

# CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCES, INC.

A Look at Child Care in  
Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties  
2023-2024



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## Introduction



Child and Family Resources prepared this Supply and Demand Report of Child Care Resources to respond to inquiries frequently made by parents, employers, community organizations and government organizations.

☞ What is Child Care Resource and Referral?

**...Your child care resource center!!**



Child Care Resource Centers have a profound impact on local families:



**Educational Empowerment:** Parents and caregivers gain essential knowledge and skills through training programs, enabling them to create nurturing environments for children's growth and development.



**Economic Stability:** By assisting families in finding affordable child care options and accessing financial aid, Child Care Resource Centers contribute to the economic stability of local families, allowing parents to work and pursue educational opportunities.



**Child Development:** Ensuring that children receive quality care and education in their formative years sets the foundation for their future success, positively influencing the community's overall development.



In this report you will find....



**What are the statistics related to child care in the United States, New York State and Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties?**



**What is the number of Child Care facilities in each county and how many children can they care for?**



**How does the supply of child care compare to the demand for child care in each county that we assist?**



**What is the status of School-Age Child Care in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties?**



**What issues and trends are parents facing when searching for care?**



**What barriers are child care programs facing that threaten their workforce and keeping their doors open?**

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## What is a Child Care Resource Center?



A CCR&R or **Child Care Resource Center** serves as an advocate for the needs of children, parents and the community. We offer support services within Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties.

### *Parent Support*

- ☞ Referrals to local child care providers using our up to date database via phone, in-person or internet access
- ☞ Information about the different types of child care and licensing requirements
- ☞ Information about available local child care assistance programs and market rates for child care
- ☞ Education on quality care, child care regulations and interviewing techniques
- ☞ "CFR Connection", an agency newsletter with current child development information, community connections, fun parent/child activities and news of special events
- ☞ Resource Lending Library including activities to do at home, books, toys, equipment and more for parents

### *Provider Support*

- ☞ Information and technical assistance with starting a child care business
- ☞ Application assistance and registration of Family Child Care and School-Age Child Care Programs in three counties
- ☞ Continued education, hands-on training and intensive on-site technical assistance for caregivers delivered by NYS Verified or Credentialed Trainers in order to maintain and increase their understanding & knowledge of caring for children
- ☞ Assistance in accessing scholarship information to pay for trainings
- ☞ Infant/Toddler Technical Assistance Center with resources for Infant/Toddler programming and an Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultant to support caregivers and parents
- ☞ Information and support on National and State accreditation programs
- ☞ "CFR Connection", an agency newsletter with current child care information, programming activities, registration updates, child development information and news of special events
- ☞ Access to the Child & Adult Care Food Program, a federal reimbursement nutrition program, offering support in menu planning and meal preparation.
- ☞ Resource Lending Library including activities, programming ideas, literacy kits, toys, equipment and more for child care professionals.

### *Community & Business Support*

- ☞ Outreach & education on child care options to support your employees
- ☞ Technical assistance on site or off for employee's child care or parenting needs
- ☞ Presentations about agency services
- ☞ Advocating for children at community, state, and federal levels
- ☞ Community events to support children, parents and child care providers
- ☞ Education about referrals for child care and what quality child care is to the community
- ☞ Collection and statistics of supply and demand for child care in communities



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## Population Indicators



State and County indicators related to children and their welfare from the 2022 United States Census data

	New York		Ontario		Seneca		Yates	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population: 2022	19,994,379	100%	112,288	100%	33,651	100%	24,713	100%
Population under age 18: 2022	4,128,443	21%	21,901	20%	6,743	20%	5,437	22%
Population under 18 that is under age 5: 2022	1,121,872	27%	5,234	24%	1,819	30%	1,480	27%
Population under age 18 that is age 5-18: 2022	3,006,571	73%	16,667	76%	4,924	73%	3,957	73%
Own children in single parent household: 2022	1,341,078	32%	6,558	30%	1,774	26%	1,021	19%
Population ages 15-17 not enrolled in school: 2022	25,106	.1%	138	.1%	124	2%	245	5%
Population ages 5-17 with a disability: 2022	164,112	4%	1,311	6%	392	6%	180	3%
Population under age 18 who are below poverty: 2022	734,756	18%	2,346	11%	1,036	15%	1,226	23%

### Statistics from The 2024 Kids County Data Book, State Trends in Child Well-being, Annie E. Casey Foundation <sup>2</sup>

The Foundation derives a composite index of overall child well-being for each state by combining data across four domains: (1) Economic Well-Being, (2) Education, (3) Health and (4) Family and Community. These composite scores are then translated into a state ranking for over-all child well-being; New York state is 29th out of 50.



<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 five-year estimates, Tables used; B17001, B01001, B14003, B23008 and B18101.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aecf.org/resources/2024-kids-count-data-book/thank-you>

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## Income and Employment Indicators



State and County indicators related to children and their welfare from the 2022 United States Census Data, American Community Survey

Income Indicators <sup>1</sup>	New York	Ontario	Seneca	Yates
Median family income for Married couple families with own children: 2022	133,182	131,774	93,551	88,157
Median family income for Single mother families with own children: 2022	37,898	50,983	27,131	27,857
Median family income for Single father families with own children: 2022	57,966	51,908	46,696	60,417

- More than half of businesses in the Finger Lakes have fewer than 5 employees.<sup>2</sup>
- The unemployment rate increased from 2.8% (April 2023) to 3.7% (April 2024) for the Finger Lakes Region<sup>2</sup>

Employment Indicators <sup>1</sup>	New York	Ontario	Seneca	Yates
Number of children under 6 with <b>both</b> parents in the work force: 2022 2 parent household	554,884	2,889	760	591
Number of children under 6 with <b>one</b> parent in the work force: 2022 1 parent household	316,106	1,533	463	142
Number of children under 6 with <b>custodial</b> parent <b>not</b> in the work force: 2022	96,854	368	96	65
Number of children 6-17 with <b>both</b> parents in the work force: 2022 2 parent household	1,139,514	7,270	1,681	1,371
Number of children 6-17 with <b>one</b> parent in the work force: 2022 1 parent household	749,163	4,050	1,053	531
Number of children 6-17 with <b>custodial</b> parent <b>not</b> in the work force: 2022	178,955	607	157	283

<sup>1</sup> 2022 five year estimates- American Community Survey, B23008 and B19126 reports

<sup>2</sup> Employment In New York State Research and Statistics, April 2024, <https://dol.ny.gov/labor-statistics-finger-lakes-region>

