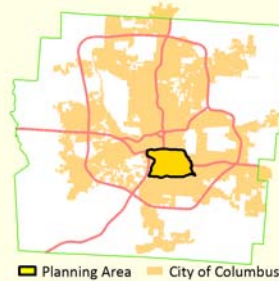


Near South

The Near South area of Franklin County—often referred to as the Southside—lies just south of downtown Columbus. It is bound I-70 to the north, Frank Road/State Route 104 to the south, Alum Creek to the east, and Scioto River to the west. The area is home to an estimated 38,200 people, with 8.5% of these being children under the age of six. Of these children, 64% are living in households with incomes below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level—the fourth highest planning area in the county. The countywide rate is 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, Near South's demand to supply ratio of 2.6 to 1 is above the Franklin County ratio of 2.1 to 1.

The average weekly costs for center-based child care in the Near South are lower when compared to county averages, and there are only three centers of 14 in the area which are accredited or quality rated.

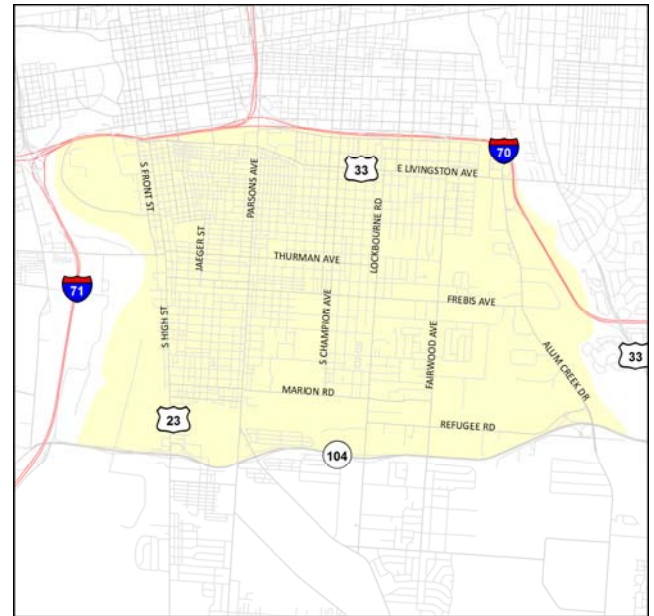


Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	929	152	6.1	5.2
Toddlers*	814	169	4.8	3.0
Preschoolers*	1,518	425	3.6	2.8
School-age**	3,111	358	8.7	5.7
Under age 6***	3,260	830	3.9	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	2,134	830	2.6	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	31%
Single female parent	57%
Single male parent	12%

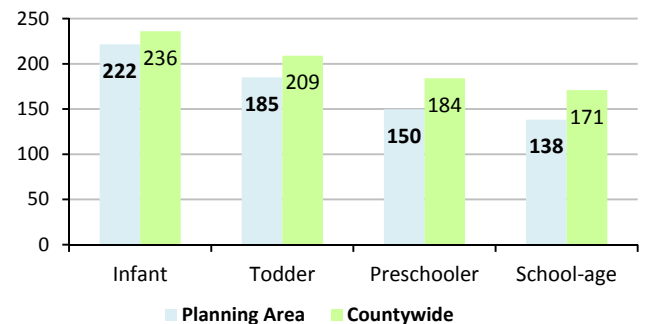
Household income for children under age 6

Below poverty level	59%
Below 125% poverty level	64%
Below 200% poverty level	79%

Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

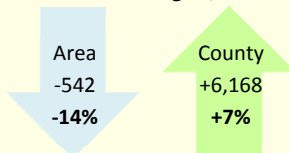
Non-Hispanic white	31%
Black or African American	52%
Asian	1%
Multiracial	10%
Hispanic, any race	7%

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

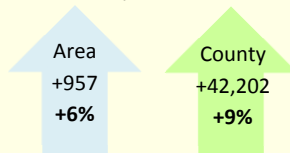


Population trend and household projection

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	14	3	1
Accept infants	10	2	0
Accept toddlers	12	3	1
Accept preschoolers	13	3	1
Accept school-age	9	1	1
Preschools	6	0	0
After school providers	5	0	
Family child care	28	0	

Near South

Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Columbus Africentric EC	Columbus City
School	Fairwood Alternative	Columbus City
School	Heyl Avenue	Columbus City
School	Imagine Integrity Academy	Charter School
School	Lincoln Park	Columbus City
School	Livingston	Columbus City
School	Moler	Columbus City
School	Siebert	Columbus City
School	South Scioto Academy	Charter School
School	Southwood	Columbus City
School	St Mary	Nonpublic School
School	St Paul Lutheran	Nonpublic School
School	Stewart Alternative @ Beck	Columbus City
Center	Childhood League Center	
Center	First Steps Learning Academy	
Center	Fresh Start Learning Academy	
Center	HSD Academy Learning Center	
Center	Livingston Ave Child Care Center	
Center	Livingston CUL Head Start Center	
Center	Millbrook Nursery School and Kindergarten	
Center	Nationwide Children's Hospital Employee Child Care Center	
Center	Power of Prayer Daycare and Learning Center	
Center	South Side Learning and Development Center	
Center	South Side Learning and Development Center- Lincoln Park	
Center	St. Mary Preschool	
Center	Success Kidz 24-Hour Enrichment Center	
Center	Success Kidz Infant & Toddler Enrichment, 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.

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