reynoldsburg	
Center	The Learning Tree Preschool	
Center	The Sunshine House	

This list reflects child care centers as of August 2011 and elementary schools as of March 2012. Elementary schools are included here as a reference for the community and are not a component of the supply and demand analysis.

Action for Children is the source for child care and early learning services in central Ohio.

A private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1972 and headquartered in Columbus, Action for Children works to provide parents, child care professionals, employers, and community stakeholders with information, referrals, resources and development opportunities.

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The full report by Community Research Partners and additional profiles are available at www.actionforchildren.org