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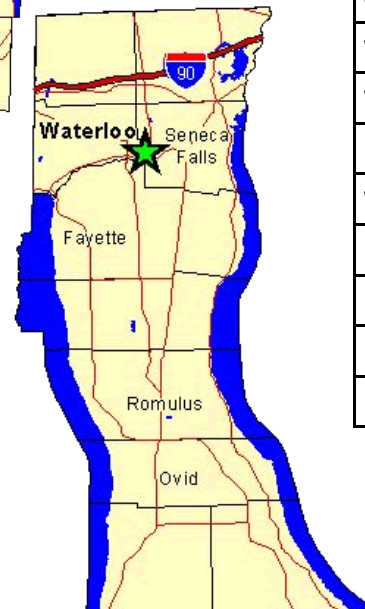


## Major Employers: Ontario, Seneca & Yates Counties



Employers depend on childcare to keep their workforce available and businesses viable

Ontario County <sup>1</sup>
Abby Industries/Ontario ARC
Constellation Brands Inc.
Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic
F.F. Thompson Hospital
Finger Lakes Health System
Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc.
G.W. Lisk Co., Inc.
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Pactiv Corporation
Wegmans Food Markets



Seneca County <sup>2</sup>
Finger Lakes Health
del Lago Resort & Casino
Wegmans Food Markets
Waterloo Premium Outlets
ITT Goulds Pumps
Wadhams Enterprises
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Mozaic
New York Chiropractic College
New York State Electric & Gas

The median yearly household income for  
Ontario (\$97,331)  
Seneca (\$81,616);  
Yates (\$79,139)

2022 ACS  
5-Year Estimates  
(B19126)



Yates County <sup>3</sup>
Birkett Mills
Coach and Equipment
Keuka College
Penn Yan Aero
Silgan Plastic
School Districts

<sup>1</sup> <https://ontariocountyny.gov/1059/Top-Ten-Employers>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.discovereseneca.com/seneca-chamber/doing-business-here/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://yatesny.com/>

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## Types of Legal Care in New York State



Choosing quality care for children is important. Safe and positive child care sets the stage for the healthy growth and development of children. There are many different types of child care available- from child care in someone's home to center based child care.

- ∞ The fewer the children for each adult, the better for the children. The lower ratio of caregiver to child allows more time to be spent with each child, which could lead to a higher quality program.
- ∞ Typically, a smaller group size lends to more individualized attention for children.

### Care Excluded from OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) regulation

- ∞ **Legal Exempt Care**– 2 children, 3 or more hours a day (non-relative) or care for relatives or care for less than 3 hours per day, per child **And** receiving Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) payment from the county in which the parent lives. The number of exempt care providers is greatly affected by overall dollars made available by NYS OCFS and County Department of Social Services.
- ∞ **Legal Informal** – 2 children, 3 or more hours a day (non-relative) or care for relatives or care for less than 3 hours per day, per child **And** care is not paid by the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- ∞ **Nursery School and Preschools** - serve children ages 2-5 years old in a variety of settings
  - ∞ Classes may meet anywhere from 1 – 5 days per week for less than 3 hours per class and follow the school year calendar
  - ∞ These programs are not Registered/Licensed child care by OCFS
- ∞ **In Home Child Care Providers (Nanny, Au-Pair)** - care for child/children in their home
  - ∞ There is no limit to the number of children that can be cared for as long as all reside in the home where care is given
- ∞ **Camps** - day or overnight recreational programs that operate when school is not in session. Camp programs are regulated by New York State Department of Health. All of the above legally exempt programs are encouraged to accept child care subsidies. If serving at least one child whose care is paid by CCAP, the program must adhere to Social Services Law 415; Legally Exempt Health and Safety Requirements and the county's additional standards.

The national average weekly spend for daycare costs in 2023 was \$321, an increase of 13% from \$284 in 2022. That's nearly \$1,300 a month spent on daycare. The average cost of daycare varies geographically, with some families paying more or less.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fool.com/the-ascent/personal-finance/articles/this-is-how-much-the-average-american-spends-on-daycare/>

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## Types of Legal Care in New York Continued



Care Registered/Licensed by OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) regulation

### School Age Child Care – Registered

- ☞ School Age Child Care programs care for more than 6 children from kindergarten through age 12 during non-school hours
- ☞ Also may care for children during holidays and vacation

The maximum **child to caregiver ratios** permitted by New York State in **School Age Child Care** programs are:

Childs Age	Group Size	Ratio
Kindergarten – 9	20	10
10-12 years	30	15

### Child Care Center

- ☞ Small Day Care Centers with less than 7 children are registered
- ☞ All other day care centers are licensed
- ☞ Number of children depends on size of building and individual room square footage

The maximum **child to caregiver ratios** permitted by New York State in **Child Care Center** programs are:

Childs Age	Group Size	Ratio
0-6 Weeks	6	3
6 Weeks – 18 Months	8	4
18 Months – 36 Months	12	5
3 Years	18	7
4 Years	21	8
5 Years	24	9
6 - 9 Years	20	10
10-12 Years	30	15

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## Types of Legal Care in New York Continued



### Group Family Child Care – Licensed

- ☞ Group Family Child Care homes care for 8 to 12 children at a time in a residence; can add 1 - 4 school age children
- ☞ There must be at least one caregiver present for every two children under the age of two.
- ☞ A provider or assistant alone may care for up to 6 children when none of the children are school-age
- ☞ A provider or assistant alone may care for 7 children when one of the children is school-age
- ☞ A provider or assistant alone may care for up to 8 children when at least 2 children are school-age
- ☞ School-age children can fill slots for infants and toddlers up to the total capacity permitted (16) for Group Family Child Care
- ☞ A provider and assistant(s) may care for any combination of age groups up to a total of 12 children plus 4 school-age children.

The maximum **child to caregiver ratios** permitted by New York State in **Group Family Child Care** programs are:

Childs Age	Group Size (max. 16) (provider and 1 assistant)	Ratio
6 Weeks – 2 Years	4	2
2 – 5 Years	12	6
5 – 12 Years	4	2

### Family Child Care – Registered

- ☞ Family Child Care homes care for 3 to 6 children at a time in a residence; they may add 1 – 2 school age children
- ☞ There must be one caregiver present for every two children under the age of two
- ☞ School-age children can fill the slots for infants and toddlers up to the total capacity permitted (8) for Family Child Care

The maximum **child to care giver ratios** permitted by New York State in **Family Child Care** programs are:

Childs Age	Group Size (max. 8) provider only	Ratio
6 Weeks – 2 Years	2	2
2 – 5 Years	6	6
5 – 12 Years	2	2

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## Illegal Programs



### Illegal Programs

The Social Services Law 390 states that an individual may not watch more than 2 children in the individuals **home**, for more than 3 hours per day, if the children are not related to them, without being registered or licensed.

If an unregistered program is operating and meets all of the criteria listed below, it is considered a **School-age Child Care Program (SACC)** and must be registered in the State of New York with the Office of Children and Family Services. These criteria are:

- a. The program must serve an enrolled group of children. Drop-in programs are not SACC programs.
- b. The program must include seven or more children under the age of 13. If the program has six or fewer children under the age of 13, it is not a SACC program, regardless of how many children over the age of 13 may attend.
- c. The care must be provided on a regular basis. If the program operates only on an occasional or as-needed basis, it is not a SACC program.
- d. The program may only serve school-age children.
- e. The program must be located at a permanent site other than a residence and only operate during non-school hours (i.e. before and/or after school, during lunch periods, on school holidays and /or during summer vacations).
- f. The program must be operating for more than one purpose.



