

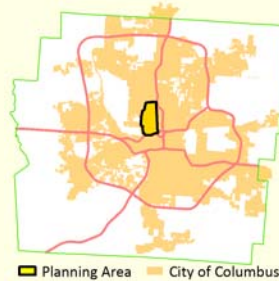
# Near North/University

The Near North/University area of Franklin County lies directly north of downtown and is bound by Glen Echo Ravine and Arcadia Avenue to the north, Conrail Railroad to the east, Goodale Boulevard and I-670 to the south, and Olentangy River to the west. The area is home to 54,500 people with 2.5% under age six—the second lowest proportion in Franklin County, behind only Downtown. This area saw the most population decline of any of the areas for children under age six from 2000 to 2010. Among children under age six, 62% are living in households below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level—more than double the countywide rate of 30%.

The availability of child care is critical to the local economy as it enables parents and caregivers to work or further their education.

The Near North/University ratio of potential demand to supply for children under age six (1.2 to 1) is less than the countywide ratio of 2.1 to 1.

The average weekly costs of center-based child care in this area are some of the highest in the county. While there are nine child care centers in Near North/University, only two are accredited or quality rated.

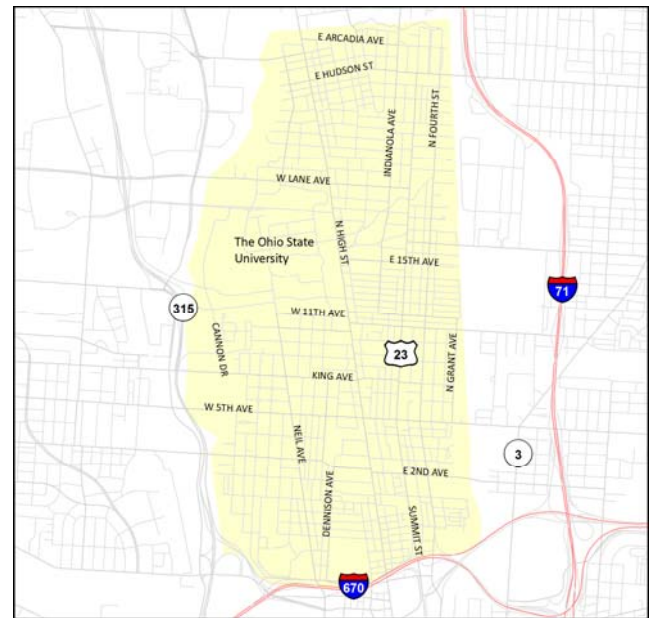


## Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	455	87	5.2	5.2
Toddlers*	353	149	2.4	3.0
Preschoolers*	561	468	1.2	2.8
School-age**	710	324	2.2	5.7
Under age 6***	1,369	707	1.9	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	854	707	1.2	2.1

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

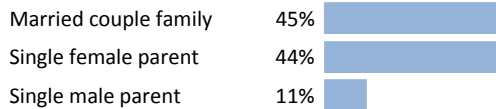
\*\*\*Center and family child care (FCC) slots, with 3 slots per FCC provider



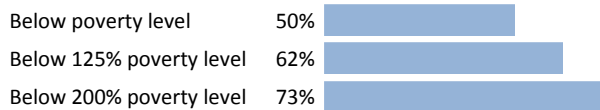
## Characteristics of young children in the area

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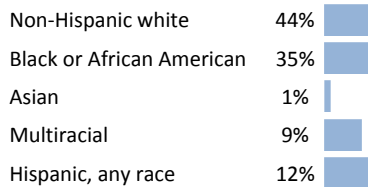
### Family type for children under age 6



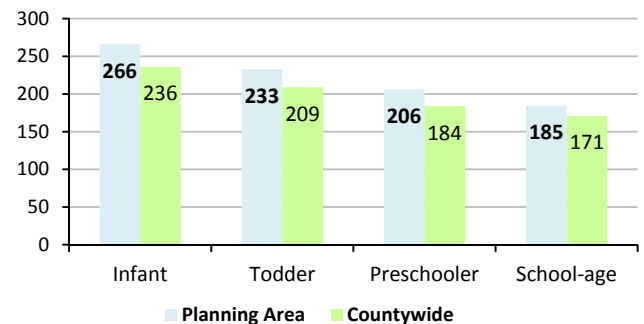
### Household income for children under age 6



### Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

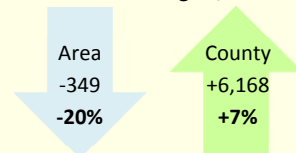


## Average weekly cost of center-based child care (in \$)

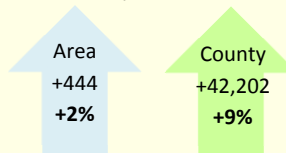


## Population trend and household projection

### 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	9	2	1
Accept infants	5	0	0
Accept toddlers	7	1	1
Accept preschoolers	9	2	1
Accept school-age	8	1	1
Preschools	3	1	0
After school providers	1	0	
Family child care	1	0	

# Near North/University

## Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Clinton @ OLD Hubbard	Columbus City
School	Fifth International	Columbus City
School	St Joseph Montessori	Nonpublic School
School	Tree Of Life-Indianola Branch	Nonpublic School
School	Weinland Park	Columbus City
Center	CDCFC Godman Guild Head Start	
Center	Columbus Early Learning Center - Northside	
Center	Gingerbread House Preschool & Nursery	
Center	Helping Hands Center for Special Needs	
Center	Indianola Children's Center	
Center	Little Dreamers Big Believers, LLC	
Center	St. Joseph Montessori School	
Center	The Discovery Center	
Center	The Schoenbaum Family 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](http://www.actionforchildren.org)