

Far West

The Far West planning area of Franklin County is bound by the county border to the west, Hayden Run Road to the north, and I-70 and I-270 to the south and east, respectively. The area is home to an estimated 51,600 people with approximately 9.9% of the population being children under age six. Of these children, 13% are living in households 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. For children under age six, after adjusting for parental labor force status, the Far West area's ratio of 2.1 to 1 is equal to the countywide ratio.

The average weekly costs for center-based child care in the Far West are marginally above the Franklin County averages, and of the 18 child care centers in the area, six are accredited or quality rated.

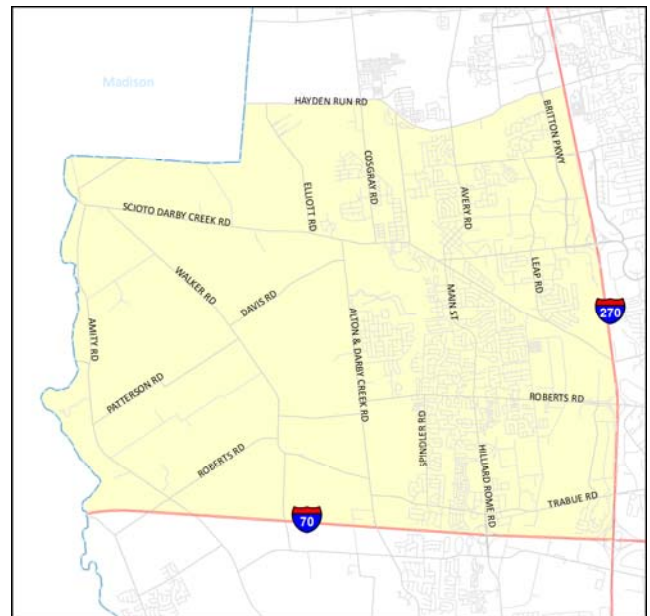


Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	1,251	300	4.2	5.2
Toddlers*	1,252	476	2.6	3.0
Preschoolers*	2,620	844	3.1	2.8
School-age**	6,228	1,726	3.6	5.7
Under age 6***	5,123	1,659	3.1	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	3,507	1,659	2.1	2.1

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

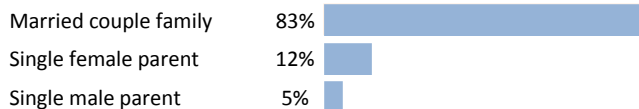
***Center and family child care (FCC) slots, with 3 slots per FCC provider



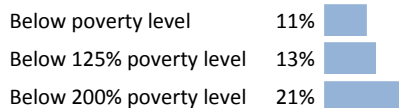
Characteristics of young children in the area

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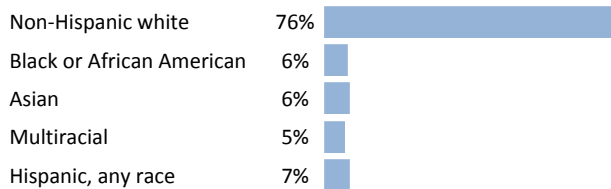
Family type for children under age 6



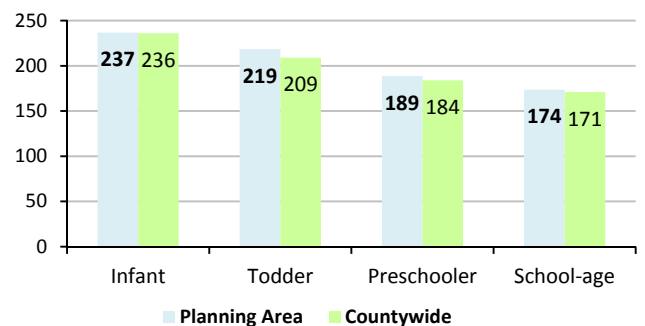
Household income for children under age 6



Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

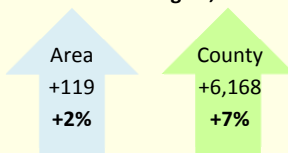


Average weekly cost of center-based child care (in \$)

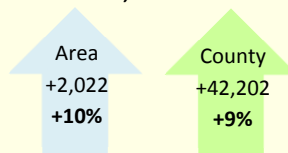


Population trend and household projection

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	0
Accept infants	16	6	0
Accept toddlers	17	6	0
Accept preschoolers	18	6	0
Accept school-age	15	5	0
Preschools	3	0	0
After school providers	16	0	
Family child care	13	1	

Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Alton Darby	Hilliard City
School	Avery	Hilliard City
School	Beacon	Hilliard City
School	Britton	Hilliard City
School	Brown	Hilliard City
School	Darby Creek	Hilliard City
School	Hilliard Crossing	Hilliard City
School	Hilliard Horizon	Hilliard City
School	Hoffman Trails	Hilliard City
School	J W Reason	Hilliard City
School	Norwich	Hilliard City
School	Scioto Darby	Hilliard City
School	Washington	Hilliard City
Center	At Tomorrow's Child Preschool	
Center	Brooksedge Day Care Center	
Center	Children's Castle Educare	
Center	City Kids in Hilliard	
Center	Enchanted Care Learning Center (4388 Davidson Rd)	
Center	Enchanted Care Learning Center (4392 Davidson Rd)	
Center	Hilliard 1st Baptist Child Care and Learning Center	
Center	Joyland of Hilliard Learning Center	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (Berry Leaf Lane)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (Cemetery Rd)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center - Avery	
Center	Merry Moppet Early Learning Center	
Center	Parkside Children's Montessori, Inc.	
Center	Play to Learn Day Care Center	
Center	Rainbow Child Care, Too	
Center	SarahAnns Learning Unlimited, LLC	
Center	The Goddard School - Parkmeadow	
Center	The Goddard School - Roberts Court	

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