

# 2018 State Child Care Facts in the State of: Alaska



## CHILD CARE NEED<sup>1</sup>

POPULATION	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
Total residents	736,855	318,558,162
Children age birth to 4 years	54,353	19,853,211
Children age birth to 4 years living in poverty	8,356	4,614,933
Children age 5 to 11	72,132	28,723,602
Total families with children	79,637	33,506,082
Single parent families	25,064	10,934,829
Families in poverty	11,671	8,543,087

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 POTENTIALLY IN NEED OF CHILD CARE	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
Children in two-parent families, both parents in labor force	22,697	8,627,436
Children in single-parent families, parent in the labor force	16,128	6,341,151
Total children under age 6 potentially needing child care	38,825	14,968,587

NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
With infants under one year	6,090	2,492,109
With children under age 6 only	13,371	5,559,717
With children age 6 to 17 only	32,016	14,802,290
With both children under age 6 AND children age 6 to 17	11,098	4,397,360
Married working mothers	37,670	15,768,714
Single working mothers	14,072	6,757,924

## AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE<sup>2</sup>

SPACES IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	ALASKA
Total spaces/slots	23,970
Percent of spaces in child care center programs*	67%
Percent of total spaces in licensed FCC homes	12%
Percent of total spaces in school-age care programs	20%
Percent of total spaces in other programs	0%
Percentage spaces/slots of licensed programs	
Percent of licensed spaces for infants	NR
Percent of licensed spaces for toddlers	NR
Percent of licensed spaces for preschool-aged children	NR
Percent of licensed spaces for school-aged children	NR

\*Does not include school-aged programs

## TYPES OF AVAILABLE CHILD CARE

TYPES OF CHILD CARE	ALASKA
Number of center-based child care programs	253
Percent of centers nationally accredited	9%
Do faith-based programs need to be regulated?	Yes
Number of regulated faith-based programs	23
Number of family child care (FCC) homes	344
Percent of FCC homes nationally accredited	<1%
Number of school-aged care programs	625
Percent of licensed programs with slots for school-aged children	88%
Percent of licensed programs with slots for ONLY school-aged children	11%
Number of other regulated child care centers	NA
Number of other regulated FCC homes	NA

## CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

NUMBERS, INCOME, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE <sup>3</sup>	ALASKA	UNITED STATES
Child care workers (in centers)	1,800	562,420
Average annual income of child care workers	\$26,530	\$22,290
Total paid early childhood workforce <sup>4</sup>	NA	2.2 million

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CCR&R CONTACTS	URL
thread	<a href="http://www.threadalaska.org">www.threadalaska.org</a>
Child Care Aware® of America	<a href="http://usa.childcareaware.org">http://usa.childcareaware.org</a> <a href="http://www.childcareaware.org">www.childcareaware.org</a>

## NOTES

- **NA:** Not Applicable
- **NR:** Data Not Reported or Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Need sections are from the American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 five-year estimates (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>).

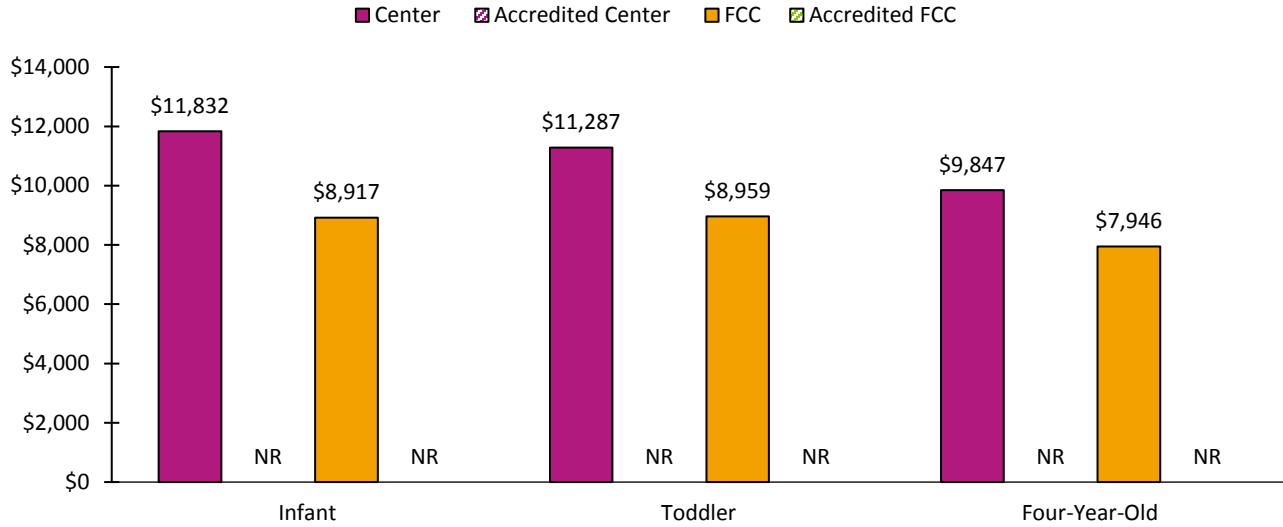
<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, data for the rest of the Fact Sheet is provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for Child Care Aware® of America's 2018 State Fact Sheet Survey. Data reflects the 2017 calendar year.

