

Who's Caring for our Babies Now?

Revisiting the 2005 Profile of
Early Care and Education for Children Birth to Three
in North Carolina



Introduction

The last 20 years have seen a revolution in need for and usage of child care for infants and toddlers in North Carolina. As more and more women have re-entered the workforce with children under a year old, the need for child care has grown. It is estimated that 53-59% of babies under one live in a household where their mothers work. And with the work requirements associated with TANF requiring mothers to go back to work as soon as possible after the birth of their children, babies living in both poor and middle income families are faced with spending their very earliest days in a child care setting.

In North Carolina, a significant increase has occurred in the numbers of infants and toddlers in regulated child care settings over the last three years. In 2005, data from the NC Division of Child Development indicated that there were 76,461 children enrolled in child care settings under the age of three. Of these, 17,053 were under one year of age. In 2008, the number of children under the age of three had risen to 77,513; a 1.4% increase.

With so much national and state attention focused on school readiness and on helping four year olds come to school better prepared, it is important to assess what is happening for our very youngest citizens. Numerous studies have identified the first years of life as critical for setting the foundation for future learning. These studies have identified key elements in providing an environment that maximizes the chances that each young infant can reach her potential. Examples of such factors include consistency, security, predictability, focus, encouragement, and age appropriate toys or objects.¹ However, providing excellent infant/toddler child care is expensive because of the need and requirements for low teacher to child ratios and well-educated teachers.

Given these factors, it is critical to examine the status of child care for our youngest citizens. This study examines two major pieces of data to help us look at child care and children from zero to three. The first data come from the regulatory database within the NC Division of Child Development. In the first section of the report the reader will be able to look at the enrollment of infants and toddlers in child care, examine the quality of care these young children are receiving and how this compares with the care of our three to five year old children.

The second data group also comes from the NC Division of Child Development. Using data from the state subsidy program, this study examines what type of child care our poorest children receive. This information is critically important as research has repeatedly shown that birth to three are critical formative years and that child care has a profound impact specifically for children from low income families. As more and more of our poor children's parents work, these same children are in child care at an earlier age thus needing access to high quality care.

¹ The Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers, *A Guide to Cognitive Development and Learning*. California Department of Education and WestEd. Sacramento, 1995.

North Carolina Child Care Programs Serving Infants and Toddlers

This section analyzes the following research questions:

- What is the availability and usage of infant and toddler care?
- Are infants and toddlers in NC enrolled in high quality programs?
- Are child care facilities that provide early care and education to infants and toddlers different from child care facilities that provide early care and education to children 3-5 years old?
- Are these differences statewide or specific to certain regions and counties?

To answer these questions licensing and enrollment data for April 2008 were obtained from the NC Division of Child Development. Child care programs that enrolled children birth up to 36 months are compared to child care programs that enroll children three to five years old.²

This section contains the following: data source, summary of key findings, data tables showing the comparison statewide, and tables providing comparisons for each of the 18 North Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral (NC CCR&R) Regions and counties across the state (see Appendix A). In each regional data table, a column on statewide infant and toddler data is included for comparison purposes. In each county data table, a column on the regional data in which that county is located is included for comparison purposes.

Data Source

All data in this section are from the North Carolina Division of Child Development licensing and enrollment data for April 2008.

Summary of Key Findings

General Availability and Usage...

- When this study was completed in 2005, there were 76,461 children from birth to three in regulated child care settings. Currently, 77,513 children from birth to three are in regulated child care settings. This represents a 1.4% increase from 2005. During this same period, enrollment of children from three to five years of age increased by 5.6%.
- Of the 77,513 children under the age of three, 22% are infants, 35% are one-year-olds and 44% are two-year-olds.
- 74% of centers serve infants and toddlers; 97% of centers serve preschoolers.
- 87% of infants and toddlers enrolled in licensed care are in child care centers; 13% of infants and toddlers enrolled in licensed care are in child care homes.
- 40% of children birth-5 years old enrolled in licensed child care programs of all types are infants and toddlers.
- 38% of children birth-5 years old in licensed centers are infants or toddlers; 61% of children birth-5 years of age in licensed homes are infants or toddlers.

² Programs that enroll both infants and toddlers and three to five year old children were counted in both data sets.

Availability and Usage of Higher Quality Care...

- 44% of 5-star centers enroll infants and toddlers; 83% of 1-star centers enroll infants and toddlers. However, 98% of 5-star centers enroll children 3-5 years of age.
- Fewer infants and toddlers than preschoolers access high quality (4- and 5-star) child care centers. In only seven regions, 50% or more of infants and toddlers are receiving care in 4- or 5-star child care centers. In four regions 30% or less of infants and toddlers in child care are enrolled in 4- or 5-star centers (Table 1).

Table 1. Enrollment of Infants and Toddlers in Child Care Centers by Star Rating

| Region | 5-star | 4-star | 3-star | 2-star | 1-star | Other* |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 0% | 10% | 27% | 27% | 14% | 23% |
| 2 | 9% | 30% | 34% | 11% | 3% | 12% |
| 3 | 6% | 27% | 27% | 7% | 13% | 20% |
| 4 | 11% | 34% | 34% | 5% | 9% | 7% |
| 5 | 4% | 18% | 46% | 15% | 7% | 11% |
| 6 | 10% | 16% | 39% | 15% | 6% | 14% |
| 7 | 21% | 47% | 11% | 5% | 3% | 13% |
| 8 | 12% | 37% | 26% | 5% | 4% | 17% |
| 9 | 22% | 30% | 28% | 1% | 8% | 12% |
| 10 | 27% | 36% | 23% | 7% | 1% | 7% |
| 11 | 41% | 27% | 17% | 6% | 6% | 3% |
| 12 | 28% | 33% | 22% | 5% | 4% | 7% |
| 13 | 15% | 26% | 26% | 7% | 10% | 16% |
| 14 | 13% | 32% | 27% | 9% | 4% | 15% |
| 15 | 24% | 31% | 23% | 8% | 4% | 10% |
| 16 | 17% | 13% | 33% | 14% | 8% | 16% |
| 17 | 24% | 28% | 21% | 6% | 15% | 7% |
| 18 | 20% | 25% | 34% | 5% | 1% | 15% |
| NC State | 17% | 30% | 26% | 8% | 7% | 12% |

*Includes all programs with a GS 110-106, Provisional, Probationary, and Temporary License.

- 95% of 5-star homes enroll infants and toddlers; 93% of 1-star homes enroll infants and toddlers. Unlike centers, a lower percent (84%) of 5-star homes enroll children three to five years of age than enroll infants and toddlers.
- Fewer infants and toddlers than preschoolers access high quality (4- and 5-star) child care homes. In only six regions, 40% or more of infants and toddlers are receiving care in 4- or 5-star child care homes, but none of them exceed 46%. In seven regions 30% or less of infants and toddlers are enrolled in 4- or 5-star homes (Table 2).

| Region | 5-star | 4-star | 3-star | 2-star | 1-star | Other |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 5% | 23% | 25% | 24% | 23% | 0% |
| 2 | 15% | 11% | 24% | 28% | 19% | 2% |
| 3 | 15% | 22% | 19% | 20% | 23% | 0% |
| 4 | 9% | 19% | 13% | 30% | 27% | 1% |
| 5 | 9% | 23% | 25% | 18% | 24% | 0% |
| 6 | 15% | 19% | 24% | 29% | 13% | 0% |
| 7 | 16% | 27% | 24% | 13% | 20% | 1% |
| 8 | 34% | 12% | 15% | 13% | 25% | 1% |
| 9 | 20% | 21% | 14% | 17% | 25% | 2% |
| 10 | 13% | 12% | 12% | 44% | 20% | 0% |
| 11 | 24% | 16% | 12% | 17% | 30% | 0% |
| 12 | 9% | 12% | 18% | 34% | 26% | 1% |
| 13 | 16% | 16% | 22% | 20% | 25% | 0% |
| 14 | 13% | 25% | 19% | 19% | 22% | 2% |
| 15 | 16% | 27% | 25% | 16% | 14% | 2% |
| 16 | 9% | 18% | 23% | 32% | 19% | 0% |
| 17 | 9% | 18% | 15% | 20% | 39% | 0% |
| 18 | 13% | 32% | 12% | 22% | 22% | 0% |
| NC State | 14% | 21% | 20% | 21% | 23% | 0% |

- Region 1 has the lowest percent (19%) and Region 7 has the highest percent (52%) of 4- and 5-star homes and centers that enroll infants and toddlers (Table 3).
- 46% of infants and toddlers are enrolled in 4- or 5-star centers or homes as compared to 58% of children three to five years old. This is an increase of 6% and 9% respectively, from enrollment in 2005 (Table 4).
- In every region the percent of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- or 5-star programs is lower than preschoolers (Table 4).
- Region 1 has the lowest percent (13%) and Region 7 has the highest percent (66%) of infants and toddlers who are enrolled in 4- and 5- star programs.
- In 2005, only eight regions enrolled 50% or more preschoolers in 4- or 5-star programs. In 2008, fourteen regions enrolled 50% or more of preschoolers in 4- or 5-star programs of all types. This enrollment in quality programs is true of only six regions for infants and toddlers in 2008.

Table 3. Percent of Programs (Centers and Homes) with a 4- or 5-Star License Serving Indicated Age Groups

| Region | Infants/Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2008 | 2005 | 2008 |
| 1 | 24% | 19% | 27% | 27% |
| 2 | 32% | 26% | 35% | 29% |
| 3 | 31% | 32% | 33% | 38% |
| 4 | 29% | 33% | 32% | 40% |
| 5 | 28% | 24% | 33% | 32% |
| 6 | 22% | 29% | 26% | 39% |
| 7 | 36% | 52% | 40% | 55% |
| 8 | 39% | 44% | 42% | 53% |
| 9 | 36% | 45% | 42% | 52% |
| 10 | 47% | 51% | 55% | 60% |
| 11 | 44% | 48% | 51% | 58% |
| 12 | 30% | 37% | 40% | 50% |
| 13 | 34% | 36% | 38% | 43% |
| 14 | 36% | 39% | 40% | 46% |
| 15 | 38% | 45% | 43% | 50% |
| 16 | 22% | 24% | 27% | 30% |
| 17 | 34% | 33% | 38% | 38% |
| 18 | 45% | 41% | 50% | 46% |
| NC State | 33% | 37% | 38% | 44% |

Table 4. Percent of Children by Age Enrolled in a 4- or 5-Star Programs (Centers and Homes)

| Region | Enroll Infants/Toddlers | | Enroll Preschoolers | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2008 | 2005 | 2008 |
| 1 | 22% | 13% | 34% | 42% |
| 2 | 34% | 36% | 40% | 56% |
| 3 | 27% | 34% | 36% | 49% |
| 4 | 38% | 44% | 45% | 63% |
| 5 | 23% | 23% | 42% | 44% |
| 6 | 21% | 27% | 39% | 53% |
| 7 | 49% | 66% | 53% | 67% |
| 8 | 46% | 49% | 52% | 64% |
| 9 | 44% | 51% | 55% | 61% |
| 10 | 60% | 59% | 71% | 67% |
| 11 | 62% | 64% | 72% | 80% |
| 12 | 41% | 56% | 58% | 71% |
| 13 | 35% | 40% | 40% | 50% |
| 14 | 41% | 44% | 48% | 57% |
| 15 | 41% | 53% | 49% | 60% |
| 16 | 26% | 29% | 40% | 48% |
| 17 | 49% | 49% | 58% | 57% |
| 18 | 51% | 45% | 60% | 59% |
| NC State | 40% | 46% | 49% | 58% |

- At the state level there is a 12% average difference in preschoolers accessing 4- or 5-star care vs. infants and toddlers. Among the regions, however, the differences range from 1% in Region 7 to 29% in Region 1.
- Across the regions of North Carolina the percent of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- or 5-star licensed centers varies greatly. Across the state the percentages range from 62.28% in Region 7 to 8.06% in Region 1 (Table 5).
- Regions 7 and 17 contain the counties with the largest population in North Carolina (Mecklenburg and Wake). Both regions are above the state average enrollment of infants and toddlers in 4- or 5-star centers.
- Regions 13 and 14 contain the counties with the 3rd and 4th largest population in North Carolina (Forsyth and Guilford). Both regions are below the state average enrollment of infants and toddlers in 4- or 5-star centers.
- Region 5 contains the county with the 5th largest population in North Carolina (Cumberland). Region 5 is below the state average enrollment of infants and toddlers in 4- or 5-star centers (18.92%).