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# The Child Care Link to School Readiness



## What is Quality Child Care?

There are some important things to look for that can help determine if a child care setting is a safe, nurturing, educational place for children. Here are some examples of important quality indicators:

- ✎ **Small Group Sizes:** low number of children in each room, regardless of the ratio
- ✎ **Low Ratios:** Program has low number of children for every one caregiver
- ✎ **Low Staff Turnover:** Children have consistency in their caregivers
- ✎ **Knowledgeable Caregivers :**
  - who have appropriate expectations of children's abilities
  - who use guidance techniques that foster positive behavior in children
  - who are trained in first aid, CPR, children's health issues, and SIDS
  - who have formal education as well as ongoing training, coaching and mentoring in child development
- ✎ **Individualized Written Curriculum:** based upon the ages and interests of each child
- ✎ **Health & Safety Policies and Procedures:** Program takes steps daily to ensure children and the environment are free of health and safety hazards from hand washing, diapering and playground safety etc. to having an emergency preparedness plan that is practiced regularly

## What is school readiness?

School readiness for young children goes beyond the academics of the alphabet and counting. Readiness is considered by:

- ✎ **Social and Emotional Readiness:** Children are able to have positive interactions with others and are able to self-regulate their behavior. They will understand and express their feelings. They will also be able to solve conflicts, empathize with others and have the ability to take turns and share.
- ✎ **Physical Well-Being and Motor Readiness:** Children will have developed gross motor skills like jumping and running as well as fine motor skills like drawing/writing, dressing and cutting. They will also be well-rested and well-nourished.
- ✎ **Cognitive and Language Readiness:** Children will be able to observe, ask questions, and solve problems based on what they see and hear. Children will also be able to communicate with others and understand that there is a connection between letters (print) and sounds. They will be curious and eager to learn and join in new activities.

## What is the link between Quality Child Care and School Readiness?

There are many benefits and connections linking high-quality early childhood experiences to children's school readiness and later life success. Benefits include:

Benefits in Kindergarten & Elementary School	Benefits in Middle & High School	Benefits in Adulthood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved school readiness skills</li> <li>• Improved math and language ability</li> <li>• Fewer cognitive and social issues</li> <li>• Fewer behavior issues</li> <li>• Less likely to be in special education</li> <li>• Less likely to repeat a grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less likely to enter juvenile detention programs</li> <li>• More likely to graduate from high school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More likely to be in a high-skilled job or higher education at age 21</li> <li>• Less likely to commit a crime or felony</li> <li>• Less likely to rely on social assistance programs (e.g., TANF, food stamps, housing)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>National Scientific Council on the Developing Child. (2007). *The science of early childhood development*. Retrieved from:

[http://developingchild.harvard.edu/index.php/resources/reports\\_and\\_working\\_papers/science\\_of\\_early\\_childhood\\_development/](http://developingchild.harvard.edu/index.php/resources/reports_and_working_papers/science_of_early_childhood_development/)

<sup>2</sup>Garces, Eliana, Duncan Thomas and Janet Currie (2002). "Longer-Term Effects Of Head Start," *American Economic Review*, 92(4), 999-1012.

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## Quality Indicators



**Accreditation-** is a voluntary process in which a child care program demonstrates that they have met quality standards for child care. It is important to understand that state regulations are no guarantee of a quality program. Accreditation by a national organization requires that programs meet a higher standard than state regulations including:

- Programs strengths and weaknesses are rated
- Observation by a Professional Child Care expert
- Review of standards that programs must meet as per the organization assessing the provider
- Ongoing child development trainings
- Curriculum used with children is reviewed

### Accredited Centers or FCC programs per County

**Ontario– 8 Centers / 1 FCC**

**Seneca- 1 Center / 0 FCC**

**Yates- 1 Center / 0 FCC**



**Education Levels of Child Care Providers–** Education helps providers learn the key information and skills needed to support children's growth and development. A well-trained provider, is better prepared to offer quality care and learning opportunities to children and attract parents to their program. The American Academy of Pediatrics stated; *when care is consistent, developmentally sound, and emotionally supportive, there is a positive effect on the child and the family. To focus only on the education of children beginning with kindergarten is to ignore the science of early development and deny the importance of early experiences* (Pediatrics Vol. 115 No. 1 January 1, 2005 pp. 187 -191). The better education a provider has, whether from formal education, certifications or trainings, the better care for the child.

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## Quality Indicators Continued



**Child Development Associate (CDA) & School Age Child Care (SACC) Credentials**— are nationally accepted credential for those working with young children. Child Care Providers who achieve their CDA or SACC Credential will have knowledge to put quality standards to practice and an understanding of why those standards help children to achieve success from the early years of development forward. Center based and family child care providers with some education and experience go through extensive training, preparation of a portfolio, observations and technical assistance when following the CDA path. School age child care staff that receive their SACC credential are rated and observed by a Professional Child Care expert, receive ongoing trainings and have curriculum used with children reviewed .



**Medication Administration Training Certified (MAT)**- Licensed, registered or legally exempt child care providers, who choose to administer medication to children in their care must be in compliance with Health and Infection Control regulations. Caregivers who administer actual medications must be trained in Medication Administration Training (MAT). They must also be at least 18 years of age and have a current certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. Caretakers that administer medications must hire a health care consultant who will review and approve the caretaker's health care plan and training certificates. The health care consultant must also visit the day care program to review the program's health care plan at least once every two years. Caregivers are not permitted to administer medications through injection except for epi-pens. Arrangements for injectable medications may be approved in specific circumstances and under the guidance of the child's medical provider. Approved, MAT trained caregivers are permitted to administer prescription and over-the-counter medications when they have written instructions from the prescriber and permission from the parent. (<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/childcare/mat/default.asp>)

**Percent of providers or programs MAT certified in each County**  
**Ontario - 40.8%, Seneca - 15.7% and Yates 28.5%**

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## Quality Indicators Continued

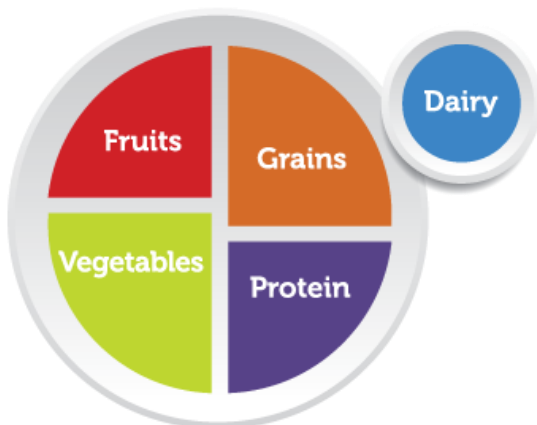
### Child Adult Care Food Program

The main goal of this program is to ensure that children in participating child care centers and family child care homes receive healthful meals and snacks and child care providers receive training in nutrition. Children and providers learn about food and healthy eating.