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in the Child Care Workforce sections are from the Occupational Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/>).

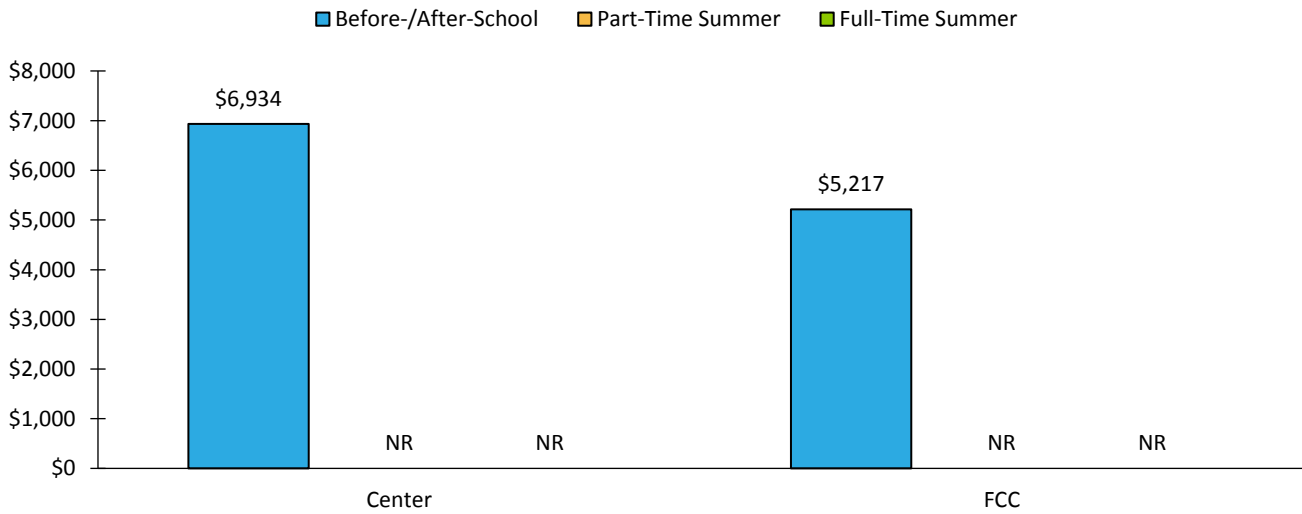
<sup>4</sup>Weiss E. & Brandon, R. N. (2010). *The Economic Value of the U.S. Early Childhood Sector*. Partnership for America's Economic Success.

# 2018 Cost of Child Care in the State of: Alaska

## Annual Cost of Care for Young Children



## Cost of Care for School-Age Children



# 2018 Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies in the State of Alaska



## CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS

CHILD CARE REFERRALS AND REQUESTS	ALASKA
Total referral requests received	12,140
Percent online requests	87%
Percent telephone requests	13%
Percent in-person or other requests	NA
<b>Requests by type of child care facility</b>	
Percent of requests for centers	21%
Percent of requests for FCC homes	20%
<b>Requests by age of children</b>	
Percent for infant care	26%
Percent for toddler care	40%
Percent for preschool-age care	31%
Percent for school-age care (before-/after-school care)	3%
Percent for school-age care (any summer care)	<1%
<b>Requests by care hours needed</b>	
Percent for full-time care	84%
Percent for part-time care	12%

REFERRALS TO LICENSE-EXEMPT PROVIDERS PROVIDED BY OFFICES OR AGENCIES IN ALASKA	
License-exempt child care homes	No
License-exempt child care centers	No
Other license-exempt care	No