Table 5. Percent of Infants/Toddlers in Licensed Care Enrolled in 4- or 5-star Centers

| Ranking | Region | % |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | 7 | 62.28% |
| 2 | 11 | 57.52% |
| 3 | 10 | 57.24% |
| 4 | 12 | 53.21% |
| 5 | 9 | 47.69% |
| 6 | 17 | 46.06% |
| 7 | 15 | 45.72% |
| 8 | 8 | 43.87% |
| | State | 41.36% |
| 9 | 4 | 40.94% |
| 10 | 14 | 39.98% |
| 11 | 18 | 37.46% |
| 12 | 13 | 35.89% |
| 13 | 2 | 31.06% |
| 14 | 3 | 27.14% |
| 15 | 16 | 25.15% |
| 16 | 6 | 20.81% |
| 17 | 5 | 18.92% |
| 18 | 1 | 8.06% |

- Across the counties of North Carolina the percent of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- or 5-star licensed centers depicts an even larger range. Ashe, Hyde, Avery, Jackson, Transylvania, and Burke counties have the highest percent (70% or more) of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- or 5-star licensed centers and Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Camden, Bertie, and Vance counties have the lowest (3% or lower) (Table 6).
- Among the counties in North Carolina with the largest populations, one (Mecklenburg) is ranked in the top 10, Wake County is ranked 26th, Guilford County is ranked 44th, Forsyth County is ranked 45th and Cumberland County ranks 82nd in the state.

Table 6. Percent of Infants/Toddlers in Licensed Care Enrolled in 4- or 5-star Centers*

| Ranking | County | Region | % | Ranking | County | Region | % |
|---------|---------------------|--------|---------------|---------|-------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Ashe | 12 | 87.18% | 51 | Stokes | 13 | 36.60% |
| 2 | Hyde | 2 | 78.95% | 52 | Columbus | 4 | 36.58% |
| 3 | Avery | 11 | 77.78% | 53 | Duplin | 5 | 36.50% |
| 4 | Jackson | 10 | 75.84% | 54 | Henderson | 9 | 35.70% |
| 5 | Transylvania | 9 | 73.81% | 55 | Edgecombe | 18 | 34.59% |
| 6 | Burke | 11 | 72.93% | 56 | Martin | 3 | 34.27% |
| 7 | Rowan | 7 | 69.27% | 57 | Jones | 3 | 34.21% |
| 8 | Watauga | 12 | 66.39% | 58 | Johnston | 16 | 33.97% |
| 9 | Mecklenburg | 7 | 65.75% | 59 | Caswell | 15 | 33.90% |
| 10 | Brunswick | 4 | 64.29% | 60 | Alamance | 15 | 33.03% |
| 11 | Orange | 15 | 60.16% | 61 | Cleveland | 8 | 29.84% |
| 12 | Graham | 10 | 58.97% | 62 | Rockingham | 14 | 27.86% |
| 13 | Haywood | 10 | 58.60% | 63 | Craven | 2 | 27.14% |
| 14 | Macon | 10 | 56.93% | 64 | Yancey | 11 | 25.97% |
| 15 | Clay | 10 | 56.45% | 65 | Chatham | 16 | 25.49% |
| 16 | Stanly | 7 | 54.53% | 66 | Moore | 6 | 25.18% |
| 17 | Alexander | 12 | 54.44% | 67 | Greene | 3 | 24.86% |
| 18 | Catawba | 8 | 54.35% | 68 | Northampton | 1 | 23.74% |
| 19 | McDowell | 11 | 53.33% | 69 | Wayne | 16 | 23.52% |
| 20 | Carteret | 3 | 53.27% | 70 | Sampson | 5 | 22.78% |
| 21 | Union | 7 | 53.17% | 71 | Nash | 18 | 21.93% |
| 22 | Montgomery | 6 | 52.66% | 72 | Robeson | 5 | 20.77% |
| 23 | Madison | 9 | 52.27% | 73 | Scotland | 5 | 20.45% |
| 24 | Alleghany | 13 | 51.14% | 74 | Lenoir | 3 | 20.41% |
| 25 | Beaufort | 2 | 51.09% | 75 | Warren | 18 | 19.48% |
| 26 | Wake | 17 | 50.98% | 76 | Hertford | 1 | 18.18% |
| 27 | Caldwell | 11 | 49.50% | 77 | Gates | 1 | 17.65% |
| 28 | Cabarrus | 7 | 49.49% | 78 | Richmond | 14 | 16.84% |
| 29 | Polk | 9 | 49.38% | 79 | Yadkin | 13 | 16.43% |
| 30 | Wilson | 18 | 49.36% | 80 | Harnett | 16 | 16.25% |
| 31 | Cherokee | 10 | 49.34% | 81 | Lee | 16 | 16.16% |
| 32 | Buncombe | 9 | 49.28% | 82 | Cumberland | 5 | 15.34% |
| 33 | Person | 15 | 48.50% | 83 | Anson | 6 | 14.55% |
| 34 | Lincoln | 8 | 48.40% | 84 | Washington | 2 | 14.16% |
| 35 | Randolph | 14 | 47.04% | 85 | Pitt | 3 | 13.89% |
| 36 | Rutherford | 9 | 47.00% | 86 | Chowan | 1 | 13.21% |
| 37 | Durham | 15 | 46.32% | 87 | Pamlico | 2 | 13.16% |
| 38 | Iredell | 12 | 46.14% | 88 | Perquimans | 1 | 12.90% |
| 39 | Swain | 10 | 45.15% | 89 | Mitchell | 11 | 11.32% |
| 40 | Wilkes | 12 | 43.88% | 90 | Bladen | 4 | 7.87% |
| 41 | Davie | 13 | 43.63% | 91 | Hoke | 6 | 7.47% |
| | NC Statewide | | 41.36% | 92 | Dare | 1 | 7.43% |
| 42 | Davidson | 13 | 40.77% | 93 | Currituck | 1 | 4.51% |
| 43 | Gaston | 8 | 40.72% | 94 | Surry | 13 | 3.47% |
| 44 | Guilford | 14 | 40.48% | 95 | Granville | 17 | 3.28% |
| 45 | Forsyth | 13 | 40.05% | 96 | Vance | 17 | 2.46% |
| 46 | New Hanover | 4 | 39.64% | 97 | Bertie | 1 | 0.00% |
| 47 | Pender | 4 | 39.19% | 98 | Camden | 1 | 0.00% |
| 48 | Franklin | 17 | 38.77% | 99 | Pasquotank | 1 | 0.00% |
| 49 | Halifax | 18 | 38.50% | 100 | Tyrrell | 2 | 0.00% |
| 50 | Onslow | 3 | 37.77% | | | | |

*This is the number of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- and 5-star centers only divided by the total number of infants and toddlers enrolled in all licensed care (homes and centers).

**North Carolina State Licensing Data
April 2008**

| Table 7. Programs Characteristics | NC Programs Serving Children Ages Birth-5 | | NC Programs Serving Infants and Toddlers⁺ | | NC Programs Serving Preschoolers⁺ | |
|---|--|-------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 981 | 24% | 436 | 14% | 963 | 24% |
| 5 Star Homes | 457 | 12% | 432 | 13% | 383 | 14% |
| 4 Star Centers | 1,073 | 24% | 823 | 27% | 1,044 | 26% |
| 4 Star Homes | 696 | 19% | 659 | 20% | 562 | 21% |
| 3 Star Centers | 958 | 22% | 876 | 28% | 930 | 23% |
| 3 Star Homes | 696 | 19% | 657 | 20% | 560 | 21% |
| 2 Star Centers | 323 | 8% | 296 | 10% | 311 | 8% |
| 2 Star Homes | 754 | 20% | 701 | 21% | 596 | 22% |
| 1 Star Centers | 315 | 11% | 260 | 8% | 311 | 8% |
| 1 Star Homes | 877 | 30% | 813 | 25% | 614 | 23% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 354 | 7% | 270 | 9% | 353 | 9% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | 0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 126 | 4% | 96 | 3% | 112 | 3% |
| Temporary Homes | 8 | 1% | 8 | 0% | 4 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110- 106 Centers | 39 | 1% | 36 | 1% | 39 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 6 | 0% | 6 | 0% | 4 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 4,169 | 100% | 3,093 | 74% | 4,063 | 97% |
| Total Homes** | 3,494 | 100% | 3,276 | 94% | 2,723 | 78% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the state (n=4,169).

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state (n=3,494).