Nutrition is an important part of good child care and a healthy lifestyle. All children need well-planned meals and snacks that provide a variety of foods and the nutrients needed for good health and energy. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the New York State Department of Health, helps child care providers pay for meals and snacks that meet nutrition requirements for breakfast, lunch or supper, and snacks. A meal pattern outlines the kinds and amounts of food that must be served. Training and educational programs are also offered to child care providers that participate on CACFP. Child & Family Resources is a CACFP sponsor to Family and Group Family Child Care homes in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties.

#### Why providers would want to participate in CACFP:

- Child care facilities on this program care about good nutrition for children
- Helps plan nutritious meals and snacks
- Providers are offered nutrition training, sponsored and paid for by CACFP
- It's a great marketing tool for child care business
- Providers are reimbursed grocery dollars for serving CACFP approved meals to children in care



**CACFP meals are based on the Food Guide Pyramid**

**Child and Family Resources helps to reimburse 41 providers an average of \$22,541 each month for an average of 13,514 meals served to the 405\* children in their care.**

**\*Number of children is an average monthly count, pulled from CCRR reports**

#### Why choose a child care home that participates in CACFP?

- Working together, parents and caregivers can help children establish healthful food habits that will last a lifetime.
- Parents may receive other information from caregivers that will suggest ways to help their child learn about food and healthy eating.

*For more information visit: Food Research and Action Center at [www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org)*

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## Child Care Provider Requirements



The New York State Office of Children and Family Services has identified the minimal requirements needed to be employed in a regulated child care program, they are as follows:

1. At least 18 years of age unless employed through a child care center. An employee can be 16 years of age with applicable employment papers.
2. Applicants must have a background check, including a clearance through the state central registry as well as through the criminal history unit.
3. Three references are required; at least one personal and one professional.
4. A medical clearance attesting the employee is in good physical and mental health and an acceptable TB test.
5. Education and experience as applicable to their position in their modality of care.

Additionally, each child care program must satisfy on-site inspections including the following categories:

1. Building and Equipment
2. Fire Protection
3. Safety
4. Transportation
5. Program Requirements
6. Supervision of Children
7. Discipline
8. Child Abuse and Maltreatment
9. Health and Infection Control
10. Nutrition
11. Staff Qualification
12. Training
13. Management and Administration



### Regulatory Requirements

Inspections are conducted through announced and unannounced visits from Office of Children and Family Services contracted Licensors/Registrars. Inspections are conducted to Licensed, Registered and Legally Exempt care providers to help maintain compliance with child care regulations.

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## Provider Training Requirements & Topic Areas



According to New York State Child Care Regulations; Operators, Program Directors, Employees and Assistants of *Registered School Age Child Care Programs, Registered Family Child Care Homes, Licensed Group Family Child Care Homes and Licensed Child Care Centers*

Must meet the following requirements:



Complete 30 hours of training every 2 years of their registration/license period. The 30 hours every 2 years must include the following nine training topics. There is no minimum number of hours required in each topic area.

- Principles of Early Childhood Development
- Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants & Children
- Business Record Maintenance and Management
- Child Day Care Program Development
- Safety & Security Procedures
- Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification/Prevention
- Identification and Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Statutes & Regulations Pertaining to Child Abuse
- Statutes & Regulations Pertaining to Child Day Care
- Adverse Childhood Experiences, focused on understanding trauma and on nurturing resiliency (ACE)



Family and Group Family Providers must also receive approved Health and Safety Training: Competencies for Becoming a Family or Group Family Day Care Provider and CPR/First Aid certification before being licensed or registered for the first time. This training may count towards the provider's overall 30-hour training requirement.



New Providers must complete a minimum of 15 of their training hours within the first six months of their first registration/license or employment period. For FDC/GFDC homes, the mandated Health & Safety Training may fulfill this requirement if taken while provider's application is in-process.



SACC staff working less than 20 hours per week may pro-rate training hour requirements as per regulations.



All training documentation must be kept on file in the provider's home or center.



All Providers must have at least one employee that holds a valid certificate in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid on the premises of the child care during the programs operating hours. Substitutes must also be trained, in the absence of the provider.

**95 Provider training sessions were offered by Child & Family Resources (CFR) 2023**

**608 (duplicated) Child Care providers were served through training at CFR 2023**

**5,030 (duplicated) Providers were served through technical assistance, grants, training etc. 2023**

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## Child Care Demand



According to the 2022 five year estimate, Census report, the following graph shows the number of children in each county.

County	Children Less than 5 years of age	Children 5-9 years of age	Children 10-14 years of age
Ontario	5,234	1,819	1,480
Seneca	6,380	1,842	1,436
Yates	6,154	1,970	1,583

The following statistics reflect those who have requested child care referrals through our agency in 2023, by child count unless otherwise stated.

	Ontario	Seneca	Yates
<b>Total Requests for Child Care in 2023 (by family)</b>			
Number of families who are eligible for subsidized child care	36	15	14
Number of families who are not eligible for subsidized child care	39	13	12
Number of single parent households who requested care	48	19	10
Number of 2 parent households who requested care	42	22	19
Number of teen parent households who requested care	0	0	0
Number of foster parents, or legal guardians other than their parents who requested care	0	0	0
Number of families requested non-traditional hours of care	4	3	2
Number of families that requested special services	9	2	1

### Total Requests for Child Care by Age (by children)

	Ontario	Seneca	Yates
Infant 6 weeks-23 Months	94	43	60
2 years– 5 years Toddler & Preschool	89	49	29
School Age 6-12	39	38	19