REFERRAL STATISTICS BY TYPE	ALASKA
Families receiving referrals from CCR&Rs (annual)	11,783
Percent served by online referrals	90%
Percent served by telephone referrals	10%
Percent served by in-person or other referrals	NA
Families receiving consumer education information	NR
How often do clients seeking early care typically have contact with a consumer education/referral agent?	Once

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS TRACKED	ALASKA
Any outside 6am – 6pm	✓
Evening child care (after 6pm)	✓
Overnight child care	✓
Weekend child care	✓
Child care for mildly ill children	✓
Emergency child care	✓
Seasonal child care	✓
Flexible/Rotating shifts child care	✓

## TYPES OF CCR&RS

CCR&R CHARACTERISTICS	ALASKA	
State-funded Network	Yes	
TYPES OF TRAINING PROVIDED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS/VISITS	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PROVIDERS SERVED
Training for child care providers	367	3,563
Training for school-age child care providers	NA	NA
On-site technical assistance for child care providers	388	125
On-site technical assistance for school-age care programs	NA	NA
Training for parents	9	81

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP	NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS REQUESTS	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS	HOMELESS CHILDREN REQUESTS
Number for infant care	100	22	NA
Number for toddler care	210	52	NA
Number for preschool-age care	133	70	NA
Number for school-age care	175	128	NA
Total	635	240	NA

LANGUAGES ACCOMODATED BY CCR&R STAFF	STAFF SPEAK	ACCESS TRANSLATION SERVICES	PROVIDE PRINT MATERIALS
English	✓	NA	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Chinese		✓	
Tagalog		✓	
Vietnamese		✓	
French		✓	
Korean		✓	
German		✓	
Other	thread works with Telelanguage to provide translation services for a wide variety of languages.		

# 2018 Facts about QRIS, Health, and Emergency Preparedness in the State of:

# Alaska



## QRIS IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

QRIS DATA	ALASKA
Does the state have a Quality Rating and Improvement System?	Yes
Name of QRIS	Learn & Grow
QRIS Website	<a href="http://www.aklearnandgrow.org">www.aklearnandgrow.org</a>
How is QRIS Implemented?	Implemented statewide

ROLE OF CCR&Rs IN QRIS	ALASKA
Coaching	✓
Training	✓
Monitoring	✓
Recruitment of New Programs	✓
Community Outreach	✓
Data Analysis & Reporting	✓
Other	Learn & Grow is housed and managed by thread

PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE QRIS	
<b>Center-Based Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	60
Capacity of Programs	4,517
Number of Programs at Top Level	5
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	309
<b>FCC Home Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	84
Capacity of Programs	736
Number of Programs at Top Level	8
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	68
<b>School-Age Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	NA
Capacity of Programs	NA
Number of Programs at Top Level	NA
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NA
<b>Other Programs</b>	
Number of Programs	NA
Capacity of Programs	NA
Number of Programs at Top Level	NA
Capacity of Programs at Top Level	NA

## EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY CCR&RS

RESOURCES TO HELP PROGRAMS PLAN FOR POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES PROVIDED BY STATE OR LOCAL CCR&RS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training opportunities are available</li> <li>• Technical assistance is available</li> </ul>
Resources provided by state or local CCR&Rs in response to an emergency in 2017 <sup>1</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS <u>REQUIRED</u> TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation is currently Voluntary for all eligible child care programs</li> </ul>

## SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS	ALASKA
Does state have any voluntary quality recognition programs (e.g., Breastfeeding Friendly or Healthy Child Care)?	Yes
Number of child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program	251
Number of child care centers that specialize in inclusion or serving children with disabilities	NA
Does your state have a network for Mental Health Consultants for child care providers?	Yes

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT <u>MAY</u> PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE QRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed center-based programs</li> <li>• Licensed family child care homes</li> <li>• Licensed school-age care programs</li> </ul>

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED IN ALASKA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circle of Security (COS)</li> <li>• Parents as Teachers (PAT)</li> <li>• Strengthening Families Program (SFP) Initiative</li> </ul>

Note: These programs represent only those reported in Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of America's 2018 survey, and may not reflect all Family Engagement Programs offered within the state.

<sup>1</sup> This field only denotes whether services were provided; not all child care providers and not all states may have experienced an emergency in 2017.

# Child Care Program QRIS Participation in the State of: **Alaska**

Number and Percentage of QRIS-Participating Programs at the Top Level, by Program Type