⁺The number of programs may be a duplicated number since programs enrolling infants and toddlers may also enroll preschoolers.

| Table 8. NC Statewide Enrollment | # | % |
|---|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 67,737 | 38.0% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 110,455 | 62.0% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 9,776 | 61.1% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 6,214 | 38.9% |

| Table 9. Enrollment by License Level | NC Birth-5 Enrollment | | NC Statewide Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | NC Statewide Preschool Enrollment | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|--|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 43,914 | 25% | 11,471 | 17% | 32,443 | 29% |
| 5 Star Homes | 2,379 | 15% | 1,375 | 14% | 1,004 | 16% |
| 4 Star Centers | 53,189 | 30% | 20,590 | 30% | 32,599 | 30% |
| 4 Star Homes | 3,370 | 21% | 2,067 | 21% | 1,303 | 21% |
| 3 Star Centers | 37,226 | 21% | 17,315 | 26% | 19,911 | 18% |
| 3 Star Homes | 3,201 | 20% | 1,972 | 20% | 1,229 | 20% |
| 2 Star Centers | 11,086 | 6% | 5,276 | 8% | 5,810 | 5% |
| 2 Star Homes | 3,389 | 21% | 2,021 | 21% | 1,368 | 22% |
| 1 Star Centers | 11,008 | 6% | 4,687 | 7% | 6,321 | 6% |
| 1 Star Homes | 3,572 | 22% | 2,278 | 23% | 1,294 | 21% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 16,263 | 9% | 6,010 | 9% | 10,253 | 9% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | 0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 3,445 | 2% | 1,406 | 2% | 2,039 | 2% |
| Temporary Homes | 39 | 0% | 33 | 0% | 6 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2,061 | 1% | 982 | 1% | 1,079 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 40 | 0% | 30 | 0% | 10 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 178,192 | 100% | 67,737 | 38% | 110,455 | 62% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 15,990 | 100% | 9,776 | 61% | 6,214 | 39% |

| Table 10. NC Programs Characteristics* | NC Programs Enrolling Children Ages Birth-5 | | NC Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | NC Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|--|--|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 981 | 24% | 436 | 44% | 963 | 98% |
| 5 Star Homes | 457 | 13% | 432 | 95% | 383 | 84% |
| 4 Star Centers | 1,073 | 26% | 823 | 77% | 1,044 | 97% |
| 4 Star Homes | 696 | 20% | 659 | 95% | 562 | 81% |
| 3 Star Centers | 958 | 23% | 876 | 91% | 930 | 97% |
| 3 Star Homes | 696 | 20% | 657 | 94% | 560 | 80% |
| 2 Star Centers | 323 | 8% | 296 | 92% | 311 | 96% |
| 2 Star Homes | 754 | 22% | 701 | 93% | 596 | 79% |
| 1 Star Centers | 315 | 8% | 260 | 83% | 311 | 99% |
| 1 Star Homes | 877 | 25% | 813 | 93% | 614 | 70% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 354 | 8% | 270 | 76% | 353 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | 0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 126 | 3% | 96 | 76% | 112 | 89% |
| Temporary Homes | 8 | 0% | 8 | 100% | 4 | 50% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 39 | 1% | 36 | 92% | 39 | 100% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 6 | 0% | 6 | 100% | 4 | 67% |
| Total Centers | 4,169 | 100% | 3,093 | 74% | 4,063 | 97% |
| Total Homes | 3,494 | 100% | 3,276 | 94% | 2,723 | 78% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total programs at that level.

North Carolina Infants and Toddlers Receiving Child Care Subsidy

This section analyzes the following research questions:

- How does the number of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy compare to the number of preschoolers receiving subsidy?
- How does the number of infants and toddlers on the child care subsidy waiting list compare to the number of preschoolers waiting for subsidy?
- Do infants and toddlers receiving child care assistance access high quality care?
- Are these differences statewide or specific to certain regions and counties?

To answer these questions licensing, enrollment, and subsidy data for April 2008 were obtained from the NC Division of Child Development. Children ages birth up to 36 months receiving child care subsidy were compared to children ages three to five years old receiving subsidy.³ Each NC county Department of Social Services and/or local purchase of care agency was contacted for information about its child care subsidy waiting list.⁴

This section contains the following: data source; summary of key findings; data tables showing the comparison statewide; and tables providing comparisons for each of the 18 NC CCR&R Regions and counties across the state. In each regional data table, a column on statewide infant and toddler data is included for comparison purposes. In each county data table, a column on the regional data in which that county is located is included for comparison purposes. The data tables contain information on subsidized children enrolled in North Carolina licensed child care facilities only.⁵

Data Source

All data in this section on children receiving child care subsidy are from the North Carolina Division of Child Development licensing, enrollment, and subsidy data for April 2008. Data include children receiving state and federal funds through the Division of Child Development and state Smart Start funds provided for subsidy purposes and reported through the Smart Start Reimbursement System as having received a subsidy (enhancements scholarships were excluded to ensure an unduplicated count). Data do not include information on children that received financial assistance through independent, non-government sources or children receiving other sources of federal funds not administered through the NC Division of Child Development. Data on children waiting for child care subsidy were obtained from each local department of social services or local purchase of care agency. Agencies managing subsidy for 91 counties responded.

³ For various reasons, 2,761 children had duplicate records. These records were excluded from the analysis.

⁴ Agencies maintaining child care subsidy waiting lists for 91 counties responded; 6 of those agencies could not provide information by age of child; in 27 of the remaining 85 counties there was no child care subsidy waiting list.

⁵ 193 children ages birth to five years of age receiving subsidy were in unlicensed or out-of-state care and were excluded.

Summary of Key Findings

Across the state of North Carolina...

- 30,932 infants and toddlers receive a child care subsidy. This represents 40% of all infants and toddlers receiving care in a licensed child care facility.
- 39% of infants and toddlers in centers receive subsidy; 44% of infants and toddlers in homes are receive subsidy.
- Of these infants and toddlers receiving a subsidy, 22% of them are infants, 37% are one year-olds, and 41% are two year olds.
- 86% of infants and toddlers receiving child care subsidy are enrolled in licensed child care centers.
- 51% of children birth to five years of age receiving subsidy in licensed care are infants and toddlers.
 - 50% of children birth to five years of age receiving subsidy to attend centers are infants and toddlers.
 - 60% of children birth to five years of age receiving subsidy to attend homes are infants and toddlers.
- 43% of infants and toddlers receiving child care subsidy are enrolled in 4-or 5-star centers and homes as compared to 50% of three to five year olds receiving child care subsidy.
- In 2005, 41% of children birth to five years of age receiving child care subsidy and attending 5-star centers or 5-star homes were infants and toddlers. In 2008, 42% of the children birth-5 years of age receiving child care subsidy and attending 5-star centers or 5-star homes are infants and toddlers. This shows an increase of only 1% in three years.
- In 2005, 59% of the children birth to five years of age receiving child care subsidy and attending 5-star centers or 5-star homes were preschoolers. In 2008, 58% of the children birth to five years of age receiving child care subsidy and attending 5-star centers or 5-star homes are preschoolers. This shows a decrease of 1% in three years.
- More than half (63%) of children ages birth to five years of age waiting for a child care subsidy are infants or toddlers (Table 17).
- These statistics do not include children in the Early Head Start programs that do not receive child care subsidy to wrap around the Early Head Start day. These data also do not include More at Four children who are in licensed settings for the school day but do not receive child care subsidies to either enhance the quality of care or extend their day.

Table 11. Number and Percent of Infants/Toddlers Receiving Subsidy Who Are Enrolled in Centers and Homes

| Region | Number in Centers | Percent in Centers | Number in Homes | Percent in Homes |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 720 | 53% | 197 | 63% |
| 2 | 493 | 46% | 137 | 52% |
| 3 | 1,586 | 46% | 362 | 46% |
| 4 | 1,313 | 40% | 176 | 48% |
| 5 | 2,682 | 48% | 378 | 49% |
| 6 | 696 | 45% | 202 | 55% |
| 7 | 3,301 | 29% | 365 | 30% |
| 8 | 1,401 | 38% | 145 | 34% |
| 9 | 1,367 | 51% | 97 | 46% |
| 10 | 653 | 62% | 47 | 46% |
| 11 | 738 | 55% | 70 | 28% |
| 12 | 916 | 48% | 102 | 36% |
| 13 | 1,957 | 43% | 350 | 47% |
| 14 | 2,067 | 36% | 308 | 44% |
| 15 | 1,848 | 39% | 473 | 52% |
| 16 | 1,527 | 40% | 303 | 47% |
| 17 | 2,498 | 30% | 406 | 40% |
| 18 | 896 | 44% | 155 | 40% |
| State | 26,659 | 39% | 4,273 | 44% |

Across the regions in North Carolina...

- 39% of the infant and toddler enrollment in centers in North Carolina are young children who receive a subsidy; 44% of the infant and toddler enrollment in homes receives a subsidy (Table 11).
- The range of market penetration of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy in centers by region extends from a low of 29% in Region 7 to a high of 62% in Region 10.

| Region | Infant/Toddler | | | | Preschoolers | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------|------------|--------------|------------|--------|------------|
| | 2005 | | 2008 | | 2005 | | 2008 | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 1 | 201 | 21% | 123 | 13% | 288 | 31% | 105 | 14% |
| 2 | 248 | 30% | 193 | 31% | 296 | 32% | 218 | 41% |
| 3 | 570 | 28% | 711 | 36% | 619 | 28% | 699 | 40% |
| 4 | 651 | 39% | 670 | 45% | 879 | 43% | 727 | 52% |
| 5 | 623 | 20% | 615 | 20% | 819 | 24% | 584 | 23% |
| 6 | 145 | 16% | 274 | 31% | 267 | 25% | 231 | 31% |
| 7 | 1,691 | 44% | 2,542 | 69% | 2,729 | 51% | 2,469 | 70% |
| 8 | 827 | 49% | 886 | 57% | 1,253 | 53% | 922 | 61% |
| 9 | 569 | 39% | 722 | 49% | 926 | 48% | 848 | 59% |
| 10 | 529 | 64% | 510 | 73% | 662 | 71% | 561 | 74% |
| 11 | 533 | 57% | 478 | 59% | 721 | 62% | 670 | 70% |
| 12 | 397 | 41% | 565 | 56% | 583 | 48% | 1,201 | 76% |
| 13 | 864 | 32% | 847 | 37% | 1,093 | 36% | 851 | 40% |
| 14 | 992 | 37% | 994 | 42% | 1,480 | 42% | 1,014 | 45% |
| 15 | 817 | 36% | 1,166 | 50% | 1,181 | 45% | 1,425 | 61% |
| 16 | 481 | 26% | 527 | 55% | 815 | 35% | 649 | 62% |
| 17 | 1,045 | 46% | 1,110 | 38% | 1,390 | 51% | 1,172 | 46% |
| 18 | 829 | 56% | 442 | 42% | 970 | 61% | 456 | 49% |
| NC State | 12,012 | 37% | 13,375 | 43% | 16,971 | 43% | 14,802 | 50% |

- Of the 18 regions across the state, only five regions fall at or below the state overall average percentage (39%) of children receiving subsidy that are enrolled in centers; only seven regions fall at or below the state overall average percentage (44%) of children receiving subsidy that are enrolled in homes (Table 11).
- Regionally there is wide variability in the access of 4-or 5-star child care by children receiving subsidy. In 2005 and 2008, in all but one of the regions, three to five year olds receiving subsidy accessed 4-or 5-star care at a greater rate than infants and toddlers; differences within regions vary from 1% to 20%. In Region 6 in 2008 and in Region 3 in 2005, the percents were the same (Table 12).
- Region 1 has the lowest rate of access to 4- and 5-star care for infants and toddlers receiving subsidy (13%) but also the lowest rates of access for three to five year olds receiving subsidy to 4- and 5-star care (14%).
- Region 10 has the highest rate of access to 4- and 5-star care for infants and toddlers receiving subsidy (73%) but Region 12 has the highest rate of access for three to five year olds receiving subsidy (76%).

