

Rocky Fork-Blacklick

The Rocky Fork-Blacklick area is in the northeast corner of Franklin County. It is bound by Morse Road to the south, I-270 and Westerville Road to the west, and the county border to the north and east. The area is home to an estimated 63,300 people with 7.9% being children under age six. Of these children approximately 8% are living in households below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. This is the second lowest proportion in the county, and well 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. After adjusting for parental labor force status, the Rocky Fork-Blacklick area ratio of demand to supply of 1.8 to 1 is less than the countywide ratio of 2.1 to 1 for children under age six.

The average weekly costs of center-based child care in Rocky Fork/Blacklick are higher than the county average, and of the 17 child care centers in the area, four are quality rated of accredited.

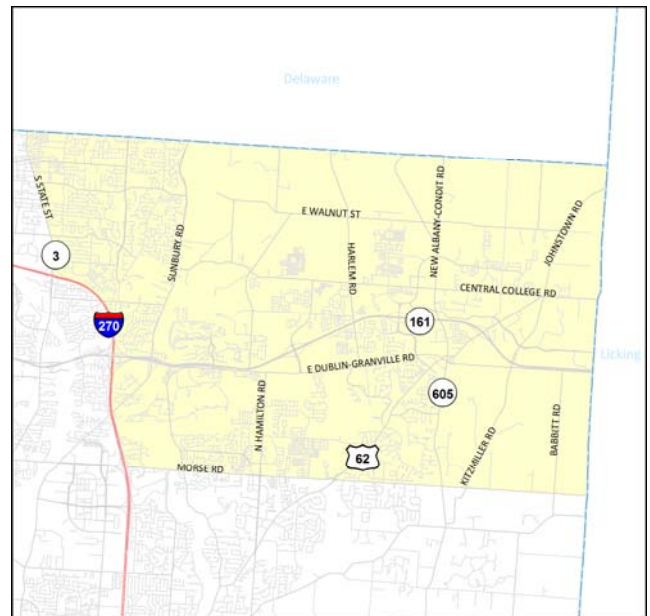


Potential demand for child care compared to area supply

Age level	Children	Slots	Child to slot ratio	County ratio
Infants*	1,218	300	4.1	5.2
Toddlers*	1,235	492	2.5	3.0
Preschoolers*	2,561	925	2.8	2.8
School-age**	5,983	1,359	4.4	5.7
Under age 6***	5,013	1,732	2.9	3.1
Under age 6 labor force adj.	3,163	1,732	1.8	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	85%
Single female parent	11%
Single male parent	5%

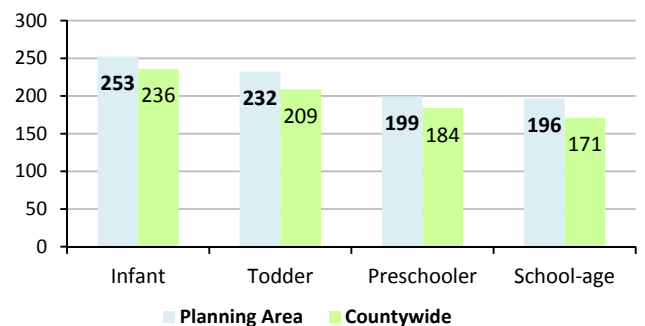
Household income for children under age 6

Below poverty level	7%
Below 125% poverty level	8%
Below 200% poverty level	16%

Race/ethnicity for children under age 5

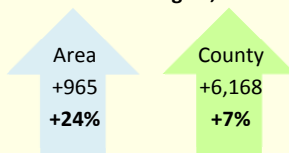
Non-Hispanic white	74%
Black or African American	9%
Asian	5%
Multiracial	7%
Hispanic, any race	5%

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

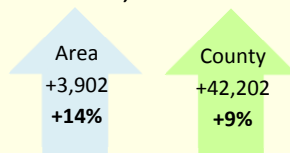


Population trend and household projection

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	17	4	0
Accept infants	16	4	0
Accept toddlers	17	4	0
Accept preschoolers	17	4	0
Accept school-age	16	4	0
Preschools	6	2	0
After school providers	11	0	
Family child care	5	0	

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Elementary schools and child care centers in the area

Type	Name	District
School	Central College	Westerville City
School	Central College Christian Academy	Nonpublic School
School	Cherrington	Westerville City
School	Columbus Jewish Day School	Nonpublic School
School	Cornerstone Academy Community	Charter School
School	Eastwood SDA Junior Academy	Nonpublic School
School	Emerson	Westerville City
School	Hanby Building	Westerville City
School	Jolly Tots Too!	Nonpublic School
School	K-1 Elementary	New Albany-Plain Local
School	Mark Twain	Westerville City
School	Mcvay	Westerville City
School	New Albany K-1	New Albany-Plain Local
School	New Albany 2-5	New Albany-Plain Local
School	Pointview	Westerville City
School	Robert Frost	Westerville City
School	Whittier	Westerville City
School	Wilder	Westerville City
Center	Enchanted Care Learning Center	
Center	JCC New Albany	
Center	Jolly Tots, Too!	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (Eastwind Dr)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center (County Line Rd)	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center - Cherry Bottom	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center-New Albany	
Center	Kinder Care Learning Center-Sunbury	
Center	La Petite Academy	
Center	La Petite Academy - Walnut	
Center	New Albany Christian Child Care	
Center	New Albany Montessori School	
Center	Nikou Learning Center	
Center	Ready, Set, Grow	
Center	The Goddard School	
Center	Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Center (Woodcrest Way)	
Center	Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Center (Preserve Blvd)	

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