

# Northwest

The Northwest area of Franklin County is bound by State Route 161 to the north, Henderson Road to the south, and the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers to the east and west, respectively. The area is home to 36,300 people, of which 7.1% are children under the age of six. Of these children, 24% are living in households below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. This is slightly below the countywide estimate 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 in all age categories. For children under age six, after adjusting for parental labor force status, Northwest's ratio of demand to supply (1.7 to 1) is less than the countywide ratio of 2.1 to 1.

The average weekly costs for center-based child care in Northwest are marginally above the Franklin County averages, and of the 11 child care centers in the area, six are accredited or quality rated.

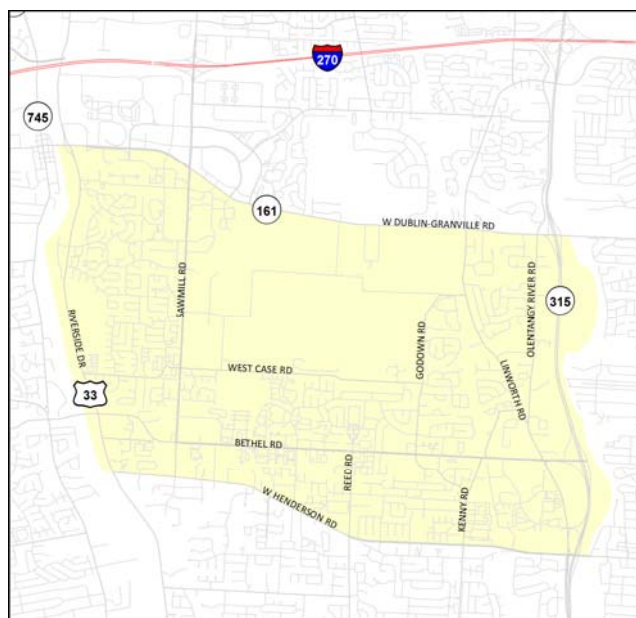


## Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	729	151	4.8	5.2
Toddlers*	697	242	2.9	3.0
Preschoolers*	1,156	586	2.0	2.8
School-age**	2,199	514	4.3	5.7
Under age 6***	2,581	985	2.6	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	1,711	985	1.7	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	76%
Single female parent	16%
Single male parent	8%

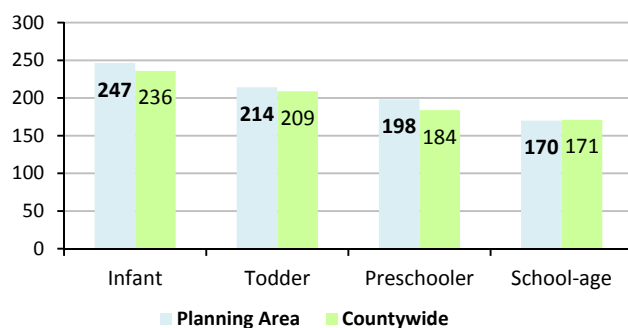
### Household income for children under age 6

Below poverty level	18%
Below 125% poverty level	24%
Below 200% poverty level	39%

### Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

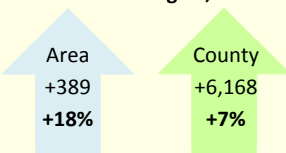
Non-Hispanic white	56%
Black or African American	7%
Asian	16%
Multiracial	8%
Hispanic, any race	13%

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

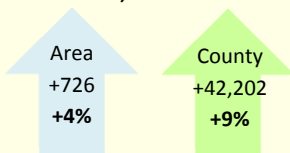


## Population trend and household projection

### 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	11	6	1
Accept infants	8	5	1
Accept toddlers	9	6	1
Accept preschoolers	11	6	1
Accept school-age	9	5	1
Preschools	6	2	1
After school providers	4	0	
Family child care	2	0	

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## Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Daniel Wright	Dublin City
School	Ecole Francaise	Nonpublic School
School	Gables	Columbus City
School	Noble Academy-Columbus	Charter School
School	Our Lady Of Bethlehem	Nonpublic School
School	Riverside	Dublin City
School	Tree Of Life-Dublin Branch	Nonpublic School
School	Winterset	Columbus City
Center	Casey's Kids	
Center	Education Unlimited, Ecole Francaise	
Center	Giggles and Grins Childcare Center, Inc.	
Center	Jane's Montessori Academy	
Center	Jelly Bean Junction Learning Center, Inc.	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center - Sawmill	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center #889	
Center	Meadow Park Children's Center	
Center	Northwest Christian Child Care	
Center	Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Child Care	
Center	Sunshine Nursery School	

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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