- In 2008, there is an increase in the number of regions that had 50% or more infants and toddlers on subsidy access 4- or 5-star licensed programs. In 2005, there were only three regions with 50% or more infants and toddlers on subsidy accessing 4- or 5-star licensed programs. In 2008, this number increased to seven regions.
- In seven of the regions, data by age of child waiting for child care subsidy are available for all counties in the region. In the other 11 regions, some county data were missing. If waiting list data mirrored enrollment data, one could expect about 39% of those children birth-5 years of age who are waiting to be infants or toddlers. In fact, 63% of children who are waiting are infants or toddlers (Table 13).
- Of the seven regions with complete data, in all of them, more than half of the children waiting for subsidy were infants and toddlers (ranging from 51% to 69%).
- Of the 11 regions where data are missing, in all of the regions, more than half of the children waiting for subsidy are infants and toddlers (ranging from 54% to 71%). In regions with missing data, all data from a county were excluded so missing data do not cause the data to be biased in one direction or the other.

Table 13. Number of Children 0-5 and Percent of Children who are Infants and Toddlers Waiting for Subsidy

| Region | 2005 | | 2008 | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Birth-5 | Infants/Toddlers | Birth-5 | Infants/Toddlers |
| ***1 | 490 | 61% | 222 | 64% |
| *2 | 291 | 64% | 505 | 58% |
| *3 | 590 | 61% | 1,141 | 60% |
| **4 | 275 | 60% | 412 | 68% |
| 5 | 1,972 | 45% | 2,164 | 60% |
| *6 | 231 | 59% | 375 | 71% |
| 7 | 4,134 | 69% | 4,150 | 66% |
| *8 | 368 | 36% | 700 | 59% |
| *9 | 371 | 67% | 683 | 59% |
| 10 | 0 | 0% | 219 | 53% |
| *11 | 183 | 61% | 491 | 56% |
| 12 | 300 | 46% | 479 | 51% |
| 13 | 1,815 | 78% | 1,834 | 69% |
| *14 | 1,518 | 58% | 699 | 63% |
| 15 | 1,524 | 66% | 318 | 57% |
| *16 | 114 | 56% | 493 | 54% |
| 17 | 1,913 | 60% | 2,305 | 64% |
| *18 | 361 | 72% | 312 | 63% |
| NC State | 16,450 | 63% | 17,502 | 63% |

*Data missing from one county in the region

**Data missing from two counties in the region

***Data missing from three counties in the region

Table 14. Number of Children 0-5 Waiting for Subsidy by Region

| Region | Infants/Toddlers | Preschoolers |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| ***1 | 141 | 81 |
| *2 | 293 | 212 |
| *3 | 684 | 457 |
| **4 | 280 | 132 |
| 5 | 1,288 | 876 |
| *6 | 265 | 110 |
| 7 | 2,736 | 1,414 |
| *8 | 411 | 289 |
| *9 | 402 | 281 |
| 10 | 115 | 104 |
| *11 | 274 | 217 |
| 12 | 246 | 233 |
| 13 | 1,266 | 568 |
| *14 | 443 | 256 |
| 15 | 182 | 136 |
| *16 | 265 | 228 |
| 17 | 1,477 | 828 |
| *18 | 195 | 117 |
| NC State | 10,963 | 6,539 |

*Data missing from one county in the region

**Data missing from two counties in the region

***Data missing from three counties in the region

- In every region across the state, there is a higher number of infants and toddlers on the subsidy waiting list than there are preschoolers (Table 14).
- Of the 18 regions with subsidy waiting lists, the proportion of children waiting for subsidy who were infants and toddlers ranged from 51% (Region 12) to 71% (Region 6).
- Across the regions of North Carolina the percent of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy enrolled in 4- or 5-star licensed centers varied greatly. Across the state the percent ranges from 7% in Region 1 to 70% in Region 10 (Table 15).
- Regions 7 and 17 consist of the two largest counties in North Carolina (Mecklenburg & Wake). Only Region 7 ranks above the overall percentage (38%) of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy enrolled in 4- or 5-star centers.
- Guilford, Forsyth, and Cumberland County (ranking 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively, in population size) are in Regions 14, 13, and 5 respectively. All three are below the overall average percentage (38%) of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy enrolled in 4- or 5-star centers.

Table 15. Percent of Infants/Toddlers Receiving Subsidy Enrolled in Licensed Care Enrolled in 4- or 5-star Centers

| Ranking | Region | % |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 10 | 70.14% |
| 2 | 7 | 63.83% |
| 3 | 11 | 56.68% |
| 4 | 12 | 53.44% |
| 5 | 8 | 52.46% |
| 6 | 9 | 46.65% |
| 7 | 4 | 40.97% |
| 8 | 15 | 41.23% |
| 9 | 18 | 36.92% |
| 10 | 14 | 35.71% |
| 11 | 17 | 34.44% |
| 12 | 13 | 30.82% |
| 13 | 3 | 29.41% |
| 14 | 16 | 24.59% |
| 15 | 2 | 24.29% |
| 16 | 6 | 20.49% |
| 17 | 5 | 15.98% |
| 18 | 1 | 7.09% |
| | NC State | 38.00% |

- Across the counties of North Carolina the percent of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy enrolled in 4- or 5-star licensed centers depicts an even larger range (See Table 16). Ashe (88%), Jackson (80%), Graham (80%), Clay (76%), and Macon (75%) counties have the highest percent of infants and toddlers receiving a subsidy enrolled in 4- or 5-star licensed centers and Camden (0%), Bertie (0%), Pasquotank (1%), Vance (2%), and Surry (4%) counties have the lowest.
- Among the top 6 counties in North Carolina with the largest populations, three (Mecklenburg, Wake, & Durham) are above the overall percentage (38%) of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy enrolled in 4- or 5-star centers. Guilford County ranks 55th, Forsyth ranks 69th and Cumberland County ranks 89th in the state at 9%.
- Throughout the state of North Carolina, 51% of children birth to five years of age receiving subsidy are infants and toddlers while 49% are preschoolers. The disparity of children birth to five years of age on the subsidy waitlist is far greater. Sixty-three percent of children birth to five years of age on the subsidy waitlist are infants and toddlers and 37% are preschoolers (Table 17). This distribution demonstrates the need for increased child care subsidies overall and specifically for infants and toddlers.
- The percentage of preschoolers receiving a subsidy accessing 4- and 5-star facilities is higher than the percentage of infants and toddlers receiving a subsidy (Table 18) in both centers and homes.

Table 16. Percent of Infants/Toddlers Receiving Subsidy in Licensed Care Enrolled in 4- or 5-star Centers*

| Ranking | County | Region | % | Ranking | County | Region | % |
|---------|---------------------|--------|---------------|---------|-------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Ashe | 12 | 88.41% | 51 | Stokes | 13 | 36.84% |
| 2 | Jackson | 10 | 80.14% | 52 | Halifax | 18 | 36.39% |
| 3 | Graham | 10 | 80.00% | 53 | Pender | 4 | 35.56% |
| 4 | Clay | 10 | 75.86% | 54 | Greene | 3 | 34.74% |
| 5 | Macon | 10 | 75.49% | 55 | Guilford | 14 | 34.65% |
| 6 | Transylvania | 9 | 73.33% | 56 | Duplin | 5 | 33.33% |
| 7 | Burke | 11 | 72.33% | 57 | Jones | 3 | 31.58% |
| 8 | Alleghany | 13 | 70.31% | 58 | Mitchell | 11 | 31.43% |
| 9 | Swain | 10 | 69.86% | 59 | Franklin | 17 | 30.54% |
| 10 | Mecklenburg | 7 | 69.69% | 60 | Johnston | 16 | 29.61% |
| 11 | Rowan | 7 | 67.93% | 61 | Gates | 1 | 28.57% |
| 12 | Brunswick | 4 | 67.61% | 62 | Wayne | 16 | 27.13% |
| 13 | Cherokee | 10 | 65.05% | 63 | Nash | 18 | 26.61% |
| 14 | Catawba | 8 | 62.48% | 64 | New Hanover | 4 | 26.51% |
| 15 | Orange | 15 | 65.99% | 65 | Chatham | 16 | 26.22% |
| 16 | Haywood | 10 | 61.29% | 66 | Alamance | 15 | 25.91% |
| 17 | Union | 7 | 60.59% | 67 | Richmond | 6 | 25.52% |
| 18 | Madison | 9 | 60.42% | 68 | Yancey | 11 | 25.35% |
| 19 | Avery | 11 | 58.49% | 69 | Forsyth | 13 | 25.23% |
| 20 | Montgomery | 6 | 57.61% | 70 | Rockingham | 14 | 24.76% |
| 21 | Davie | 13 | 56.74% | 71 | Sampson | 5 | 23.08% |
| 22 | Polk | 9 | 56.52% | 72 | Pamlico | 2 | 22.73% |
| 23 | Watauga | 12 | 56.18% | 73 | Robeson | 5 | 20.92% |
| 24 | McDowell | 11 | 54.95% | 74 | Craven | 2 | 20.49% |
| 25 | Caldwell | 11 | 54.25% | 75 | Harnett | 16 | 18.66% |
| 26 | Wilson | 18 | 53.56% | 76 | Moore | 6 | 18.46% |
| 27 | Hyde | 2 | 52.94% | 77 | Scotland | 5 | 18.24% |
| 28 | Caswell | 15 | 52.86% | 78 | Anson | 6 | 18.05% |
| 29 | Carteret | 3 | 52.38% | 79 | Lenoir | 3 | 17.49% |
| 30 | Gaston | 8 | 51.29% | 80 | Northampton | 1 | 17.46% |
| 31 | Alexander | 12 | 50.60% | 81 | Lee | 16 | 17.12% |
| 32 | Randolph | 14 | 50.57% | 82 | Bladen | 4 | 16.88% |
| 33 | Davidson | 13 | 49.79% | 83 | Warren | 18 | 14.41% |
| 34 | Lincoln | 8 | 49.74% | 84 | Yadkin | 13 | 13.39% |
| 35 | Columbus | 4 | 48.85% | 85 | Chowan | 1 | 13.19% |
| 36 | Cabarrus | 7 | 48.79% | 86 | Washington | 2 | 11.29% |
| 37 | Person | 15 | 48.67% | 87 | Tyrrell | 2 | 11.11% |
| 38 | Buncombe | 9 | 47.99% | 88 | Hertford | 1 | 9.56% |
| 39 | Iredell | 12 | 47.49% | 89 | Cumberland | 5 | 9.12% |
| 40 | Martin | 3 | 47.01% | 90 | Dare | 1 | 8.33% |
| 41 | Wilkes | 12 | 44.19% | 91 | Pitt | 3 | 7.59% |
| 42 | Wake | 17 | 41.04% | 92 | Currituck | 1 | 7.35% |
| 43 | Onslow | 3 | 40.75% | 93 | Granville | 17 | 7.35% |
| 44 | Beaufort | 2 | 40.65% | 94 | Hoke | 6 | 4.55% |
| 45 | Stanly | 7 | 40.00% | 95 | Perquimans | 1 | 3.64% |
| 46 | Durham | 15 | 39.86% | 96 | Surry | 13 | 3.62% |
| 47 | Rutherford | 9 | 39.73% | 97 | Vance | 17 | 1.50% |
| 48 | Cleveland | 8 | 38.59% | 98 | Pasquotank | 1 | 0.77% |
| | NC Statewide | | 38.00% | 99 | Bertie | 1 | 0.00% |
| 49 | Edgecombe | 18 | 37.31% | 100 | Camden | 1 | 0.00% |
| 50 | Henderson | 9 | 37.06% | | | | |

*This is the number of infants and toddlers in 4- and 5- star centers only divided by the total number of infants and toddlers in all licensed care (homes and centers).