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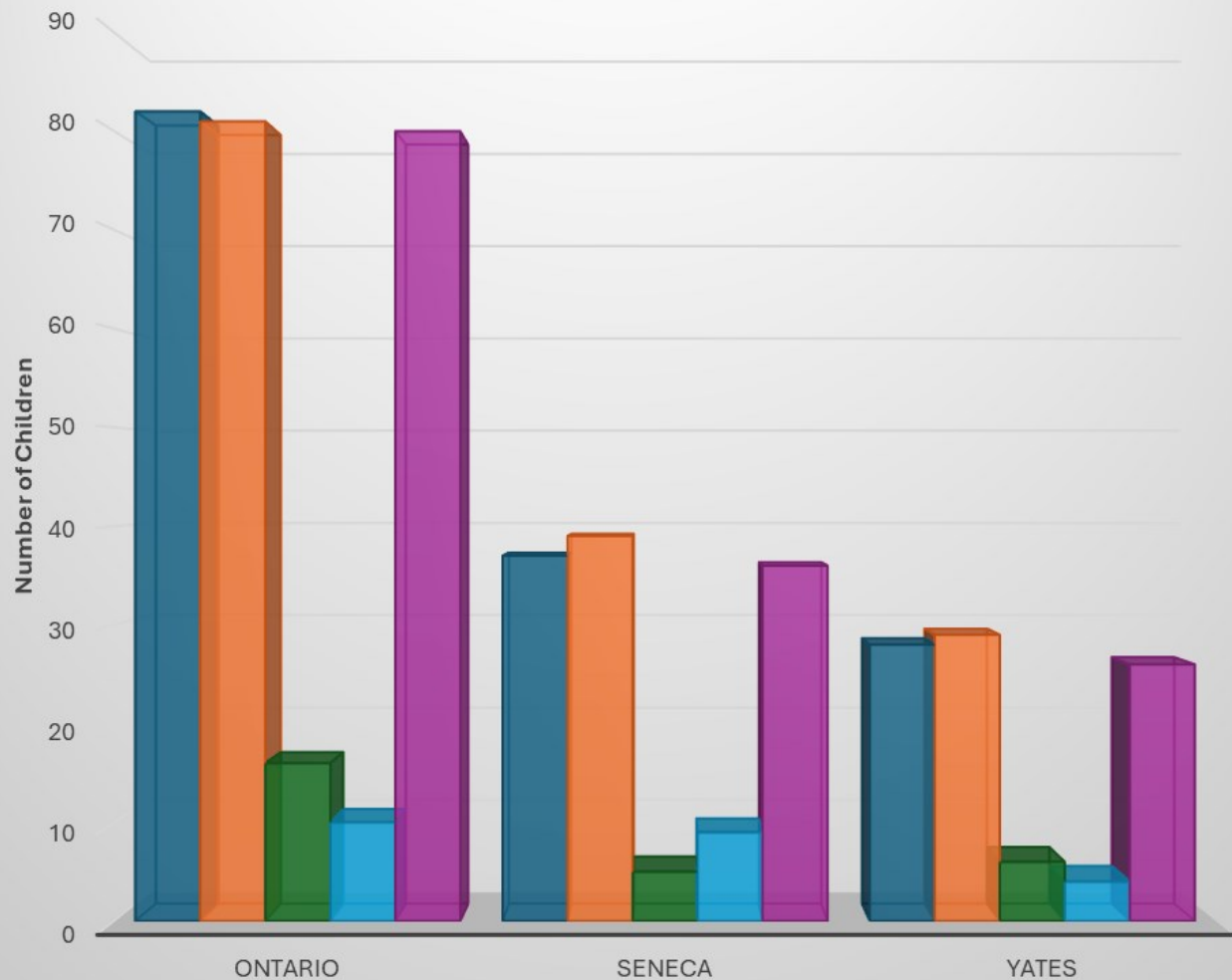
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## Child Care Demand



### Type of Care Requests 2023



	Ontario	Seneca	Yates
Child Care Center	82	37	28
Family Child Care	81	39	29
Preschool Program	16	5	6
School Age Program	10	9	4
Group Family Child Care	80	36	26

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## Child Care Supply in Ontario County



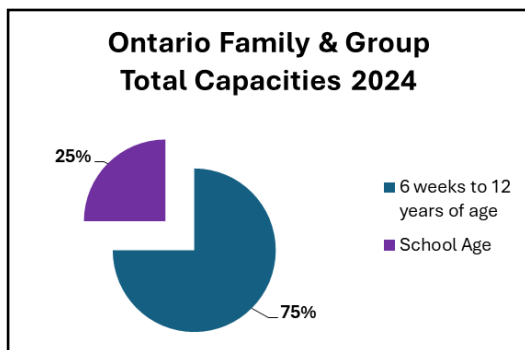
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	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	School Age Child Care	Programs offering non-traditional care hours
As of May 2024–	33	11	21	11	5
Opened since 1/2020 (Number of slots gained)	+8 (64)	+1(16)	+3(131)	+3(120)	Not tracked
Closed since 1/2020 (Number of slots lost)	-16 (128)	-6(96)	-2(117)	-8(630)	Not tracked

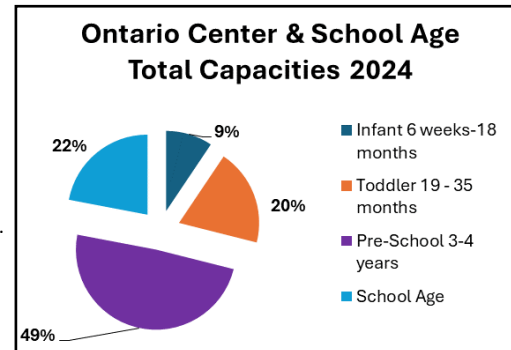
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Licensed Capacity by Age	6 weeks to 12 years of age	School Age	Total Capacity
Family Child Care	198	66	264
Group Child Care	132	44	176
Totals	330	110	440

Licensed Capacity by Age	Infant 6 weeks-18 months	Toddler 19 months-35 months	Pre-School 3-4 years	School Age	Total Capacity
Child Care Center	192	398	1,001	449	2,040
School-Age Program	0	0	0	876	876
Totals	192	398	1,001	1,325	2,916



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Town Name	Type of Care	# of Providers 2022	# of Providers 2024	Infant/Toddler (0-2)	Preschool (3-5)	School Age (6+)
<b>Bloomfield</b>	Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	1
	Group Family Day Care	0	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	1	1	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Canandaigua</b>	Family Day Care	10	7	14	42	14
	Group Family Day Care	5	5	20	60	20
	School-Age	2	2	0	0	110
	Child Care Centers	6	6	143	332	81
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Clifton Springs</b>	Family Day Care	5	4	8	24	8
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	2	2	0	0	123
	Child Care Centers	1	2	50	104	28
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Farmington</b>	Family Day Care	5	4	8	24	8
	Group Family Day Care	2	3	12	36	12
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	1	1	68	61	39
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Geneva</b>	Family Day Care	8	8	16	48	16
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	2	2	0	0	264
	Child Care Centers	5	5	141	226	98
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>378</b>

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## Ontario County Continued



Town Name	Type of Care	# of Providers 2022	# of Providers 2024	Infant/ Toddler (0-2)	Preschool (3-5)	School Age (6+)
Honeoye	Family Day Care	3	2	4	12	4
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	1	0	0	80
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>84</b>
Lima	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Manchester	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	1	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Naples	Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	1	0	0	44
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>
Phelps	Family Day Care	2	3	6	18	6
	Group Family Day Care	1	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	1	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>
Rushville	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

