

# Near East

The Near East area is made up of several historic neighborhoods, and located directly east of Downtown. It is bound by Conrail Railroad and I-670 to the north, Alum Creek to the east, I-70 and Livingston Avenue to the south, and I-71 to the west. The area is home to an estimated 17,900 people with 10.3% under the age of six. Additionally, the Near East has the second highest proportion of children living in single female parent households at 73%—more than double the countywide estimate of 28%. Of the children under age six, 72% are living in households below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level; also well above the countywide rate 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. After adjusting for parental labor force status, the Near East and Hayden Run areas are the only two planning areas of the 27 to have a potential demand to supply ratio of 1 to 1 for children under age six.

The average weekly costs for center-based child care are lower in the Near East when compared to county averages, and there are only seven centers (of 18 total) which are accredited or quality rated.

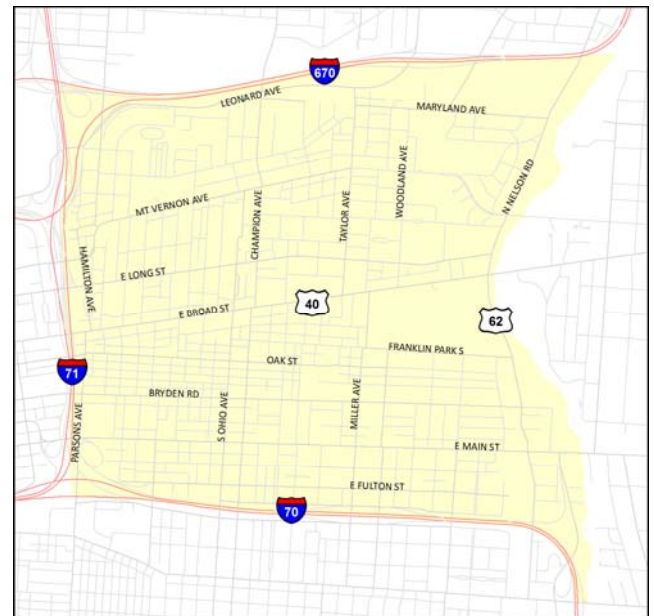


## Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	492	152	3.2	5.2
Toddlers*	483	291	1.7	3.0
Preschoolers*	872	638	1.4	2.8
School-age**	1,704	373	4.6	5.7
Under age 6***	1,846	1,108	1.7	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	1,109	1,108	1.0	2.1

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

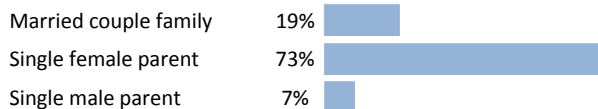
\*\*\*Center and family child care (FCC) slots, with 3 slots per FCC provider



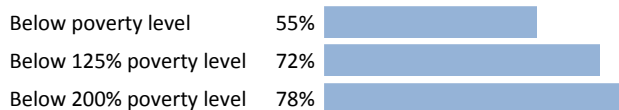
## Characteristics of young children in the area

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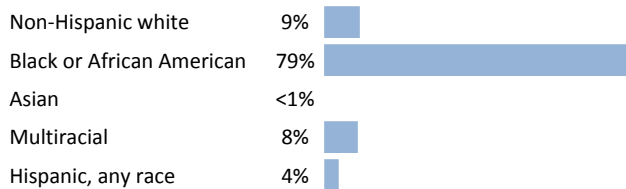
### Family type for children under age 6



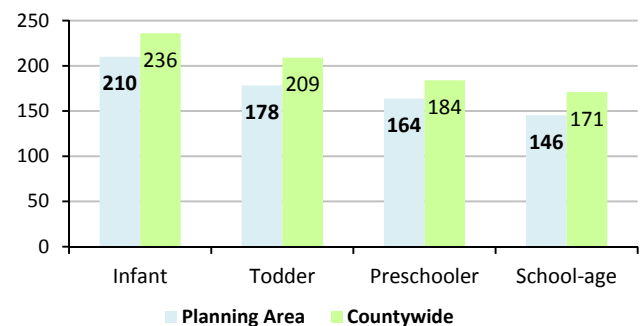
### Household income for children under age 6



### Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

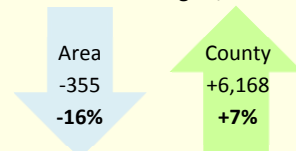


## Average weekly cost of center-based child care (in \$)

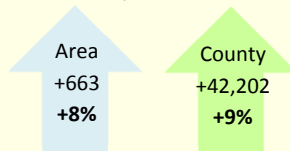


## Population trend and household projection

### 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	7	4
Accept infants	11	4	1
Accept toddlers	12	5	2
Accept preschoolers	18	7	4
Accept school-age	9	3	1
Preschools	5	0	0
After school providers	1	0	
Family child care	9	0	

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## Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Beatty Park	Columbus City
School	Eastgate	Columbus City
School	Mansion Day -Excel Prep	Nonpublic School
School	Ohio Avenue	Columbus City
School	St Vincent Family Centers	Nonpublic School
School	Trevitt	Columbus City
Center	Academy Kids Learning Center	
Center	CDCFC Generations Head Start	
Center	CDCFC King Head Start	
Center	Central Community House Child Care	
Center	Columbus Early Learning Center - B.I.T.C.	
Center	Columbus Early Learning Center - Eastside	
Center	Learning Unlimited-Mansion Day School	
Center	Marty'z Kidz Learning Center	
Center	Mother's Helper and Childcare Services II	
Center	Neighborhood House Child Care	
Center	Our Play Station and Learning Center	
Center	Poindexter CDCFC Head Start	
Center	R New Beginnings, LLC	
Center	R.F. Hairston Early Learning Center	
Center	St. Philip CDCFC Head Start	
Center	St.Vincent's Prep Academy	
Center	Tina's Tiny Toons 1	
Center	Tina's Tiny Toons Too	

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](http://www.actionforchildren.org)