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| Table 17. Number and Percent of Children By Age in the Subsidy System | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy** | 31,125 | 51% | 29,788 | 49% |
| Waiting For Subsidy* | 10,963 | 63% | 6,539 | 37% |

*Missing data from Bertie, Northampton, and Pasquotank counties in Region 1, Hyde County in Region 2, Columbus and Pender counties in Region 4, Anson County in Region 6, Gaston County in Region 8, Madison County in Region 9, Mitchell County in Region 11, Randolph County in Region 14, Harnett and Wayne counties in Region 16, and Edgecombe County in Region 18.

| Table 18. NC Children Receiving Subsidy In Regulated Child Care by Star Rating and Age | NC Statewide 0-5 Receiving Subsidy | | NC Statewide Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | NC Statewide Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|---|---|------------|--|------------|--|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 7,828 | 15% | 3,131 | 12% | 4,697 | 18% |
| 5 Star Homes | 1,102 | 16% | 643 | 15% | 459 | 16% |
| 4 Star Centers | 17,560 | 33% | 8,624 | 32% | 8,936 | 33% |
| 4 Star Homes | 1,687 | 24% | 977 | 23% | 710 | 25% |
| 3 Star Centers | 16,591 | 31% | 8,712 | 33% | 7,879 | 29% |
| 3 Star Homes | 1,673 | 24% | 1,024 | 24% | 649 | 23% |
| 2 Star Centers | 4,131 | 8% | 2,240 | 8% | 1,891 | 7% |
| 2 Star Homes | 1,252 | 18% | 746 | 17% | 506 | 18% |
| 1 Star Centers | 3,093 | 6% | 1,690 | 6% | 1,403 | 5% |
| 1 Star Homes | 1,324 | 19% | 844 | 20% | 480 | 17% |
| Temporary Centers | 1,455 | 3% | 837 | 3% | 618 | 2% |
| Temporary Homes | 29 | 0% | 20 | 0% | 9 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 2,057 | 4% | 1,033 | 4% | 1,024 | 4% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 744 | 1% | 392 | 1% | 352 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 23 | 0% | 19 | 0% | 4 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers** | 53,459 | 88% | 26,659 | 86% | 26,800 | 90% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes** | 7,090 | 12% | 4,273 | 14% | 2,817 | 9% |

**Children with no license number listed are included in the total number receiving subsidy listed on the top table, but they are not included in the data in the bottom table.

Conclusion

Accessibility of Infant Toddler Care

In North Carolina, most infants and toddlers enrolled in regulated care (87%) are in child care centers. This percentage has increased in the last three years, up from 85% in 2005. Yet at the same time, fewer centers are enrolling infants and toddlers. In 2005, 78% of centers enrolled infants and toddlers; three years later, this had decreased to 74%. Slightly more family child care homes (94%) were enrolling infants and toddlers in 2008 than in 2005 (92%). Actual enrollment of infants and toddlers in regulated child care programs increased only slightly by 1.4% during this three-year period, unlike the enrollment for preschoolers, which increased by 5.6%.

Supply of infant and toddler care is not keeping pace with demand. Data from child care resource and referral agencies across the state for FY 2008 found that families were looking for care for 23,784 infants and toddlers. This represents 64% of the children from birth to five years of age whose families sought child care referrals in FY 2008. Yet infants and toddlers only make up 40% of the children from birth to five years of age in regulated child care. Between 2005 and 2008, the population of children from birth through four years of age in North Carolina grew 6%.⁶ Slots available for and used by preschoolers kept up with population growth; slots for infants and toddlers did not. Overall, the high demand for infant/toddler care as evidenced by requests for referrals coupled with the insufficient growth in slots for these same children has left many parents struggling to find sufficient care for their babies.

Quality of Infant/Toddler Care

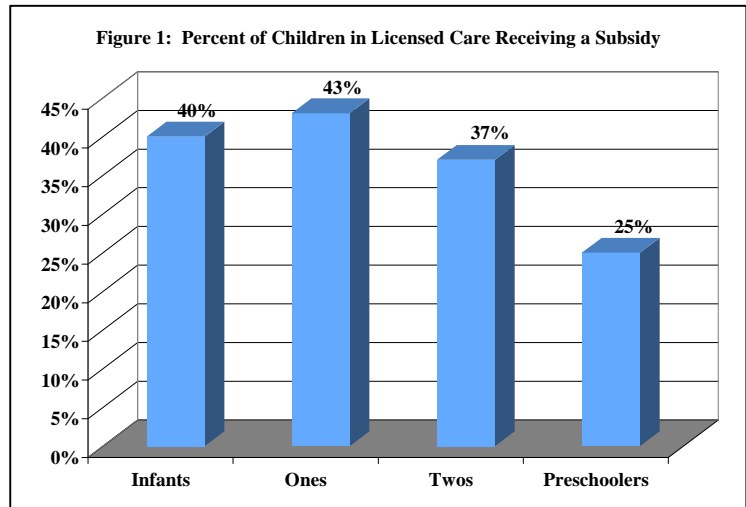
With the transition from the three-component to the two-component license system almost complete by April 2008, it is clear that efforts to maintain or improve quality have been successful in most counties. In 2005, 40% of infants and toddlers in regulated care were in 4- or 5- star centers or homes. By 2008, that percentage had increased to 46%. While this reflects a great increase in quality of care for our youngest children, the reality is that preschoolers in regulated care are seeing an even greater increase in quality. In 2005, 49% of preschoolers were in 4- or 5- star programs; three years later, this had increased to 58%. While the gains in both age groups represent strides in improving quality, the disparity between the quality of care received by infants and toddlers compared with preschoolers has become larger in the last three years. In 2005, there was a nine percentage point difference between the two age groups; in 2008, that percentage point difference has increased to twelve.

Affordability

About 40% of infants and toddlers in regulated child care are supported with a child care subsidy through the state's subsidized child care program. A much higher percent of the infant and toddler regulated market is supported with child care subsidy than the preschool market (Figure 1). Most of the infants and toddlers receiving subsidy (86%) are enrolled in child care centers. Most of the children from birth to five years of age (63%) who are waiting for a child care subsidy are infants and toddlers.

⁶ LINC Topic Report: Population by Age, Race, and Sex North Carolina, NC State Data Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2008

Infants and toddlers receiving a child care subsidy are less likely to be enrolled in a 4- or 5-star program than preschoolers receiving a subsidy. In April 2008, half of all preschoolers receiving child care subsidies were in 4- or 5-star programs compared to only 43% of infants and toddlers. This data does not include children in licensed child care who are funded by More at Four or Head Start and who do not receive a child care subsidy. Since most More at Four and Head Start sites have four or five stars, the discrepancy between the care infants and toddlers with low incomes receive and the care preschoolers with low incomes receive is even greater. Quality has improved for infants and toddlers receiving subsidy since 2005, when only 37% of infants and toddlers were in 4- and 5-star care. However, quality has also improved for preschoolers and the discrepancy between the two grew a little larger in the last 3 three years, from a 6 percentage point difference to a 7 percentage point difference.



Disparity Across North Carolina

There is great disparity among regions and counties in the availability of high quality care for all infants and toddlers. In Region 1, only 8% of infants and toddlers in regulated child care are in 4- or 5-star licensed care; in Region 7, 62% of infants and toddlers in regulated child care are in 4- or 5-star licensed care. In four rural counties in our state, no infants and toddlers (0) in regulated child care are in 4- or 5-star centers; in four rural counties, 75% or more of infants and toddlers in regulated child care are in 4- or 5-star centers. The discrepancy between urban counties is not quite as large, but it is still very significant, with 66% of infants and toddlers in regulated child care in 4- or 5-star centers in Mecklenburg County and only 15% of infants and toddlers in regulated child care in 4- or 5-star centers in Cumberland County.

The discrepancy of care for infants and toddlers receiving child care subsidies between counties and regions is also great. In Region 1, only 13% of infants and toddlers receiving a child care subsidy are in 4- or 5-star licensed care; in Region 7, 69% of infants and toddlers receiving a child care subsidy are in 4- or 5-star licensed care. Thirteen counties have less than 10% of their infants and toddlers who receive a child care subsidy in 4- or 5-star centers; thirteen counties have 65% or more of their infants and toddlers who receive a child care subsidy in 4- or 5-star centers.

Recommendations

Since 2005, the state of North Carolina has made great strides in improving the quality of care for children birth to five years of age. Preschoolers have seen a great increase in the quality and availability of care in the last three years. However, the improvement in quality and availability of care for infants and toddlers has not been as great. The development of children is at its most critical point during the ages of birth to three years, and though the quality of care for this age group has increased in the last three years, there is much room for improvement. These recommendations provide a solid foundation for increasing the quality of care for all of North Carolina's young children.

1. Further study is needed. In 2005, data were available on the early childhood workforce. A workforce study has not been done since 2003. Consequently, this reexamination was unable to fully explore the characteristics of child care providers in relation to age of children in care and those who did and did not receive subsidy. In addition, because all sites had not transitioned to the two-component license system, data on education and program quality points could not be compared. Finally, data is needed on the discrepancy of some counties that are able to serve a high proportion of all children and/or children receiving a child care subsidy in higher quality care and other counties with similar demographics that are not.
2. Incentives for expansion of 4- and 5-star slots for infants and toddlers are needed to meet the needs for high quality care. Such incentives may include sufficiently funded grants for expansion or development of high quality infant and toddler slots, higher subsidy rates for infants and toddler slots in four and five star programs, and supplemental rates for high quality care for all children.
3. Employers and consortia of employers should be encouraged to support the development and/or provision of high quality infant/toddler slots for their employees.
4. Subsidized rates for infants and toddlers in four and five star programs need to be raised to reflect the real rates being charged for that type of care. Funding from More at Four has helped increase the quality of spaces for preschoolers. A similar infusion of dollars needs to be available to ensure that infants and toddlers living in low-income families have access to the very best care. Additional federal Head Start dollars to support the expansion of Early Head Start could help increase the development of and access to higher quality child care for infants and toddlers.
5. The Performance Based Incentive System within the Smart Start system needs to specifically address the needs of infants and toddlers for high quality infant and toddler care in all counties.
6. North Carolina's Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit needs to be raised to more accurately reflect the high cost of high quality infant/toddler child care. Currently the maximum amount on which the credit is based for child care expenditures for one child is \$3,000 a year. This is far below what it costs in every county for high quality infant and toddler care. The Credit should be raised for families of infants and toddlers using four- and five-star care to at least \$6,000 a year. This will help low and middle income

families who are not able and/or eligible to access child care subsidy to access higher quality care.