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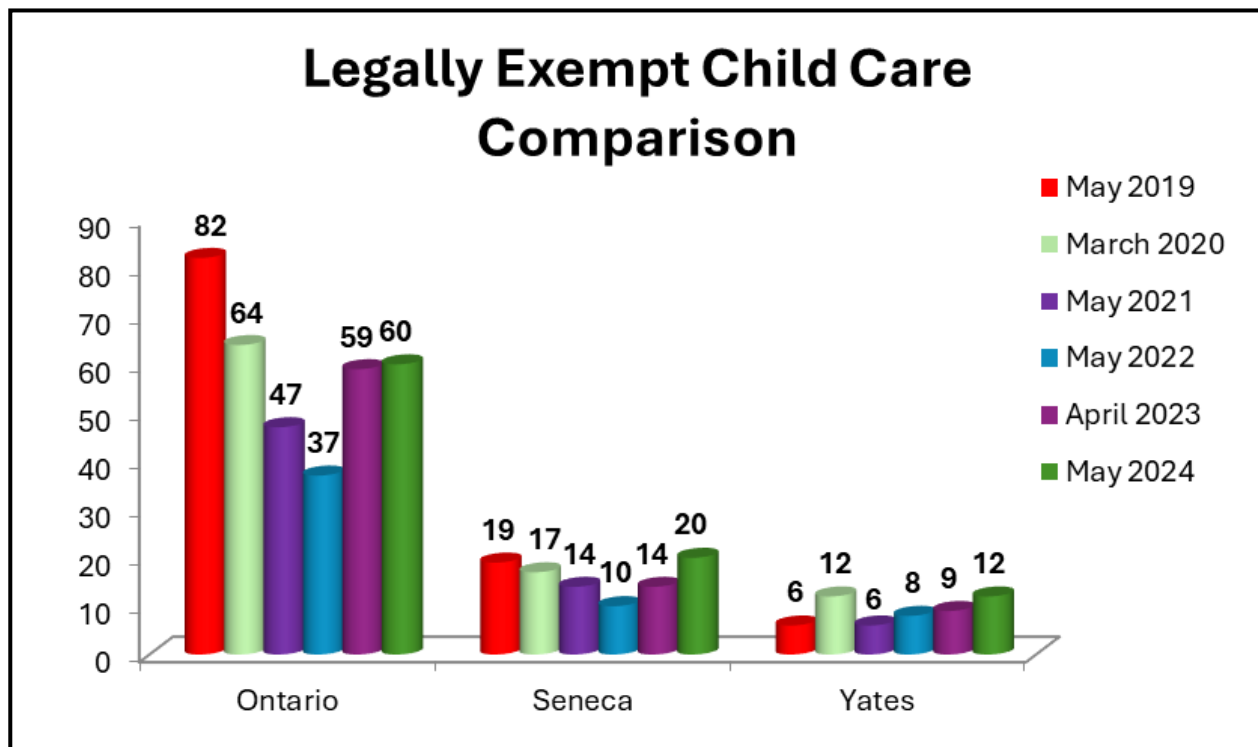


## Ontario County Continued



Town Name	Type of Care	# of Providers 2022	# of Providers 2024	Infant/Toddler (0-2)	Preschool (3-5)	School Age (6+)
Shortsville	Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	1	1	0	0	40
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>
Victor	Family Day Care	2	2	4	12	4
	Group Family Day Care	1	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	1	1	0	0	135
	Child Care Centers	6	6	188	278	203
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>10</b>				

Legally Exempt child care providers are allowed to care for 2 children who are not related to them and can have up to 8 children in care that are related. *(see page 8 for definition)*



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## Child Care Supply in Seneca County



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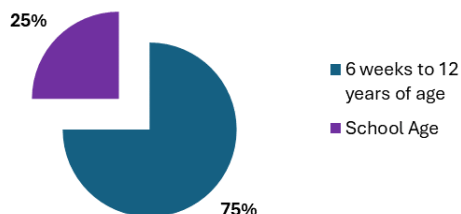
	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	School Age Child Care	Programs offering non-traditional care hours
As of May 2024– Open Facilities	11	2	4	2	
Opened since 1/2020 (Number of slots gained)	+1(8)	+1(16)	+0	+0	Not tracked
Closed since 1/2020 (Number of slots lost)	-3 (24)	-1(16)	-0	-1(54)	Not tracked

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Licensed Capacity by Age	6 weeks to 12 years of age	School Age	Total Capacity
Family Child Care	66	22	88
Group Child Care	24	8	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>120</b>

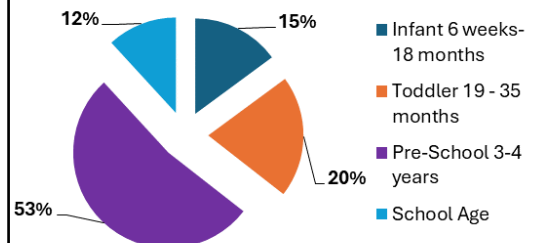
Licensed Capacity by Age	Infant 6 weeks-18 months	Toddler 19 months-35 months	Pre-School 3-4 years	School Age	Total Capacity
Child Care Center	34	47	120	27	228
School-Age Program	0	0	0	121	121
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>349</b>

**Seneca Family & Group  
Total Capacities 2024**



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**Seneca Center & School Age  
Total Capacities 2024**



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## Seneca County Child Care Slots Offered by Geographic Location



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Town Name	Type of Care	# of Providers 2022	# of Providers 2024	Infant/ Toddler (0-2)	Preschool (3-5)	School Age (6+)
Interlaken	Family Day Care	0	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Ovid	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Romulus	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Seneca Falls	Family Day Care	4	4	8	24	8
	Group Family Day Care	1	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	1	1	0	0	50
	Child Care Centers	2	2	25	92	20
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>82</b>
Waterloo	Family Day Care	5	4	8	24	8
	Group Family Day Care	2	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	1	1	0	0	71
	Child Care Centers	1	2	56	28	7
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>90</b>

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## Child Care Supply in Yates County



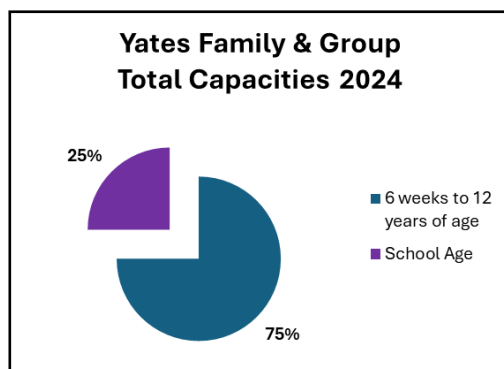
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	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	School Age Child Care	Programs offering non-traditional care hours
As of May 2024– Open Facilities	9	2	3	0	
Opened since 1/2020 (Number of slots gained)	+0	+0	+0	+0	Not tracked
Closed since 1/2020 (Number of slots lost)	-3(24)	-1(16)	-0	-0	Not tracked

