

REGIONAL CHILD CARE PROFILE

Counties in the Region: Clinton, Eaton, Ingham
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WHO PROVIDES CARE: OPTIONS AND CAPACITY

Total Capacity of Licensed Child Care Across Settings

These data represent all **417** currently licensed child care programs in the counties of this region. (programs in pre-licensure are not included)

	No. of Programs	No. of Slots
Licensed Family Child Care Homes HOME-BASED CHILD CARE, 1-6 CHILDREN ¹	109	683
Licensed Group Child Care Homes HOME-BASED CHILD CARE, 7-12 CHILDREN ²	93	1,202
Licensed Centers	215	16,166

TOTAL LICENSED CAPACITY 18,051³

Child Ages Served⁴

Data on licensed slots by child age was available for only **184** programs (44% of all licensed programs in this region), who reported ages across **4,832** licensed slots. The distribution of age ranges across these programs is presented below as a snapshot of licensed care available for different aged children.

	% of Slots
Infant BIRTH - 1	6%
Toddler 1 - 3 years	9%
Preschoolers AGES 3 - 5 years	45%
Kindergarten AGES 5 - 6 years	12%
School-Age (Before/After Care, Summer Care)	28%

With 67,478 children under age 13 in the counties of this region, the total number of licensed slots available (18,051) can serve 27% of this population.⁵

¹ Experienced family child care home providers are potentially eligible to serve up to seven children; group child care home providers up to 14 children.

² Ibid

³ Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes. <https://childcaresearch.apps.lara.state.mi.us/>

⁴ This data was last updated in September 2022 and can be assessed by making request to Great Start to Quality. <https://stage.worklifeyou.com/parent/4>

⁵ Kids Count Data Center (2021). <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/map/11531-population-ages-6-to-12?loc=24&loct=5#5/any/false/false/2048/any/22726/Orange/-9619900.5,5627124.5>



WHEN IS CARE AVAILABLE: NON-STANDARD HOURS

Specific Types of Programs

This table provides information on non-standard hours provided by licensed programs.⁶

	% of Programs
Open 24 Hours	5%
Open Overnight	6%
Open Weekends	5%
Hourly Drop-In	15%



WHAT DOES CARE COST: FOR FAMILIES AND PROVIDERS

Financial Impact on Families

The federal definition of “affordable child care” is no more than **7 percent** of a family’s income.⁷

	In this region
Percent of family income for full-time care ⁸	41%
Average monthly payment for full-time care ⁹	\$702
Child poverty rate ¹⁰	11%

Programs Accepting Financial Supports for Families

	No. of Programs ¹¹	No of Slots
CDC Subsidy	272	2,726 ¹²
Great Start Readiness	49	2,286
Head Start	31	1,761
Early Head Start	7	416

The total number of eligible children¹³ for Child Development Care (CDC) subsidy is **2,726**, representing **15%** of Licensed Capacity and **4%** of children under age 13. **2,698** children of age 0 through 12 utilized this subsidy in the region.

Child Care Providers as Employers

Despite high prices for families, childcare providers operate on razor-thin budgets. Though 60% to 80% of revenue is spent on staff compensation, wages for childcare professionals are extremely low, contributing to turnover and workforce shortages.

	In this region
Average hourly wages for childcare teachers	\$12.46/hr.¹⁴
Staff shortage rate	16%¹⁵

⁶ This is a self-reported data by programs, that can be accessed by making a request to Great Start to Quality through this website - <https://stage.worklifeystem.com/parent/4>. Calculated as percentage of 417 programs that reported specific type of program.

⁷ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/30/2016-22986/child-care-and-development-fund-ccdf-program>

⁸ Cost of child care as a percentage of income from a full-time minimum wage job (40 hrs/wk) in 2022. This calculation is an average across counties in this region. <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/10678-average-cost-of-full-time-child-care-per-month-percent-of-full-time-minimum-wage?loc=24&loc=5#%detailed/5/3744-3826/false/1095,2048,574,1729/any/20477,20478>

⁹ Weighted average monthly cost for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children in day care centers, group homes and family homes in 2022. (Ibid).

¹⁰ This is an average of “child poverty rate” across counties in this region. <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-kits/2020/acs-5-year.html>

¹¹ This is a self-reported data by programs, that can be accessed by making a request to Great Start to Quality provider through this website - <https://stage.worklifeystem.com/parent/4>

¹² Green Book Report of Key Program Statistics, December 2022. https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Inside-MDHHS/Reports-and-Statistics---Human-Services/Green-Book/2022_12_GreenBook.pdf?rev=b8329c802f0a453289d6b21a040fd99d

¹³ Eligible Children – This is the number of children approved for subsidy. https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Inside-MDHHS/Reports-and-Statistics---Human-Services/Green-Book/2022_12_GreenBook.pdf?rev=b8329c802f0a453289d6b21a040fd99d

¹⁴ <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oesrcma.htm>. This is calculated as an average of Lansing-East Lansing and Balance of Lower Peninsula of Michigan nonmetropolitan area.

¹⁵ This is calculated as an average of “Staff Shortage” across the counties in this region, except for Alcona County that has no data. Data could be assessed by making a request to Great Start to Quality Provider via this website- <https://stage.worklifeystem.com/parent/4>, September 2022.