



School-Age Children in CCDBG: 2012 Update

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School-age children in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is the primary funding source for federal child care subsidies to low-income working families, as well as improving child care quality. CCDBG provides child care assistance to children from birth to age 13.¹ This fact sheet highlights key information about school-age children and CCDBG.²

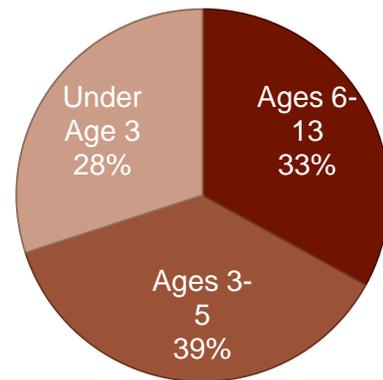
A third of children served in CCDBG are between ages 6 and 13. In FY 2012, over 497,409 school-age children received CCDBG-funded child care assistance in an average month, comprising approximately 33 percent of all children receiving CCDBG (see Figure 1).

The share of school-age children receiving CCDBG varies by state. North Carolina serves the greatest share (42 percent), while Arkansas (19 percent) and the District of Columbia (16 percent) serve the smallest.

School-age children make up 35 percent or more of children served in CCDBG in 13 states: Arizona (37 percent), Illinois (40 percent), Kansas (35 percent), Michigan (39 percent), Mississippi (35 percent), New York (36 percent), North Carolina (42 percent), Oregon (41 percent), Pennsylvania (38 percent), Rhode Island (39 percent), Utah (38 percent), Washington (36 percent), and West Virginia (35 percent; see Table 1).

More than half of school-age children in CCDBG are served in center-based care. Sixty-two percent of school-age children receiving CCDBG are cared for in centers. A family home is the second most common setting (see Figure 2).

Figure 1. Ages of Children Served in CCDBG, 2012



The CCDBG school-age earmark funds a range of services. Federal CCDBG funding includes an earmark for resource and referral and school-age care activities. In FY 2013, the most recent year for which data are available, the school-age earmark was \$18.4 million. Of that total, roughly \$946,000 was used for a competitive grant to develop a national toll free hotline and website that provide information to parents and child care providers.³

States use the school-age earmark to fund a range of activities, including specialized training for school-age caregivers, technical assistance to school-age care programs and providers, financial incentives for school-age care providers, and grants to improve the quality of school-age child care services.⁴

Figure 2. Settings in Which Children Were Served, 2012

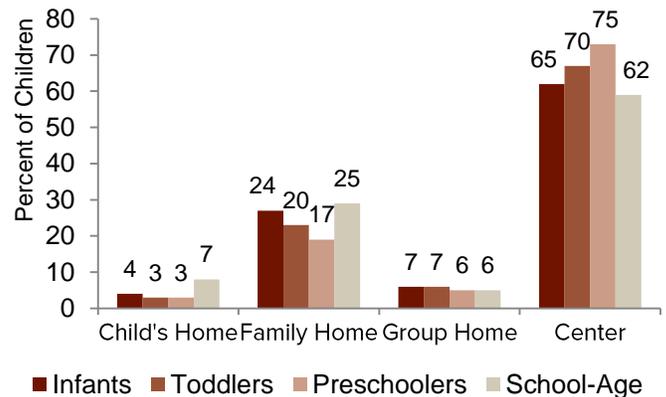


Table 1. Ages of Children Served in CCDBG by State, 2012

| | Infants/Toddlers (Under Age 3) | Preschoolers (Ages 3-5) | School Age (Ages 6-13) |
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| Alabama | 30% | 36% | 33% |
| Alaska | 31% | 39% | 30% |
| Arizona | 25% | 38% | 37% |
| Arkansas | 44% | 37% | 19% |
| California | 18% | 49% | 33% |
| Colorado | 30% | 40% | 30% |
| Connecticut | 30% | 41% | 29% |
| Delaware | 29% | 37% | 33% |
| District of Columbia | 49% | 35% | 16% |
| Florida | 29% | 45% | 25% |
| Georgia | 28% | 38% | 34% |
| Hawaii | 33% | 39% | 28% |
| Idaho | 29% | 39% | 31% |
| Illinois | 25% | 34% | 40% |
| Indiana | 26% | 40% | 34% |
| Iowa | 28% | 37% | 34% |
| Kansas | 28% | 37% | 35% |

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| Kentucky | 32% | 37% | 31% |
| Louisiana | 41% | 39% | 20% |
| Maine | 27% | 41% | 31% |
| Maryland | 27% | 39% | 34% |
| Massachusetts | 26% | 42% | 31% |
| Michigan | 27% | 34% | 39% |
| Minnesota | 27% | 39% | 34% |
| Mississippi | 28% | 37% | 35% |
| Missouri | 31% | 39% | 29% |
| Montana | 32% | 40% | 27% |
| Nebraska | 32% | 36% | 32% |
| Nevada | 28% | 38% | 34% |
| New Hampshire | 30% | 47% | 22% |
| New Jersey | 30% | 38% | 32% |
| New Mexico | 29% | 39% | 32% |
| New York | 25% | 38% | 36% |
| North Carolina | 22% | 36% | 42% |
| North Dakota | 39% | 41% | 20% |
| Ohio | 29% | 39% | 32% |
| Oklahoma | 34% | 38% | 27% |
| Oregon | 22% | 36% | 41% |
| Pennsylvania | 25% | 37% | 38% |
| Rhode Island | 24% | 37% | 39% |
| South Carolina | 38% | 40% | 22% |
| South Dakota | 32% | 39% | 29% |
| Tennessee | 32% | 38% | 30% |
| Texas | 31% | 38% | 31% |
| Utah | 24% | 38% | 38% |
| Vermont | 28% | 41% | 31% |
| Virginia | 30% | 37% | 33% |
| Washington | 25% | 39% | 36% |
| West Virginia | 29% | 37% | 35% |
| Wisconsin | 30% | 37% | 32% |
| Wyoming | 32% | 41% | 27% |
| U.S. | 28% | 39% | 33% |

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Youth, Office of Child Care, *Table 9: Child Care and Development Fund, Average Monthly Percentages of Children In Care By Age Group (FFY 2012)*, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy-2012-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary-table-9>.

¹ Some states provide assistance for children between ages 13 and 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care or under court supervision.

² The information in this fact sheet is limited to school-age children receiving CCDBG-funded child care assistance in federal fiscal year 2012. Participation data on children served through other sources, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds, are not available. Data, unless otherwise noted, comes from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, *FFY 2012 CCDF Data Tables (Preliminary Estimates)*, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy-2012-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary>. For information on children of all ages served in CCDBG, see *Child Care Assistance Spending and Participation in 2012*, CLASP, 2014, <http://www.clasp.org/resources-and-publications/publication-1/ccspending2012-Final.pdf>.

³ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, *FY13 CCDF Final Allocations (Including Reallotted Funds)*, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy13-ccdf-final-allocations-including-reallotted-funds>.

⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, Child Care Bureau. Using the Child Care and Development Fund to Support a System of Quality Improvement for School-Age Programs, <http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/17370/pdf>.