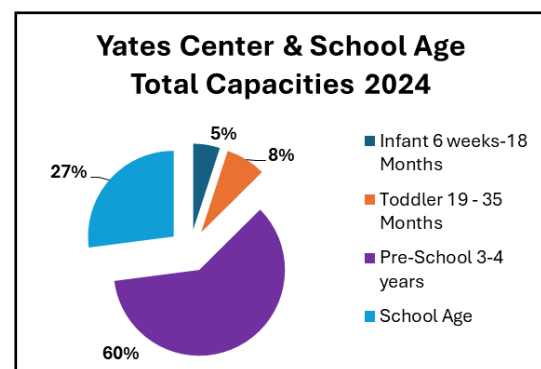
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Licensed Capacity by Age	6 weeks to 12 years of age	School Age	Total Capacity
Family Child Care	54	18	72
Group Child Care	24	8	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>104</b>

Licensed Capacity by Age	Infant 6 weeks-18 months	Toddler 19 months-35 months	Pre-School 3-4 years	School Age	Total Capacity
Child Care Center	16	24	192	86	318
School-Age Program	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>318</b>



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## Yates County Child Care Slots Offered by Geographic Location



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Town Name	Type of Care	# of Providers 2022	# of Providers 2024	Infant/Toddler (0-2)	Preschool (3-5)	School Age (6+)
Dundee	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	1	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	1	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>
Middlesex	Family Day Care	1	1	2	6	2
	Group Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Penn Yan	Family Day Care	7	7	14	42	14
	Group Family Day Care	1	0	0	0	0
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	3	3	40	192	86
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>
Rushville	Family Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
	Group Family Day Care	1	1	4	12	4
	School-Age	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care Centers	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Programs/Total Slots</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>

In one 2023 poll of voters, **more than a quarter of respondents with children under 6 said they or a family member had to miss work because of child care issues.** Nearly 6 in 10 participants who aren't working or only working part time said they'd work full time if they had access to quality, affordable child care.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2024/05/13/child-care-system-statistics/73602963007/>

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## Universal Pre Kindergarten & Head Start



The charts show the availability of Head Start and Universal Pre-Kindergarten slots in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties for the 2023-2024 school year.

School District	Universal Pre-Kindergarten	Head Start Program
<b>Ontario</b>		
Canandaigua	134	0
Geneva City	119	85
Manchester-Shortsville	36	0
Phelps-Clifton Springs	70	0
East Bloomfield	36	0
Gorham-Middlesex	60	0
Honeoye	32	0
Naples	30	0
Victor	144	0
<b>Seneca</b>		
Romulus	52	0
Seneca Falls	36	
South Seneca	55	
Waterloo	72	
<b>Yates</b>		
Dundee	36	0
Penn Yan	ND	

ND– No data available

Depending on child and school districts needs, some children attend both UPK and Head Start programs



Studies have shown that Head Start children experience:

- increased achievement test scores
- decreased grade repetition & special education needs
- increased graduation rates

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## Telling Your Story.....



**Parents, providers, businesses and community leaders  
have a powerful story to tell.**

**Advocacy is a way to share your story to help children. By contacting or joining groups that share your concern for families, you can help build or change policies. Make a difference in your children's lives.**

Child and Family Resources is a member of the [Early Care and Learning Council](#), [Empire State Campaign for Child Care](#), and [Child Care Aware of America](#). These organizations are leaders in state and national early care and education advocacy efforts. CFR supports their public policy agendas.

**Quality child care requires affordable child care.**

**Quality child care is expensive and hard to find.**

**Investing in quality child care is to everyone's benefit.**

**What can you do to help support and improve the quality of early care and education in New York State?**

Parents, child care providers and employers need to tell their personal story.

Quality child care is needed to make a strong community. Stay connected to make a difference!

- ⇒ **Parents who are confident about their childcare program are more confident employees!**
- ⇒ **Children who attend high quality early childhood programs are 50% less likely to need special education services and 25% less likely to be held back before third grade!**
- ⇒ **Children who attend high quality early childhood programs are less likely to drop out of school and are more likely to obtain higher levels of education!**



**Seneca Falls Site**



**Canandaigua Site**



**Penn Yan Site**



**Children's Center at Yates County Courthouse**

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## 2024 Child Care Parent Survey Results

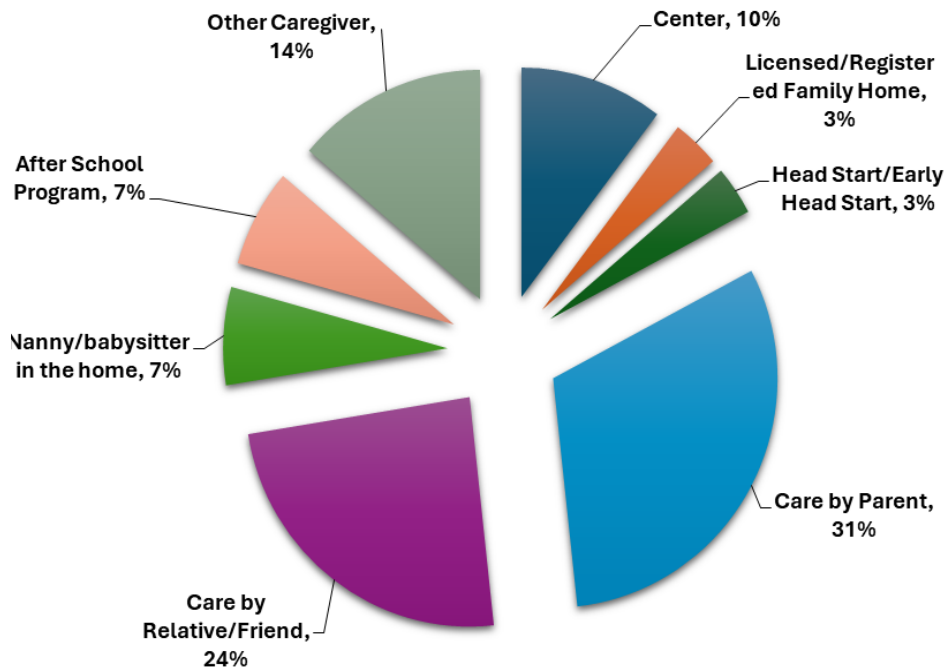


Child and Family Resources recently surveyed Parents in Ontario, Yates and Seneca Counties.

\*Percentages and facts stated below are taken from actual survey results received.

