

Far Northwest

The Far Northwest planning area of Franklin County spans across I-270 and is bound by the county border to the north, State Route 161 to the south, and the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers to the east and west, respectively. The area is home to 41,400 people, and 8.2% of the population is under age six. Of those children, 11% are living below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. This is 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. After adjusting for parental labor force status, for children under age six the Far Northwest's ratio of demand to supply of 1.7 to 1 is less than the countywide ratio of 2.1 to 1.

The average weekly costs of center-based child care in the Far Northwest are slightly above the Franklin County averages, and of the 14 child care centers in the area, five are accredited or quality rated.

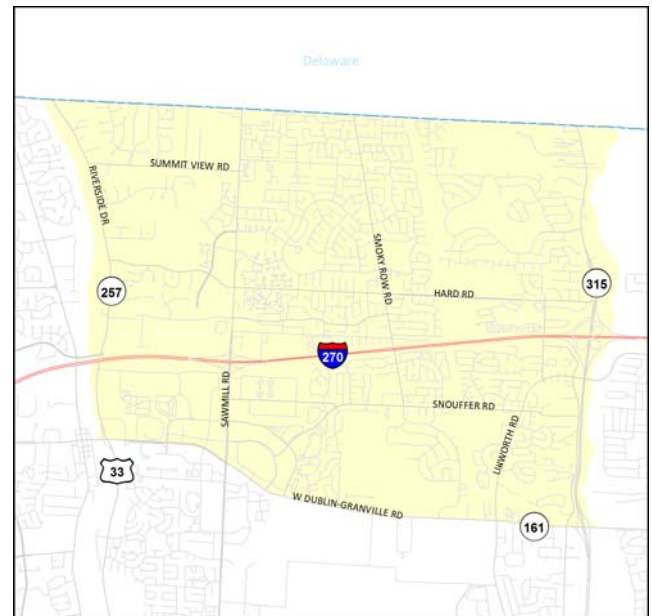


Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	825	191	4.3	5.2
Toddlers*	839	358	2.3	3.0
Preschoolers*	1,733	789	2.2	2.8
School-age**	4,002	809	4.9	5.7
Under age 6***	3,397	1,359	2.5	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	2,262	1,359	1.7	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

100%

Family type for children under age 6

Married couple family	84%
Single female parent	11%
Single male parent	5%

Household income for children under age 6

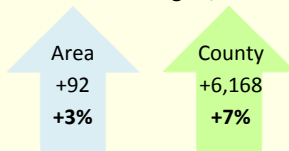
Below poverty level	9%
Below 125% poverty level	11%
Below 200% poverty level	21%

Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

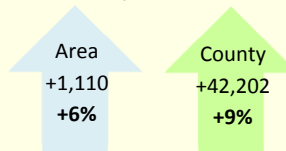
Non-Hispanic white	71%
Black or African American	5%
Asian	9%
Multiracial	6%
Hispanic, any race	8%

Population trend and household projection

Children under age 6, 2000-2010



Households, 2010-2020

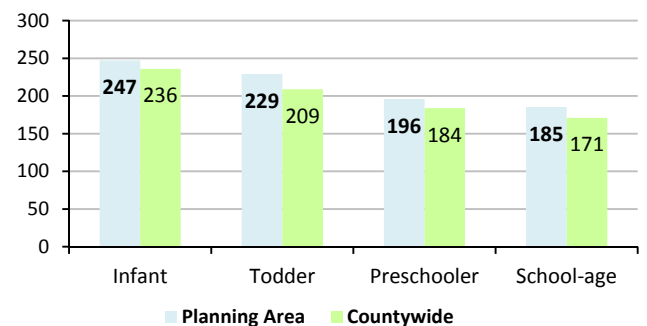


Data sources and notes

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 NACCRRA 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	14	5	2
Accept infants	13	5	2
Accept toddlers	14	5	2
Accept preschoolers	14	5	2
Accept school-age	13	5	2
Preschools	4	0	0
After school providers	7	0	
Family child care	7	0	

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Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Albert Chapman	Dublin City
School	Bluffsvew	Worthington City
School	Brookside	Worthington City
School	Granby	Worthington City
School	Liberty	Worthington City
School	Linworth CC	Nonpublic School
School	Olde Sawmill	Dublin City
School	Smoky Row Children'S Center	Nonpublic School
School	Worthington Hills	Worthington City
Center	Educare Montessori	
Center	Enchanted Care Learning Center - Dublin	
Center	JCC North Preschool	
Center	Jelly Bean Junction	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (Hard Rd)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center #880	
Center	La Petite Academy - Dublin	
Center	La Petite Academy - Powell	
Center	Linworth Children's Center	
Center	Merry Moppet Early Learning Center	
Center	Northside Montessori School	
Center	Smoky Row Children's Center	
Center	The Goddard School of Worthington	
Center	Tiny Treasures Day Care, LLC	

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