

Hilltop

The Hilltop area is one of Franklin County's oldest neighborhoods and is located in the southwest portion of the city, bound by I-70 to the north, B&O Railroad to the east, and I-270 to the south and west. Hilltop is home to approximately 65,800 people and 10.5% of the population is children under the age of six. Of those children, 45% are living in households with incomes below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level while the countywide the average is just over 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, among the 27 planning areas in the county, Hilltop is one of six to have a child care demand to supply ratio (4.2 to 1) that exceeds 3 to 1, after adjusting for parental labor force status.

Hilltop's average weekly costs for center-based child care are lower than county averages. Four centers in the area are accredited or quality rated, and there are more than 10 children under age six living in Hilltop for every slot of this type of care.

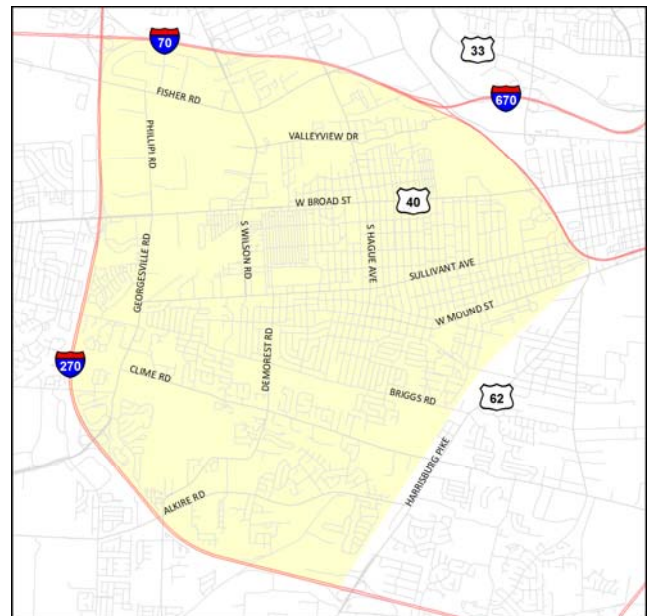


Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	1,749	111	15.8	5.2
Toddlers*	1,718	214	8.0	3.0
Preschoolers*	3,468	624	5.6	2.8
School-age**	7,103	521	13.6	5.7
Under age 6***	6,935	1,054	6.6	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	4,376	1,054	4.2	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	47%
Single female parent	41%
Single male parent	12%

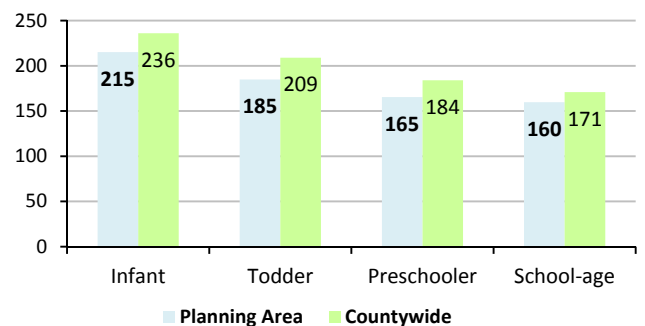
Household income for children under age 6

Below poverty level	36%
Below 125% poverty level	45%
Below 200% poverty level	66%

Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

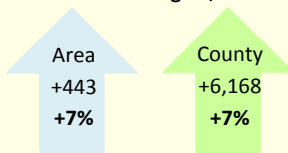
Non-Hispanic white	51%
Black or African American	22%
Asian	2%
Multiracial	11%
Hispanic, any race	16%

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

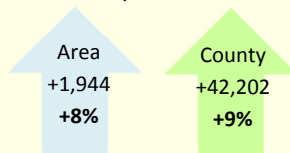


Population trend and household projection

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	15	4	2
Accept infants	8	1	1
Accept toddlers	12	3	1
Accept preschoolers	15	4	2
Accept school-age	13	3	1
Preschools	5	1	1
After school providers	6	0	
Family child care	35	0	

Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Binns	Columbus City
School	Burroughs	Columbus City
School	Columbus Bilingual Academy	Charter School
School	Columbus Prep and Fitness Academy	Charter School
School	Eakin	Columbus City
School	Georgian Hts Alt @ Old Wedgwood	Columbus City
School	Great Western Academy	Charter School
School	Highland	Columbus City
School	Lindbergh	Columbus City
School	St. Mary Magdalene	Nonpublic School
School	Sullivant Avenue	Charter School
School	Valleyview	Columbus City
School	West Broad	Columbus City
School	West Franklin	South-Western City
School	West Mound	Columbus City
School	Westgate Alternative	Columbus City
School	Westside Academy	Charter School
Center	Alexander's Busy Bee Nursery and Preschool, Inc.	
Center	Apple of God's Eye Christian Day Care and Preschool	
Center	Bobbsie Twins Child Care	
Center	Bright Start Learning Center	
Center	Creative Child Care - Westland	
Center	Early Horizons Learning Center	
Center	Friendship Christian Learning Center	
Center	Glenwood Center For Early Childhood	
Center	Hilltop Preschool	
Center	Ilays Child Care Center, LLC	
Center	Jubba Day Care West	
Center	Kiddy Grove West Day Care Center	
Center	St. Agnes CUL Head Start Center	
Center	St. Stephen the Martyr Preschool and Extended Care	
Center	YMCA Hilltop Educare Center	

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