



The People¹

	ME	U.S.
Number of residents	1,321,574	299,398,485
Number of children ages 0 through 4 ²	70,245	20,417,636
Number of children ages 0 through 4 living below poverty level	19,582	4,211,345
Number of children ages 5 through 11 ²	89,357	23,705,472
Number of families	358,314	74,564,066
Number of single-parent headed families	51,249	10,816,345
Number of families below poverty level	31,261	7,282,926
Number of families below 200% of poverty level ³	89,000	20,127,000
Number of children under 18 below 200% of poverty level ³	97,000	28,757,000

Children Under 6 with Parents in the Labor Force¹

	ME	U.S.
In two-parent families, both parents in labor force	33,610	8,677,275
In single-parent families, parent in the labor force	18,294	5,615,003
Total children under 6 needing child care, as parents work	51,904	14,292,278

Women in the Labor Force¹

	ME	U.S.
With children under 6	37,178	8,798,303
Married with children under 18	76,911	16,429,799
Single with children under 18	28,321	6,720,483
Who had a birth in the past 12 months	9,120	2,397,953

Child Care Costs, Family Incomes

	ME	U.S.
Average, annual fees paid for full-time center care for an infant ⁴	\$8,424	\$4,542-\$14,591
Average, annual fees paid for full-time center care for 4-year-old ⁴	\$7,020	\$3,380-\$10,787
Average, annual fees paid for full-time care for an infant in a family child-care home ⁴	\$6,344	\$3,900-\$9,630
Average, annual fees paid for full-time care for a 4-year-old in a family child-care home ⁴	\$6,032	\$3,380-\$9,164
Average, annual fees paid for before and after school care for a school-age child in a center ⁴	\$4,280	\$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 ⁴	\$3,370	\$2,080-\$7,648
Average, annual tuition and fees paid for 4-year state college ⁵	\$7,316	\$6,185
Ratio of full-time infant care in a center: state college tuition and fees	1.2:1	0.7:1 – 2.8:1
Median annual family income of married-couple families with children under 18 ⁶	\$66,423	\$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	13%	7.5%-16.9%
Median annual family income of single parent (female headed) families with children under 18 ⁶	\$20,392	\$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	41%	25%-57%

¹ Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the 2006 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

² Based on the U.S. Census Bureau's population estimates for 2006 (www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html)

³ 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.

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

⁵ 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)

⁶ From the 2006 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

Child Care Fee Assistance⁷

	ME	U.S.
Number of families served	3,700	1,040,700
Number of children served	5,400	1,799,300
Number of child care providers participating	2,480	699,413
Percent of subsidized children cared for in licensed centers/homes	85%	73%
Percent of subsidized children cared for by relatives	7%	15%
Percent of subsidized children cared for in other non-regulated care	8%	13%

Child Care Supply⁸

	ME	U.S.
Number of centers	701	118,947
Number of nationally accredited child care centers ⁹	76	10,876
Percent of child care centers that are accredited	10.8%	9%
Number of family child care homes	2,037	232,923
Number of nationally accredited family child care homes ¹⁰	48	2,007
Percent of family child care homes that are accredited	2.36%	0.86%
Total number of child care spaces	45,515	≈ 10,780,000
Percent of slots that are in child care centers	62%	≈ 71%
Percent of slots that are in family child care homes	36%	≈ 19%

Child Care Demand¹¹

	ME	U.S.
Percent requests for infant and toddler care	59%	45%
Percent requests for pre-school age care	27%	30%
Percent requests for school-age care	14%	25%
Percent requests for full-time care	69%	82%
Percent requests for part-time care	31%	18%
Percent requests for before and after-school care	8%	10%
Percent requests for non-traditional hour care	3%	14%

Workforce and Training¹²

	ME	U.S.
Number of child care workers (excludes self-employed providers)	1,750	572,950
Average income for full-time, year-round child care provider	\$20,780	\$18,820
Number of training sessions held by CCR&R agencies for providers	502	≈ 75,500
Average number of providers attending per training session	12	6 to 70
Total number of providers trained by CCR&R agencies	2,596	≈ 650,000
Number of on-site technical assistances provided by CCR&R agencies to child care programs	106	≈ 181,165
Number of child care programs receiving on-site technical assistance from CCR&R agencies	59	≈ 65,500

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies

	ME	U.S.
Number of CCR&R agencies	10	847
Type of State Network ¹³	Voluntary Network	

⁷ These statistics are provided by the Child Care Bureau (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.

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

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

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

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.