



2005 Child Care in the State of Montana



The People¹

	MT	U.S.
Number of residents	892,497	282,909,885
Number of children ages 0 through 4	54,869	19,175,798
Number of children ages 5 through 12	102,929	33,014,496
Number of children ages 0 through 12 in child care ²	21,072	20,500,000
Number of families	106,519	34,878,416
Number of single-parent headed households	30,390	8,294,092
Number of families below poverty level	18,050	5,640,409

Children Under 6 with Parents in the Labor Force³

	MT	U.S.
Two parent families, both parents in labor force	25,080	7,539,000
Two parent families, one parent in the labor force	14,738	5,309,000
Single parent families, parent in the labor force	31,309	2,022,000
Total with parents in the labor force	71,127	14,870,000

Child Care Costs, Family Incomes

	MT	U.S.
Average, annual fees paid, full-time care ⁴ for an infant in a center	\$4,836	Up to \$12,000
Average, annual fees paid, full-time care ⁵ for a child age 4 in a center	\$4,486	\$4,000-\$6,000
Care for an infant as percent of median income in the state	14%	Up to 28%
Average tuition and fees paid for state college ⁶	\$4,100	\$5,132
Median annual household income ⁷	\$35,399	\$43,564

¹ Unless otherwise noted, statistics in this section are from the 2003 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

² This statistic represents the number of children age 12 and under with employed primary caregivers that are in care by someone other than a parent in 1999 according to the National Survey of America's Families. Urban Institute, *Primary Child Care Arrangements of Employed Parents*, May 2002. It represents 8.7 million children ages 0 through 4, 2 million children age 5, and 9.8 million ages 6 to 12. Numbers in the state column are provided by the State R&R Network.

³ The statistics in this section are from the 2003 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

⁴ The national statistic is the range in price of care in the U.S. Children's Defense Fund. The High Cost of Care Puts Quality Child Care out of Reach for Many Families, 2000. The type of care provided in the state column is the price for rural, licensed, care and urban licensed care for an infant provided by the State R&R Network.

⁵ The national statistic is the range in price of care in the U.S. Children's Defense Fund. The High Cost of Care Puts Quality Child Care out of Reach for Many Families, 2000. The type of care provided in the state column is the price for licensed care for a child age 4 provided by the State R&R Network.

⁶ The national column contains the average price for public college tuition and fees for a 4-year institution from the College Board. Trends in College Pricing, 2004. The state figures is tuition and fees for a public 4-year institution provided by the State R&R Network.

⁷ This statistic is from the 2003 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

Child Care Supply

	MT	U.S.
Number of centers ⁸	262	117,284
Number of accredited child care centers ⁹	15	9182
Percent of accredited child care centers	5.7%	8%
Number of family child care homes ¹⁰	1,100	290,530
Number of accredited family child care homes ¹¹	32	2214
Percent of accredited family child care homes	2.9%	0.7%
Total number of child care spaces ¹²	26,047	Not reported
Percent of slots in child care centers	44.1%	Not reported
Percent of slots in family child care homes	41.4%	Not reported

Child Care Demand¹³

	MT	U.S.
Percent requests for infant and toddler care	56%	45%
Percent requests for pre-school age care	19%	28%
Percent requests for school age care	25%	23%
Percent for full-time care	80%	74%
Percent for part-time care	15%	21%
Percent for before and after school care	15%	14%
Percent for non-traditional hour care	20%	14%

Family, Friends and Neighbor Care

	MT	U.S.
Percent of children ¹⁴ cared for by a relative	3%	27%
Number of paid providers ¹⁵ that are relatives, friends and neighbors	Not reported	110,200
Number of providers participating in subsidy programs, who are relatives, friends and neighbors	747	Not reported

Workforce

	MT	U.S.
Number of child care providers ¹⁶	3,548	2,300,000
Number of technical assistance consultations provided by CCR&Rs	55	1,200,000
Average income for full-time, year-round child care provider ¹⁷	\$16,650	\$17,610

⁸ This is the number of licensed centers including those located in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as well as those located in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Children's Foundation, 2004 Child Care Licensing Study. In the state column is the number of regulated centers derived from R&R data provided by the State R&R Network.

⁹ The national number reflects the number of accredited programs as of December, 2004 provided by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The state number was provided by the State R&R Network and reflects accreditations in addition to NAEYC.

¹⁰ This is the number of licensed family child care homes including those located in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as well as those located in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Children's Foundation, 2004 Child Care Licensing Study. In the state column is the number of regulated family child care homes derived from R&R data provided by the State R&R Network.

¹¹ The national number reflects the number of accredited programs as of December, 2004 provided by the National Association for Family Child Care Centers. The state number was provided by the State R&R Network and reflects accreditations in addition to NAFCC.

¹² This number is provided by State R&R Network. It includes all child care slots including those in school age programs.

¹³ These data are derived from R&R data. Percentages do not add up to 100% as parents often request information on more than one type of child care arrangement.

¹⁴ This is the percentage of children under 5 years cared for by a relative other than a parent according to the National Survey of America's Families. Urban Institute, Primary Child Care Arrangements of Employed Parents, May 2002. In the state column is the number provided by the State R&R Network for this state.

¹⁵ Burton, Alice, Marci Whitebook, Ph.D., and Richard Brandon, Ph.D., Estimating the Size and Components of the U.S. Child Care Workforce and Caregiving Population, May 2002. The estimate includes the number of individuals in the United States who are paid relatives other than family child care providers or paid non-relatives other than those working in centers or family child care programs.

¹⁶ *Ibid.* The estimate includes the number of child care providers working in centers or family child care programs.

¹⁷ These statistics are based on national mean hourly wage of \$8.47. They are derived from 2003 data collected and reported by the 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics survey at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (<http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes399011.htm>). They do not include preschool teachers and assistant teachers.