

Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers and Registered Family Child Care Providers: How do they differ?

Licensed child care centers and registered family child care providers both offer child care to children under the age of 13. However, there are key differences in the number of children they are permitted to serve and the locations in which they operate. Licensed child care centers serve a minimum of six children and must adhere to state licensing requirements. Registered family child care providers care for a maximum of five children at a time in their own homes. Family child care providers who register voluntarily through New Jersey’s Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies are required to meet state regulations primarily related to health and safety concerns.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 12-16
Newark	190	183	173	156	144	-24
Essex	536	520	505	483	479	-11
New Jersey	4,137	4,037	3,987	3,949	3,936	-5

Child Care Center Capacity

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 12-16
Newark	17,231	15,867	17,214	17,103	15,357	-11
Essex	46,325	44,431	44,829	44,253	45,089	-3
New Jersey	353,159	344,610	346,337	347,861	350,982	-1

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 12-16
Newark	160	160	138	163	146	-9
Essex	447	353	332	291	268	-40
New Jersey	2,289	2,120	2,054	2,020	1,922	-16

Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	6,152	6,200	8,157	7,793	7,351	19
Newark - CP&P*	256	362	538	266	438	71
Essex	11,829	13,198	17,443	18,083	18,985	60

*These are subsidies for children under supervision of Child Protection and Permanency.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs

	2014	2015	2016	% Change 14-16
Newark	299	291	356	19
Essex	615	659	796	29
New Jersey	6,489	6,857	7,096	9

What are Child Care Subsidies?

Low- and moderate-income working families and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients can receive a subsidy to assist in paying for child care. These subsidies can be used in a variety of settings including child care centers and family child care homes. Subsidies are also available for children under the supervision of CP&P.

New Jersey's Home Visitation Programs

The state's home visitation programs are designed to help mothers and fathers build healthy environments for their infants and young children by promoting infant and child health, nurturing positive parent-child relationships and linking parents to resources and supports. This service

is typically provided to families facing poverty and other risk factors by a trained professional, with visits starting before or immediately after birth. In 2016, Newark families participating in home visitation programs grew by 19 percent from 2014.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2012-2016. The number of state licensed child care centers. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year, 2012 Newark figures are as of September; 2015 Newark figures are as of November.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2012-2016. The capacity of state licensed child care centers. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year, 2012 Newark figures are as of September; 2015 Newark figures are as of November.

Registered Family Child Care Providers, 2012-2016. For 2011-2013, Newark data are reported by Programs for Parents which is designated as the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for Essex County by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Newark 2014 and 2015 data and 2011 through 2015 Essex and state data are from the N.J. Department of Children and Families and are as of June. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies, 2011-2015. The total number of children receiving a child care subsidy within the given calendar year. Includes New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK) and Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) participants. Total amount of children receiving subsidies for Newark inclusive of CP&P figure. As reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the N.J. Department of Human Services Division of Family Development as the Essex County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs, 2014-2016. As reported by the Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year and include data for three home visitation programs: Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families-TIP Program and Parents and Teachers. This includes only evidence-based programs funded through the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Home visitation is defined as families receiving regularly scheduled visits by either a trained home visitor or a nurse with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN).