



## The People<sup>1</sup>

	AR	U.S.
Number of residents	2,810,872	299,398,485
Number of children ages 0 through 4 <sup>2</sup>	192,891	20,417,636
Number of children ages 0 through 4 living below poverty level	66,247	4,211,345
Number of children ages 5 through 11 <sup>2</sup>	223,956	23,705,472
Number of families	758,195	74,564,066
Number of single-parent headed families	108,665	10,816,345
Number of families below poverty level	98,994	7,282,926
Number of families below 200% of poverty level <sup>3</sup>	277,000	20,127,000
Number of children under 18 below 200% of poverty level <sup>3</sup>	382,000	28,757,000

## Children Under 6 with Parents in the Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	AR	U.S.
In two-parent families, both parents in labor force	83,636	8,677,275
In single-parent families, parent in the labor force	62,795	5,615,003
Total children under 6 needing child care, as parents work	146,431	14,292,278

## Women in the Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	AR	U.S.
With children under 6	93,464	8,798,303
Married with children under 18	158,900	16,429,799
Single with children under 18	67,969	6,720,483
Who had a birth in the past 12 months	23,762	2,397,953

## Child Care Costs, Family Incomes

	AR	U.S.
Average, annual fees paid for full-time center care for an infant <sup>4</sup>	\$5,231	\$4,542-\$14,591
Average, annual fees paid for full-time center care for 4-year-old <sup>4</sup>	\$4,475	\$3,380-\$10,787
Average, annual fees paid for full-time care for an infant in a family child-care home <sup>4</sup>	\$4,519	\$3,900-\$9,630
Average, annual fees paid for full-time care for a 4-year-old in a family child-care home <sup>4</sup>	\$4,103	\$3,380-\$9,164
Average, annual fees paid for before and after school care for a school-age child in a center <sup>4</sup>	\$4,275	\$2,500-\$8,600
Average, annual fees paid for before and after school care for a school-age child in a family child care home <sup>4</sup>	\$3,851	\$2,080-\$7,648
Average, annual tuition and fees paid for 4-year state college <sup>5</sup>	\$5,587	\$6,185
Ratio of full-time infant care in a center: state college tuition and fees	0.9:1	0.7:1 – 2.8:1
Median annual family income of married-couple families with children under 18 <sup>6</sup>	\$56,872	\$72,948
Cost of full-time care for an infant in a center, as percent of median income for married-couple families with children under 18	9%	7.5%-16.9%
Median annual family income of single parent (female headed) families with children under 18 <sup>6</sup>	\$17,215	\$23,008
Cost of full-time care for an infant in a center, as percent of median income for single parent (female headed) families with children under 18	30%	25%-57%

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the 2006 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

<sup>2</sup> Based on the U.S. Census Bureau's population estimates for 2006 ([www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html](http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html))

<sup>3</sup> Families and children below 200% of poverty level are estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, CPS 2006 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, available at [http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/pov/new46\\_001\\_185200.htm](http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/pov/new46_001_185200.htm).

<sup>4</sup> Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>5</sup> Average price of 2007-2008 tuition and fees for public four-year colleges by state, from the College Board, [Trends in College Pricing, 2007](http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/about/news_info/trends/trends_pricing_07.pdf). ([http://www.collegeboard.com/prod\\_downloads/about/news\\_info/trends/trends\\_pricing\\_07.pdf](http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/about/news_info/trends/trends_pricing_07.pdf))

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## Child Care Fee Assistance<sup>7</sup>

	<b>AR</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of families served	3,900	1,040,700
Number of children served	5,600	1,799,300
Number of child care providers participating	1,576	699,413
Percent of subsidized children cared for in licensed centers/homes	99%	73%
Percent of subsidized children cared for by relatives	0%	15%
Percent of subsidized children cared for in other non-regulated care	1%	13%

## Child Care Supply<sup>8</sup>

	<b>AR</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of centers	2,096	118,947
Number of nationally accredited child care centers <sup>9</sup>	33	10,876
Percent of child care centers that are accredited	1.6%	9%
Number of family child care homes	797	232,923
Number of nationally accredited family child care homes <sup>10</sup>	6	2,007
Percent of family child care homes that are accredited	0.75%	0.86%
Total number of child care spaces	171,721	≈ 10,780,000
Percent of slots that are in child care centers	68%	≈ 71%
Percent of slots that are in family child care homes	5%	≈ 19%

## Child Care Demand<sup>11</sup>

	<b>AR</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Percent requests for infant and toddler care	55%	45%
Percent requests for pre-school age care	24%	30%
Percent requests for school-age care	20%	25%
Percent requests for full-time care	79%	82%
Percent requests for part-time care	21%	18%
Percent requests for before and after-school care	17%	10%
Percent requests for non-traditional hour care	5%	14%

## Workforce and Training<sup>12</sup>

	<b>AR</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of child care workers (excludes self-employed providers)	6,320	572,950
Average income for full-time, year-round child care provider	\$14,590	\$18,820
Number of training sessions held by CCR&R agencies for providers	164	≈ 75,500
Average number of providers attending per training session	8	6 to 70
Total number of providers trained by CCR&R agencies	1,555	≈ 650,000
Number of on-site technical assistances provided by CCR&R agencies to child care programs	1,159	≈ 181,165
Number of child care programs receiving on-site technical assistance from CCR&R agencies	1,102	≈ 65,500

## Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies

	<b>AR</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of CCR&R agencies	7	847
Type of State Network <sup>13</sup>	Managing Network	

<sup>7</sup> These statistics are provided by the Child Care Bureau ([http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf\\_data/06acf800\\_preliminary/list.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/06acf800_preliminary/list.htm)), from the 2006 Child Care Development Fund preliminary data, and are derived from monthly averages. Total number of child care providers includes paid relatives and other non-regulated caregivers.

<sup>8</sup> Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>9</sup> Data obtained from the various national accrediting bodies that accredit child care centers. Number of accredited programs are based on data available as of February 2008. Number of accredited programs include Early Head Start/Head Start programs and those serving Department of Defense personnel exclusively.

<sup>10</sup> The number of accredited programs as of February 2008, provided by the National Association for Family Child Care Centers (NAFCC). Number of accredited family child care homes includes those serving Department of Defense personnel exclusively.

<sup>11</sup> Data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>12</sup> Workforce data are derived from the 2006 Occupational Employment Statistics survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>); Training and on-site technical assistance data are provided by the State CCR&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data. National on-site technical assistance data are based on a survey of local CCR&Rs conducted in 2006 by NACCRRRA.

<sup>13</sup> Coordinating and Managing networks have staff and are funded to coordinate the work of local CCR&Rs. Single Entity CCR&Rs cover an entire state. Voluntary networks rely on volunteers, and operate with little or no public funding.