

Far North

The Far North planning area of Franklin County spans across I-270 and is bound by the county border to the north, Chase and Cemetery Roads to the south, Conrail Railroad and Westerville Road to the east, and Olentangy River to the west. The area is home to 42,800 people, with 7.6% of the population being children under age six. Of those children, 9% are living below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level—well below the county average 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. The Far North area's potential demand to supply ratio of 1.4 to 1 for children under age six (after adjusting for parental labor force status) is less than the countywide ratio of 2.1 to 1.

The average weekly costs of center-based child care in the Far North are slightly above the Franklin County averages, and of the 18 child care centers in the area, six 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*	852	316	2.7	5.2
Toddlers*	838	476	1.8	3.0
Preschoolers*	1,580	843	1.9	2.8
School-age**	3,705	937	4.0	5.7
Under age 6***	3,270	1,650	2.0	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	2,288	1,650	1.4	2.1

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

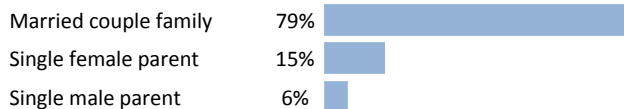
***Center and family child care (FCC) slots, with 3 slots per FCC provider



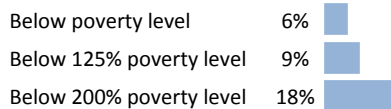
Characteristics of young children in the area

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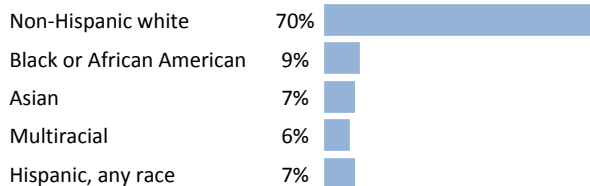
Family type for children under age 6



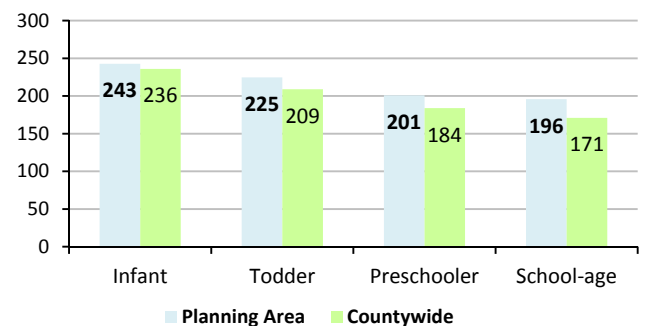
Household income for children under age 6



Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

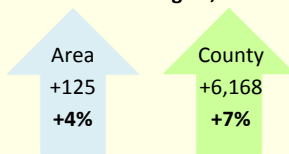


Average weekly cost of center-based child care (in \$)

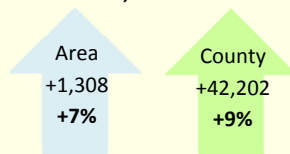


Population trend and household projection

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)

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	18	6	3
Accept infants	18	6	3
Accept toddlers	18	6	3
Accept preschoolers	18	6	3
Accept school-age	18	6	3
Preschools	5	2	1
After school providers	8	0	
Family child care	5	1	

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Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Annehurst	Westerville City
School	Colonial Hills	Worthington City
School	Evening Street	Worthington City
School	Longfellow	Westerville City
School	Slate Hill	Worthington City
School	St Michael	Nonpublic School
School	Wilson Hill	Worthington City
School	Worthington Adventist Academy	Nonpublic School
School	Worthington Estates	Worthington City
School	Worthington Park	Worthington City
Center	Brooksedge Day Care Center	
Center	Children of America	
Center	Creative Play Center	
Center	Grace Early Childhood Center	
Center	Helpful Hands Children's Center, Inc.	
Center	Kids Academy	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (S Cleveland Ave)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (Caren Ave)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center-#000492	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center-Westerville	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center-Worthington	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center-Worthington Woods	
Center	Paige's Playhouse Child Care & Learning Center	
Center	St. Ann's Educare Center	
Center	Stepping Stones Learning Center	
Center	The Learning Center - Westerville	
Center	The Learning Center - Worthington	
Center	The Learning Ladder Preschool and Daycare	

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