

“Who’s Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements: Spring 2005/Summer 2006”

U.S. Census Bureau, August 2010

Overall – Includes both working and stay-at-home mothers with children under age 5

- 12.7 million (63%) of children were in some type of regular child care setting every week
- Children were more likely to be cared for by relatives (41%) than nonrelatives (35%)
- 37% had no regular child care arrangement

Children of Employed Mothers:

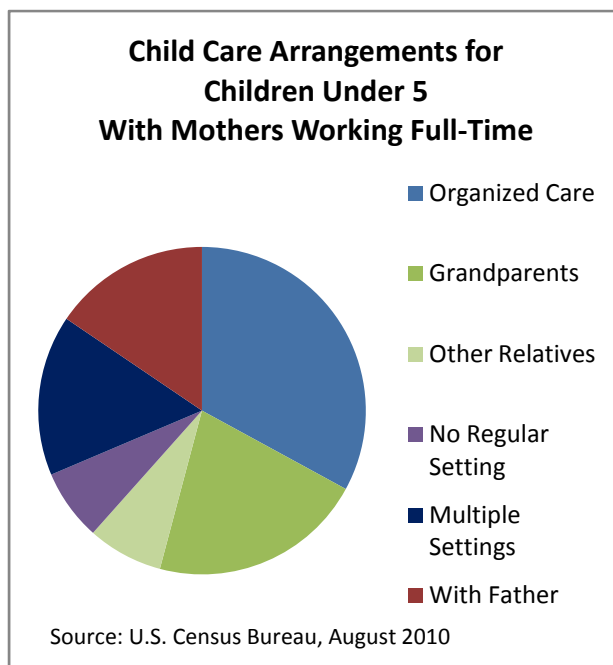
Of the 11.3 million children of working mothers:

- 7.5 million (66.3%) had mothers working full-time
- 2.9 million (25.6%) had mothers working part-time
- 6.8 million (60.1%) had mothers working a day shift
- 3.6 million (31.8%) had mothers working a non-day shift
- Children spent an average of 35 hours a week in non-maternal care.

Where were the children of working mothers ?

Mothers Employed Generally:

- With relatives (39.9%) [29.5% with grandparents]
- Total Organized Care: 42.5%
 - Center-based Care: 33.7%
 - Family Child Care Homes: 8.8%
- No regular arrangement: 11.4%
- Multiple arrangements: 24.6%
- With Father: 25.4%



Child Care Settings/Mothers Working Full-Time vs. Part-Time

Mothers Employed Full-Time	Mothers Employed Part-Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (40.8%) [30.2% with grandparents] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (42.4%) [31.1% with grandparents]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 46.9% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 37.2% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 9.7% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 33% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 25.5% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 7.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 10% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 11.6%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 22.6% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 29%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 22.1% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 33.6%

Child Care Settings/Mothers Working a Day Shift vs. Non-Day Shift

Mothers Working a Day Shift	Mothers Working a Non-day Shift
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (39.5%) [30.1% with grandparents] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (44.5%) [31.2% with grandparents]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 50.9% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 39.6% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 11.3% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 28.2% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 23.3% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 4.9%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 8.8% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 13.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 21.6% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 29.7%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 18.3% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 38.5%

Child Care Settings By Age of Child/Working Mothers

Employed Mothers With Infants Under Age 1	Employed Mothers with Children Age 1 to 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (44.5%) [34% with grandparents] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (40.4%) [30.5% with grandparents]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 27.5% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 17.5% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 10% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 37.2% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 26.9% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 10.3%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 12.9% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 10.4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 22.9% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 21.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 27% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 25.6%

Child Care Settings by Age of Child/Working Mothers and Summer Care

Employed Mothers With Children Age 3 to 4	Children of Working Mothers in the Summer of 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (40.7%) [29% with grandparents] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (26.5%) [25.5% with grandparents]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 54.7% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 47% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 7.7% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 37.2% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 31% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 6.2%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 9.4% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 42%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 27.7% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 27%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 25.6% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 24%

Child Care Settings/Working Mothers with Income Below and Above Poverty

Employed Mothers With Children Under Age 5 Living Below Poverty	Employed Mothers With Children Under Age 5 Above Poverty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (41.3%) [27% with grandparents] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With relatives (41.2%) [31% with grandparents]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 31.6% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 26.5% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 5.1% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organized Care: 45.3% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center-based Care: 35.4% ○ Family Child Care Homes: 9.9%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 11.4% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No regular arrangement: 10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 22.1% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple arrangements: 24.9%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 27% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Father: 25%

Home Alone (Self-Care) for School-age Children of Working Mothers:

- During the spring of 2005, about 16.5% of school-age children (4.2 million) of working mothers were home alone an average of 6 hours per week (children ages 5 to 14). About 6.3% of children ages 5 to 11 were home alone – more than 2% of children (194,603) ages 5 to 8; more than 11% of children (792,651) ages 9 to 11.
- African-American (13.9%) and Hispanic (13%) children were less likely than White children (17.6%) to be home alone.
- Children in poverty were less likely than non-poor children to be home alone (13.9% vs. 17.1%).
- In the summer of 2006, 20% of school-age children (7.2 million) of working mothers were home alone an average of 9 hours per week (children ages 5 to 14). About 15% of children ages 5 to 11 were home alone-- nearly 10 percent of children (856,316) ages 5 to 8; nearly 22% of children (1,527,120) ages 9 to 11.