7. Current efforts to address the accessibility, quality and affordability needs of infants and toddlers in regulated child care need to be continued.

Appendix A

Appendix A
North Carolina Regional Child Care Resource and Referral System
County and Region List

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Region 1 | Region 5 | Region 10 | Region 14 |
| Bertie County | Cumberland County | Cherokee County | Guilford County |
| Camden County | Duplin County | Clay County | Randolph County |
| Chowan County | Robeson County | Graham County | Rockingham County |
| Currituck County | Sampson County | Haywood County | Region 15 |
| Dare County* | Scotland County | Jackson County | Alamance County |
| Gates County | Region 6 | Macon County | Caswell County |
| Hertford County | Anson County | Swain County | Durham County |
| Northampton County | Hoke County | Region 11 | Orange County |
| Pasquotank County | Montgomery County | Avery County | Person County |
| Perquimans County | Moore County | Burke County | Region 16 |
| Region 2 | Richmond County | Caldwell County | Chatham County |
| Beaufort County | Region 7 | McDowell County | Harnett County |
| Craven County | Cabarrus County | Mitchell County | Johnston County |
| Hyde County | Mecklenburg County | Yancey County | Lee County |
| Pamlico County | Rowan County | Region 12 | Wayne County |
| Tyrrell County | Stanly County | Alexander County | Region 17 |
| Washington County | Union County | Ashe County | Franklin County |
| Region 3 | Region 8 | Iredell County | Granville County |
| Carteret County | Catawba County | Watauga County | Vance County |
| Greene County | Cleveland County | Wilkes County | Wake County |
| Jones County | Gaston County | Region 13 | Region 18 |
| Lenoir County | Lincoln County | Alleghany County | Edgecombe County |
| Martin County | Region 9 | Davidson County | Halifax County |
| Onslow County | Buncombe County | Davie County | Nash County |
| Pitt County | Henderson County | Forsyth County | Warren County |
| Region 4 | Madison County | Stokes County | Wilson County |
| Bladen County | Polk County | Surry County | |
| Brunswick County | Rutherford County | Yadkin County | |
| Columbus County | Transylvania County | | |
| New Hanover County | | | |
| Pender County | | | |

*In the 2005 study, Dare County was located in Region 2.

Region 11

Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell,
Mitchell and Yancey Counties

Region 11 Child Care Programs Serving Infants and Toddlers

Summary of Key Findings

- 59% (75) of licensed centers in Region 11 serve infants and toddlers; 100% (127) serve preschoolers (Table R3).
- 84% of infants and toddlers in Region 11 enrolled in licensed care are in child care centers; 16% of infants and toddlers in Region 11 enrolled in licensed care are in child care homes.
- 31% (1,339) of children birth to five years of age in licensed centers in Region 11 are infants and toddlers; 69% (2,935) of children birth to five years of age in licensed centers in Region 11 are preschoolers (Table R5).
- 59.5% (250) of children birth to five years of age in licensed homes in Region 11 are infants and toddlers; 40.5% (170) of children birth to five years of age in licensed homes in Region 11 are preschoolers (Table R5).
- 54% of licensed 4- and 5-star centers and homes in Region 11 serve infants and toddlers vs. 86% serving preschoolers.

| Table R1. Percent of Programs (Centers and Homes) with a 4- and 5-Star License | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| County | Enroll Infant/Toddlers | Enroll Preschoolers |
| Avery | 56% | 75% |
| Burke | 49% | 64% |
| Caldwell | 49% | 48% |
| McDowell | 55% | 71% |
| Mitchell | 30% | 36% |
| Yancey | 25% | 40% |
| Region 11 | 48% | 58% |

- 64% of infants and toddlers are enrolled in a 4- or 5-star program as compared to 80% of preschoolers.
- Of programs serving infants and toddlers, Yancey County has the lowest percent (25%) and Avery County has the highest percent (56%) of homes and centers with 4- or 5-stars (Table R1).
- In Region 11, four of the six counties have 30% or more of infants and toddlers enrolled in programs with a 4- or 5-star license (Table R2).

- Mitchell County has the lowest percent (23%) of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- or 5-star programs and Avery has the highest percent (79%) (Table R2).
- In five of the six counties in Region 11 preschoolers are accessing 4- or 5-star care at a higher rate than infants and toddlers. In these counties, the differences range from 10% to 38% (Table R2).

Table R2. Percent of Enrollment by Age in 4- or 5-Star Programs (Centers and Homes)

| County | Infant/Toddlers | Preschoolers |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Avery | 79% | 92% |
| Burke | 77% | 91% |
| Caldwell | 59% | 69% |
| McDowell | 60% | 92% |
| Mitchell | 23% | 23% |
| Yancey | 29% | 67% |
| Region 11 | 64% | 80% |

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| Table R3: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | NC Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|--|---|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 436 | 14% | 21 | 28% | 55 | 43% |
| 5 Star Homes | 432 | 13% | 18 | 24% | 15 | 21% |
| 4 Star Centers | 823 | 27% | 20 | 27% | 30 | 24% |
| 4 Star Homes | 659 | 20% | 13 | 17% | 14 | 20% |
| 3 Star Centers | 876 | 28% | 18 | 24% | 20 | 16% |
| 3 Star Homes | 657 | 20% | 12 | 16% | 14 | 20% |
| 2 Star Centers | 296 | 10% | 5 | 7% | 7 | 6% |
| 2 Star Homes | 701 | 21% | 12 | 16% | 11 | 15% |
| 1 Star Centers | 260 | 8% | 6 | 8% | 6 | 5% |
| 1 Star Homes | 813 | 25% | 21 | 28% | 17 | 24% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 270 | 9% | 3 | 4% | 6 | 5% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 96 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% |
| Temporary Homes | 8 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 36 | 1% | 2 | 3% | 2 | 2% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 6 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 3,093 | 74% | 75 | 59% | 127 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 3,276 | 94% | 76 | 92% | 71 | 86% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the state (n=4,169) or region (n=127).

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state (n=3,494) or region (n=83).

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R4: Region 11 Enrollment | # | % |
|---|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 1,339 | 31.3% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 2,935 | 68.7% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 250 | 59.5% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 170 | 40.5% |

| Table R5: Enrollment by License Level | NC Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | Region 11 Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 11,471 | 17% | 546 | 41% | 1752 | 60% |
| 5 Star Homes | 1,375 | 14% | 61 | 24% | 39 | 23% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20,590 | 30% | 368 | 27% | 661 | 23% |
| 4 Star Homes | 2,067 | 21% | 41 | 16% | 34 | 20% |
| 3 Star Centers | 17,315 | 26% | 226 | 17% | 243 | 8% |
| 3 Star Homes | 1,972 | 20% | 30 | 12% | 34 | 20% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5,276 | 8% | 75 | 6% | 76 | 3% |
| 2 Star Homes | 2,021 | 21% | 42 | 17% | 29 | 17% |
| 1 Star Centers | 4,687 | 7% | 87 | 6% | 74 | 3% |
| 1 Star Homes | 2,278 | 23% | 76 | 30% | 34 | 20% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 6,010 | 9% | 15 | 1% | 70 | 2% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 1,406 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 42 | 1% |
| Temporary Homes | 33 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 982 | 1% | 22 | 2% | 17 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 30 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 67,737 | 38% | 1,339 | 31% | 2,935 | 69% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 9,776 | 61% | 250 | 60% | 170 | 40% |

| Table R6: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | NC Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|--|---|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 436 | 44% | 21 | 38% | 55 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 432 | 95% | 18 | 95% | 15 | 79% |
| 4 Star Centers | 823 | 77% | 20 | 67% | 30 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 659 | 95% | 13 | 93% | 14 | 100% |
| 3 Star Centers | 876 | 91% | 18 | 90% | 20 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 657 | 94% | 12 | 86% | 14 | 100% |
| 2 Star Centers | 296 | 92% | 5 | 71% | 7 | 100% |
| 2 Star Homes | 701 | 93% | 12 | 80% | 11 | 73% |
| 1 Star Centers | 260 | 83% | 6 | 100% | 6 | 100% |
| 1 Star Homes | 813 | 93% | 21 | 100% | 17 | 81% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 270 | 76% | 3 | 50% | 6 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 96 | 76% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| Temporary Homes | 8 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 36 | 92% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

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| Table R7: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Avery County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Avery County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|--|--|----------|---|----------|---|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 28% | 3 | 60% | 9 | 75% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 24% | 1 | 25% | 1 | 25% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 27% | 1 | 20% | 2 | 17% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 17% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 24% | 1 | 20% | 1 | 8% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 7% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 1 | 25% | 1 | 25% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 8% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 28% | 2 | 50% | 2 | 50% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 75 | 59% | 5 | 42% | 12 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 76 | 92% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the region (n=127) or county.

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state region (n=83) or county.

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R8: Avery County Enrollment | # | % |
|--|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 109 | 32.0% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 232 | 68.0% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 8 | 53.3% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 7 | 46.7% |

| Table R9: Enrollment by License Level | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | Avery County Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | Avery County Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 546 | 41% | 78 | 72% | 187 | 81% |
| 5 Star Homes | 61 | 24% | 2 | 25% | 2 | 29% |
| 4 Star Centers | 368 | 27% | 13 | 12% | 32 | 14% |
| 4 Star Homes | 41 | 16% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 226 | 17% | 18 | 17% | 13 | 6% |
| 3 Star Homes | 30 | 12% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 75 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 42 | 17% | 2 | 25% | 1 | 14% |
| 1 Star Centers | 87 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 76 | 30% | 4 | 50% | 4 | 57% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 15 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 22 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 1339 | 31% | 109 | 32% | 232 | 68% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 250 | 60% | 8 | 53% | 7 | 47% |

| Table R10: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Avery County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Avery County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 38% | 3 | 33% | 9 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 95% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 67% | 1 | 50% | 2 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 93% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 90% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 86% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 71% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 80% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 100% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 50% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

**Burke County Licensing Data
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| Table R11: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Burke County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Burke County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|----------|---|----------|---|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 28% | 8 | 36% | 17 | 41% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 24% | 4 | 19% | 4 | 20% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 27% | 7 | 32% | 15 | 37% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 17% | 2 | 10% | 3 | 15% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 24% | 3 | 14% | 3 | 7% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 1 | 5% | 2 | 10% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 7% | 1 | 5% | 3 | 7% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 4 | 19% | 3 | 15% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 8% | 2 | 9% | 2 | 5% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 28% | 10 | 48% | 8 | 40% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 4% | 1 | 5% | 1 | 2% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 75 | 59% | 22 | 54% | 41 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 76 | 92% | 21 | 91% | 20 | 87% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the region (n=127) or county.

