



Child Care Capacity in Onondaga County Spring 2013

NYS Regulated Child Care Capacity, spring 2013

64 Licensed Child Care Centers	
Infant Capacity (6 Weeks – 17 months)	780
Toddlers Capacity (18-35 months)	1134
Pre-School Capacity (3-5 years)	2714
School-age Capacity (k-12 years)	1123
Total Capacity:	5751

64 Registered School Age Child Care Programs	
Total Capacity(k-12 years)	4341

119 Licensed Group Family Child Care Homes	
5 Weeks-6 Years	1416
Ages 5-12 years	378
Total Capacity:	1794
Total Programs that with Infant Capacity:	110

233 Registered Family Child Care Homes	
5 weeks- 6 years	1374
Age 5-12 years	461
Total Capacity:	1835
Total Programs that with Infant Capacity:	216

***Note:** Infant capacity is defined as 6 weeks- 23 months for licensed group and registered family child care homes

*** Note:** Family child care capacity includes the providers' own children under age 6.

Total Regulated Child Care Capacity in Onondaga County: 13,721



Other Early Childhood Programs' Capacity, spring 2013

Program	Number of Sites	Capacity
Head Start	16	1016
School District Pre-K's (UPK)	36	1538
Private/Parochial Pre-School/Nursery School	56	3482

***Note:** Head Start sites are licensed by NYS OCFS and also meet national Head Start performance standards (includes Early Head Start programs).

***Note:** Head Start, Pre-K and special education are, in some cases, provided in collaboration with child care centers. In those cases, children would be co-enrolled in both programs and would be counted in the capacity of both programs.

Child Care / Early Education Options in Onondaga County Definitions:

Child Care Centers: Care is provided for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years in a non-residential facility for more than 6 children in a group setting. All centers must be licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

School-Age Child Care: Program for children ages 5 to 12 years in a group setting before and after school, school holidays and summer vacation. Care is provided in a variety of settings such as elementary schools, churches, community centers and child care centers. School-age programs which operate separately from other child care programs must be registered by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Family Child Care Homes: Care is provided by one (1) adult caregiver in an occupied residence for up to eight (8) children. Programs can enroll children ages six weeks to 12 years. There must be one caregiver present for every 2 children less than 2 years of age. Family Child Care Homes are registered by NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Group Family Child Care Homes: Care is provided in an occupied residence for up to fourteen (14) children. A licensed provider must have an assistant when there are more than six (6) children present. Programs can enroll children ages six weeks to 12 years. There must be one caregiver present for every 2 children less than 2 years of age. Group Family Child Care Homes are licensed by NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Camp Programs: Day or overnight recreational programs that operate during the summer months and sometimes school breaks. Some programs are licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and some are regulated by the NYS Dept. of Health and must meet minimum health and safety requirements.

Legally Exempt Family Child Care: Non-regulated care provided in an occupied residence for up to two (2) children that are not directly related to the provider.

Hired Caregiver in Child's Home: Care is provided by a relative or non-relative employed by the family to provide care in the child's home. Families are required to meet minimum wage and other employee benefit guidelines. Nanny agencies are available to assist families (on a fee-for service basis) in finding caregivers. Not regulated by the Office of Children & Family Services.

Nursery School/Pre-School Programs: Programs that serve children ages 3 to 5 years old in a variety of settings: public and private schools, churches, community centers, and home residences. Programs may meet anywhere from 1-5 days per week for less than three hours per session and follows the school year calendar. Programs are generally non-regulated.

Pre-Kindergarten: A part-day NYS funded program run and housed by some school districts, and sometimes run and housed in a community early childhood program that can offer a full day option to children.

Head/Early head Start: Federally funded programs for children that meet 4-5 days/week during the school year. Children must be at least 3 years old and not eligible to attend public school to attend Head Start. Early Head Start is a program that serves pregnant women, & families with children birth to 3 years, for part day or school day sessions and offers a variety of support services. Head Start encourages parent involvement through regular home visits, volunteering in the program and special activities. All Head Start/Early Head Start Centers are licensed by NYS Office of Children and Family Services and serve primarily low income families.