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state region (n=83) or county.

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R12: Burke County Enrollment | # | % |
|---|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 453 | 29.2% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 1,098 | 70.8% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 79 | 63.7% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 45 | 36.3% |

| Table R13: Enrollment by License Level | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | Burke County Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | Burke County Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 546 | 41% | 206 | 45% | 675 | 61% |
| 5 Star Homes | 61 | 24% | 15 | 19% | 11 | 24% |
| 4 Star Centers | 368 | 27% | 182 | 40% | 348 | 32% |
| 4 Star Homes | 41 | 16% | 4 | 5% | 4 | 9% |
| 3 Star Centers | 226 | 17% | 32 | 7% | 19 | 2% |
| 3 Star Homes | 30 | 12% | 2 | 3% | 5 | 11% |
| 2 Star Centers | 75 | 6% | 2 | 0% | 18 | 2% |
| 2 Star Homes | 42 | 17% | 16 | 20% | 5 | 11% |
| 1 Star Centers | 87 | 6% | 23 | 5% | 18 | 2% |
| 1 Star Homes | 76 | 30% | 42 | 53% | 20 | 44% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 15 | 1% | 8 | 2% | 20 | 2% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 22 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 1339 | 31% | 453 | 29% | 1,098 | 71% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 250 | 60% | 79 | 64% | 45 | 36% |

| Table R14: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Burke County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Burke County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 38% | 8 | 47% | 17 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 95% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 67% | 7 | 47% | 15 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 93% | 2 | 67% | 3 | 100% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 90% | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 86% | 1 | 50% | 2 | 100% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 71% | 1 | 33% | 3 | 100% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 80% | 4 | 100% | 3 | 75% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 100% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 100% | 10 | 100% | 8 | 80% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 50% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

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| Table R15: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Caldwell County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Caldwell County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 28% | 6 | 23% | 12 | 34% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 24% | 10 | 30% | 7 | 23% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 27% | 7 | 27% | 7 | 20% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 17% | 6 | 18% | 6 | 19% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 24% | 6 | 23% | 8 | 23% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 7 | 21% | 8 | 26% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 7% | 2 | 8% | 2 | 6% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 3 | 9% | 4 | 13% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 8% | 4 | 15% | 4 | 11% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 28% | 7 | 21% | 6 | 19% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 3% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 3% | 1 | 4% | 1 | 3% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 75 | 59% | 26 | 74% | 35 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 76 | 92% | 33 | 89% | 31 | 84% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the region (n=127) or county.

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state region (n=83) or county.

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R16: Caldwell County Enrollment | # | % |
|--|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 495 | 38.5% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 790 | 61.5% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 105 | 57.7% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 77 | 42.3% |

| Table R17: Enrollment by License Level | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | Caldwell County Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | Caldwell County Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|--|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 546 | 41% | 199 | 40% | 439 | 56% |
| 5 Star Homes | 61 | 24% | 36 | 34% | 19 | 25% |
| 4 Star Centers | 368 | 27% | 98 | 20% | 128 | 16% |
| 4 Star Homes | 41 | 16% | 22 | 21% | 16 | 21% |
| 3 Star Centers | 226 | 17% | 87 | 18% | 96 | 12% |
| 3 Star Homes | 30 | 12% | 17 | 16% | 19 | 25% |
| 2 Star Centers | 75 | 6% | 39 | 8% | 41 | 5% |
| 2 Star Homes | 42 | 17% | 7 | 7% | 14 | 18% |
| 1 Star Centers | 87 | 6% | 64 | 13% | 56 | 7% |
| 1 Star Homes | 76 | 30% | 23 | 22% | 9 | 12% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 15 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 22 | 3% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 22 | 2% | 8 | 2% | 8 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 1339 | 31% | 495 | 39% | 790 | 61% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 250 | 60% | 105 | 58% | 77 | 42% |

| Table R18: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Caldwell County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Caldwell County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 38% | 6 | 50% | 12 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 95% | 10 | 91% | 7 | 64% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 67% | 7 | 100% | 7 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 93% | 6 | 100% | 6 | 100% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 90% | 6 | 75% | 8 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 86% | 7 | 88% | 8 | 100% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 71% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 80% | 3 | 60% | 4 | 80% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 100% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 100% | 7 | 100% | 6 | 86% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 50% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 100% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

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| Table R19: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | McDowell County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | McDowell County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 28% | 4 | 36% | 14 | 64% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 24% | 1 | 9% | 1 | 11% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 27% | 3 | 27% | 3 | 14% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 17% | 4 | 36% | 4 | 44% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 24% | 2 | 18% | 2 | 9% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 3 | 27% | 3 | 33% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 7% | 2 | 18% | 2 | 9% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 3 | 27% | 1 | 11% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 8% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 28% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 5% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 75 | 59% | 11 | 50% | 22 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 76 | 92% | 11 | 100% | 9 | 82% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the region (n=127) or county.

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state region (n=83) or county.

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R20: McDowell County Enrollment | # | % |
|--|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 172 | 25.9% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 493 | 74.1% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 38 | 65.5% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 20 | 34.5% |

| Table R21: Enrollment by License Level | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | McDowell County Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | McDowell County Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|--|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 546 | 41% | 63 | 37% | 400 | 81% |
| 5 Star Homes | 61 | 24% | 2 | 5% | 3 | 15% |
| 4 Star Centers | 368 | 27% | 49 | 28% | 57 | 12% |
| 4 Star Homes | 41 | 16% | 13 | 34% | 11 | 55% |
| 3 Star Centers | 226 | 17% | 26 | 15% | 10 | 2% |
| 3 Star Homes | 30 | 12% | 9 | 24% | 5 | 25% |
| 2 Star Centers | 75 | 6% | 34 | 20% | 17 | 3% |
| 2 Star Homes | 42 | 17% | 14 | 37% | 1 | 5% |
| 1 Star Centers | 87 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 76 | 30% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 15 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 9 | 2% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 22 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 1339 | 31% | 172 | 26% | 493 | 74% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 250 | 60% | 38 | 66% | 20 | 34% |

| Table R22: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | McDowell County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | McDowell County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 38% | 4 | 29% | 14 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 95% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 67% | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 93% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 90% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 86% | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 71% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 80% | 3 | 100% | 1 | 33% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 50% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers | 75 | 43% | 11 | 50% | 22 | 100% |
| Total Homes | 76 | 83% | 11 | 100% | 9 | 82% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

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| Table R23: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Mitchell County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Mitchell County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 28% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 20% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 24% | 2 | 50% | 2 | 50% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 27% | 1 | 17% | 1 | 10% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 17% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 24% | 4 | 67% | 4 | 40% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 1 | 25% | 1 | 25% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 7% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 1 | 25% | 1 | 25% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 8% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 28% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 4% | 1 | 17% | 2 | 20% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 10% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 75 | 59% | 6 | 60% | 10 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 76 | 92% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the region (n=127) or county.

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state region (n=83) or county.

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R24: Mitchell County Enrollment | # | % |
|--|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 42 | 20.8% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 160 | 79.2% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 11 | 47.8% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 12 | 52.2% |

| Table R25: Enrollment by License Level | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | Mitchell County Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | Mitchell County Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|--|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 546 | 41% | 0 | 0% | 33 | 21% |
| 5 Star Homes | 61 | 24% | 6 | 55% | 4 | 33% |
| 4 Star Centers | 368 | 27% | 6 | 14% | 2 | 1% |
| 4 Star Homes | 41 | 16% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 226 | 17% | 34 | 81% | 70 | 44% |
| 3 Star Homes | 30 | 12% | 2 | 18% | 5 | 42% |
| 2 Star Centers | 75 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 42 | 17% | 3 | 27% | 3 | 25% |
| 1 Star Centers | 87 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 76 | 30% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 15 | 1% | 2 | 5% | 13 | 8% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 42 | 26% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 22 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 1339 | 31% | 42 | 21% | 160 | 79% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 250 | 60% | 11 | 48% | 12 | 52% |

| Table R26: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Mitchell County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Mitchell County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 38% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 95% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 67% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 93% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 90% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 86% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 71% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 80% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 50% | 1 | 50% | 2 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

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| Table R27: Number and Percent of All Programs Enrolling Children by Age and Star Rating*** | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Yancey County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Yancey County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| License Level | | | | | | |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 28% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 14% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 24% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 27% | 1 | 20% | 2 | 29% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 17% | 1 | 33% | 1 | 33% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 24% | 2 | 40% | 2 | 29% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 7% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 16% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 33% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 8% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 28% | 2 | 67% | 1 | 33% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 4% | 1 | 20% | 1 | 14% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 3% | 1 | 20% | 1 | 14% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Centers* | 75 | 59% | 5 | 71% | 7 | 100% |
| Total Homes** | 76 | 92% | 3 | 75% | 3 | 75% |

*Indicates the number of centers enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total centers in the region (n=127) or county.

**Indicates the number of homes enrolling each age grouping and the percent of the total homes in the state region (n=83) or county.

***This is the number of programs at each star level divided by the total number of programs.

| Table R28: Yancey County Enrollment | # | % |
|--|----------|----------|
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Centers | 68 | 29.6% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Centers | 162 | 70.4% |
| Infants & Toddlers Enrolled in Homes | 9 | 50.0% |
| Preschoolers Enrolled in Homes | 9 | 50.0% |

| Table R29: Enrollment by License Level | Region 11 Infant & Toddler Enrollment | | Yancey County Infant and Toddler Enrollment | | Yancey County Preschooler Enrollment | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 546 | 41% | 0 | 0% | 18 | 11% |
| 5 Star Homes | 61 | 24% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Star Centers | 368 | 27% | 20 | 29% | 94 | 58% |
| 4 Star Homes | 41 | 16% | 2 | 22% | 3 | 33% |
| 3 Star Centers | 226 | 17% | 29 | 43% | 35 | 22% |
| 3 Star Homes | 30 | 12% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 75 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 42 | 17% | 0 | 0% | 5 | 56% |
| 1 Star Centers | 87 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 76 | 30% | 7 | 78% | 1 | 11% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 15 | 1% | 5 | 7% | 6 | 4% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 22 | 2% | 14 | 21% | 9 | 6% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Enrollment in Centers | 1339 | 31% | 68 | 30% | 162 | 70% |
| Total Enrollment in Homes | 250 | 60% | 9 | 50% | 9 | 50% |

| Table R30: Number and Percent of Programs in Each Age Group Enrolling Children by Age* | Region 11 Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Yancey County Programs Enrolling Infants and Toddlers | | Yancey County Programs Enrolling Preschoolers | |
|---|--|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 21 | 38% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| 5 Star Homes | 18 | 95% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Star Centers | 20 | 67% | 1 | 50% | 2 | 100% |
| 4 Star Homes | 13 | 93% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| 3 Star Centers | 18 | 90% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 86% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 5 | 71% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 12 | 80% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| 1 Star Centers | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 21 | 100% | 2 | 100% | 1 | 50% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 3 | 50% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Temporary Centers | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 2 | 100% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

*This is the number of programs at each star level serving the age group divided by the total number of programs at that level.

Region 11 Infants and Toddlers Receiving Subsidy

Summary of Key Findings

- Of children birth to five years of age living in Region 11 and receiving subsidy, 46% are infants and toddlers and 54% are preschoolers (Table R32).
- Of children birth to five years of age living in Region 11 waiting for subsidy, 56% are infants and toddlers and 44% are preschoolers (Table R32).⁷ Of the counties for which data was gathered, only one of the counties (Avery) did not have any children on their waiting list.
- Of the infants and toddlers receiving subsidy residing in Region 11, 91% are in licensed centers and 9% are in licensed homes.⁸
- Five of the six counties (Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, and Mitchell) in Region 11 had 30% or more of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy enrolled in programs with a 4- or 5-star license (Table R31).
- In one county (Mitchell), a higher portion of infants and toddlers receiving subsidy are accessing programs with a 4- or 5-star license than preschoolers receiving subsidy (Table R31).
- Across the counties, the percent of infants and toddlers and the percent of preschoolers receiving subsidy to attend 4- or 5-star programs tends to vary together. In two counties, however, there is a large difference. In McDowell County, a higher percentage (18% difference) of preschoolers access that level of care while in Burke County, a higher percentage (12% difference) of preschoolers access that level of care (Table R31).
- Yancey County had the lowest percent (25%) of infants and toddlers enrolled in 4- or 5-star programs and Burke County had the highest percent (74%) (Table R31).

Table R31. Percent of Subsidized Children by Age Enrolled in 4- or 5-Star Programs (Centers and Homes)

| County of Residence | Infant/Toddlers | Preschoolers |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Avery | 60% | 68% |
| Burke | 74% | 86% |
| Caldwell | 58% | 65% |
| McDowell | 56% | 74% |
| Mitchell | 34% | 30% |
| Yancey | 25% | 33% |
| Region 11 | 59% | 70% |

⁷ Missing waitlist data for Mitchell County.

⁸ Children with no license number listed are not included in data.

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| Table R32. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 810 | 46% | 959 | 54% |
| Waiting For Subsidy* | 274 | 56% | 217 | 44% |

*missing waitlist data for Mitchell County; Avery County has no children on WL

| Table R33. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | NC Statewide Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Region 11 Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|--|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 3,131 | 12% | 248 | 34% | 384 | 43% |
| 5 Star Homes | 643 | 15% | 13 | 19% | 10 | 18% |
| 4 Star Centers | 8,624 | 32% | 210 | 28% | 265 | 29% |
| 4 Star Homes | 977 | 23% | 7 | 10% | 11 | 20% |
| 3 Star Centers | 8,712 | 33% | 163 | 22% | 150 | 17% |
| 3 Star Homes | 1,024 | 24% | 12 | 17% | 10 | 18% |
| 2 Star Centers | 2,240 | 8% | 45 | 6% | 43 | 5% |
| 2 Star Homes | 746 | 17% | 6 | 9% | 5 | 9% |
| 1 Star Centers | 1,690 | 6% | 44 | 6% | 29 | 3% |
| 1 Star Homes | 844 | 20% | 32 | 46% | 20 | 36% |
| Temporary Centers | 837 | 3% | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 20 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 1,033 | 4% | 13 | 2% | 19 | 2% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 392 | 1% | 14 | 2% | 10 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 19 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers** | 26,659 | 86% | 738 | 91% | 901 | 94% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes** | 4,273 | 14% | 70 | 9% | 56 | 6% |

**Children with no license number listed not included in data.

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| Table R34. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 53 | 57% | 40 | 43% |
| Waiting For Subsidy | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

| Table R35. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Avery County Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Avery County Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|---|------------|--|------------|--|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 248 | 34% | 21 | 43% | 12 | 31% |
| 5 Star Homes | 13 | 19% | 1 | 25% | 1 | 100% |
| 4 Star Centers | 210 | 28% | 10 | 20% | 14 | 36% |
| 4 Star Homes | 7 | 10% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 163 | 22% | 17 | 35% | 11 | 28% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 17% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 45 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 6 | 9% | 1 | 25% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Centers | 44 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 3% |
| 1 Star Homes | 32 | 46% | 2 | 50% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Centers | 1 | 0% | 1 | 2% | 1 | 3% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 13 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 14 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers | 738 | 91% | 49 | 92% | 39 | 98% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes | 70 | 9% | 4 | 8% | 1 | 3% |

Burke County Data April 2008

| Table R36. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 253 | 39% | 391 | 61% |
| Waiting For Subsidy | 87 | 50% | 88 | 50% |

| Table R37. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Burke County Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Burke County Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|---|------------|--|------------|--|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 248 | 34% | 90 | 40% | 194 | 53% |
| 5 Star Homes | 13 | 19% | 5 | 17% | 4 | 17% |
| 4 Star Centers | 210 | 28% | 93 | 42% | 136 | 37% |
| 4 Star Homes | 7 | 10% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 4% |
| 3 Star Centers | 163 | 22% | 24 | 11% | 16 | 4% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 17% | 3 | 10% | 1 | 4% |
| 2 Star Centers | 45 | 6% | 1 | 0% | 7 | 2% |
| 2 Star Homes | 6 | 9% | 2 | 7% | 3 | 13% |
| 1 Star Centers | 44 | 6% | 12 | 5% | 7 | 2% |
| 1 Star Homes | 32 | 46% | 20 | 67% | 14 | 61% |
| Temporary Centers | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 13 | 2% | 3 | 1% | 8 | 2% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 14 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers | 738 | 91% | 223 | 88% | 368 | 94% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes | 70 | 9% | 30 | 12% | 23 | 6% |

Caldwell County Data April 2008

| Table R38. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 305 | 49% | 317 | 51% |
| Waiting For Subsidy | 142 | 57% | 106 | 43% |

| Table R39. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Caldwell County Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Caldwell County Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|---|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 248 | 34% | 91 | 32% | 113 | 39% |
| 5 Star Homes | 13 | 19% | 6 | 26% | 5 | 19% |
| 4 Star Centers | 210 | 28% | 74 | 26% | 80 | 28% |
| 4 Star Homes | 7 | 10% | 6 | 26% | 6 | 23% |
| 3 Star Centers | 163 | 22% | 55 | 20% | 45 | 16% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 17% | 6 | 26% | 7 | 27% |
| 2 Star Centers | 45 | 6% | 25 | 9% | 25 | 9% |
| 2 Star Homes | 6 | 9% | 1 | 4% | 2 | 8% |
| 1 Star Centers | 44 | 6% | 32 | 11% | 21 | 7% |
| 1 Star Homes | 32 | 46% | 4 | 17% | 6 | 23% |
| Temporary Centers | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 13 | 2% | 3 | 1% | 1 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 14 | 2% | 2 | 1% | 4 | 1% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers* | 738 | 91% | 282 | 92% | 289 | 91% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes* | 70 | 9% | 23 | 8% | 26 | 8% |

*Children with no license number listed not included in data.

McDowell County Data April 2008

| Table R40. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 91 | 51% | 87 | 49% |
| Waiting For Subsidy | 39 | 65% | 21 | 35% |

| Table R41. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | McDowell County Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | McDowell County Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|---|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 248 | 34% | 32 | 37% | 48 | 56% |
| 5 Star Homes | 13 | 19% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Star Centers | 210 | 28% | 18 | 21% | 15 | 18% |
| 4 Star Homes | 7 | 10% | 1 | 20% | 1 | 50% |
| 3 Star Centers | 163 | 22% | 18 | 21% | 12 | 14% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 17% | 2 | 40% | 1 | 50% |
| 2 Star Centers | 45 | 6% | 18 | 21% | 10 | 12% |
| 2 Star Homes | 6 | 9% | 2 | 40% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Centers | 44 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 32 | 46% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Centers | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 13 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 14 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers | 738 | 91% | 86 | 95% | 85 | 98% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes | 70 | 9% | 5 | 5% | 2 | 2% |

Mitchell County Data April 2008

| Table R42. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 37 | 45% | 46 | 55% |
| Waiting For Subsidy | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

| Table R43. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Mitchell County Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Mitchell County Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|--|-----|--|-----|--|------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 248 | 34% | 10 | 30% | 11 | 24% |
| 5 Star Homes | 13 | 19% | 1 | 50% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Star Centers | 210 | 28% | 1 | 3% | 3 | 7% |
| 4 Star Homes | 7 | 10% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Star Centers | 163 | 22% | 16 | 48% | 29 | 63% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 17% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Centers | 45 | 6% | 1 | 3% | 1 | 2% |
| 2 Star Homes | 6 | 9% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Centers | 44 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 32 | 46% | 1 | 50% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Centers | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 13 | 2% | 3 | 9% | 2 | 4% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 14 | 2% | 2 | 6% | 0 | 0% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers* | 738 | 91% | 33 | 89% | 46 | 100% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes* | 70 | 9% | 2 | 5% | 0 | 0% |

*Children with no license number listed not included in data.

Yancey County Data April 2008

| Table R44. | Infants & Toddlers | | Preschoolers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Receiving Subsidy | 71 | 48% | 78 | 52% |
| Waiting For Subsidy | 6 | 75% | 2 | 25% |

| Table R45. Children Receiving Subsidy In Licensed Child Care by Star Rating | Region 11 Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Yancey County Infants & Toddlers Receiving Subsidy | | Yancey County Preschoolers Receiving Subsidy | |
|--|---|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 5 Star Centers | 248 | 34% | 4 | 6% | 6 | 8% |
| 5 Star Homes | 13 | 19% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Star Centers | 210 | 28% | 14 | 22% | 17 | 23% |
| 4 Star Homes | 7 | 10% | 0 | 0% | 3 | 75% |
| 3 Star Centers | 163 | 22% | 33 | 51% | 37 | 50% |
| 3 Star Homes | 12 | 17% | 1 | 17% | 1 | 25% |
| 2 Star Centers | 45 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Star Homes | 6 | 9% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Centers | 44 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Star Homes | 32 | 46% | 5 | 83% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Centers | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Temporary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| GS 110-106 Centers | 13 | 2% | 4 | 6% | 8 | 11% |
| GS 110-106 Homes | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, Probationary, Provisional GS 110-106 Centers | 14 | 2% | 10 | 15% | 6 | 8% |
| Special Provisional, Provisional, & Probationary Homes | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Centers | 738 | 91% | 65 | 92% | 74 | 95% |
| Total Subsidized Children Enrollment in Homes | 70 | 9% | 6 | 8% | 4 | 5% |

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