54% of Parents responding are satisfied with their current child care setting

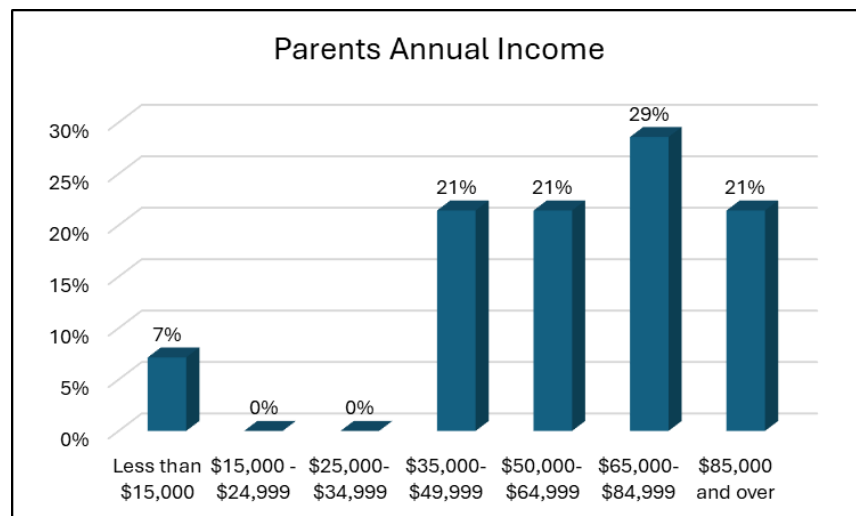
### Child Care Types Preferred



Parents were asked what schedules are most needed for child care

- 45% - Full time care
- 45% - Before and after school care
- 37% - School vacation/ Snow day care
- 18% - Evening care
- 18% - Weekend care

15% of Parents responding stated that they would remove their children from regulated care to informal care if needed due to not being able to afford regulated care (survey responses are prior to access to the new CCAP program income limits)



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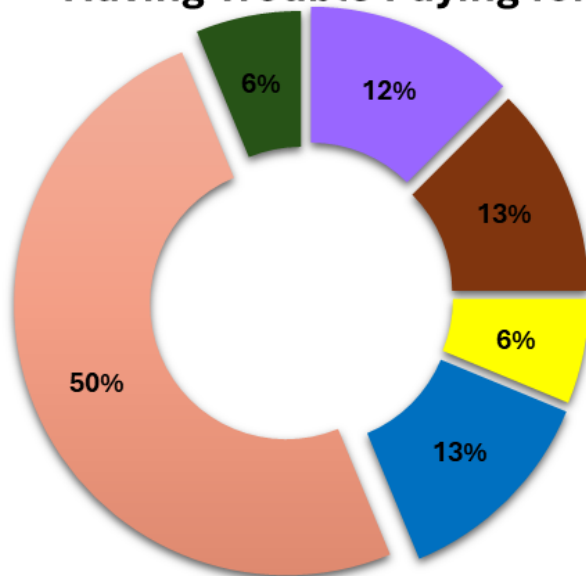
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## 2024 Child Care Parent Survey Results



### Steps Parents Have Taken When Having Trouble Paying for Care



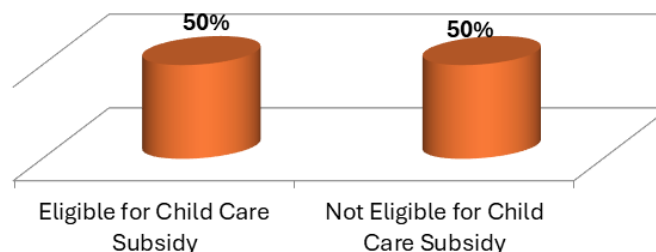
- Borrow from family
- Borrow from friends
- Cut back child care hours
- Use a combination of care modalities
- Cut back basic household expenses
- Use credit cards

63% of respondents stated that cost was an initial reason for choosing a child care provider

### Percentage of parents that responded that have trouble paying for child care

- 33% Always or often have trouble
- 25% Sometimes have trouble
- 17% Rarely have trouble
- 25% Never have had trouble

### Parents Eligible for Child Care Subsidy

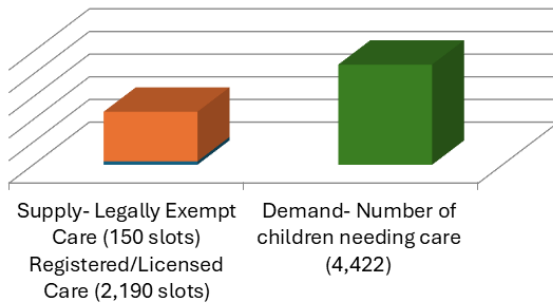


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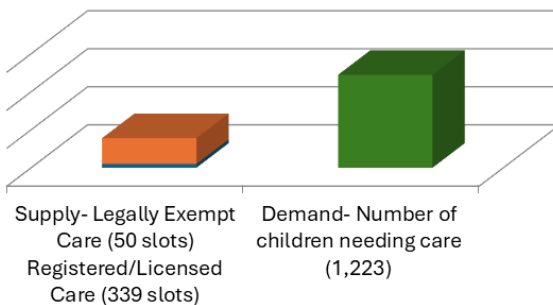
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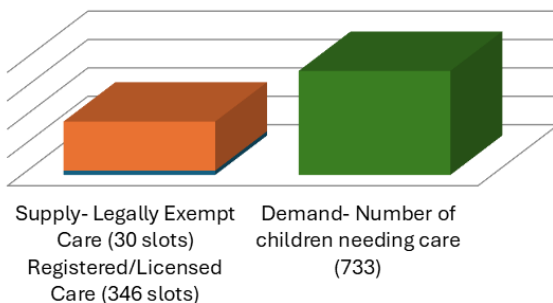
## Ontario County Supply & Demand for Children Under 6



## Seneca County Supply & Demand for Children Under 6



## Yates County Supply & Demand for Children Under 6



### Supply Equals:

- ⇒ The number of slots in child care programs regulated by the Office of Children and Family Services (registered, licensed, and legally exempt care for low income families).
- ⇒ This does not include informal care from those watching one or two children, or those providing illegal care to 3 or more children.

**Key Points: While slots for children under 6 are faring better than SACC slots, there is still a need in all three counties.**

- Ontario County slots available have increased by 20.8% or 403 slots since 21-22 assessment. While demand has decreased by 1.7% since 21-22, the slots available only cover 52.9% of the overall need.
- Seneca County slots available have increased by 9.2% or 33 slots since 21-22 assessment. While demand has decreased by 6.5% since 21-22, the slots available only cover 31.8% of the overall need.
- Yates County slots available have decreased by 1 slot since 21-22 assessment. While demand has decreased by 3.6% since 21-22, the slots available only cover 51.2% of the overall need.

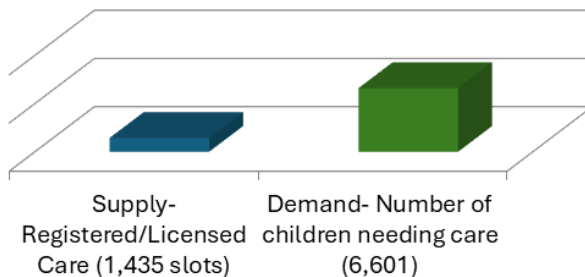
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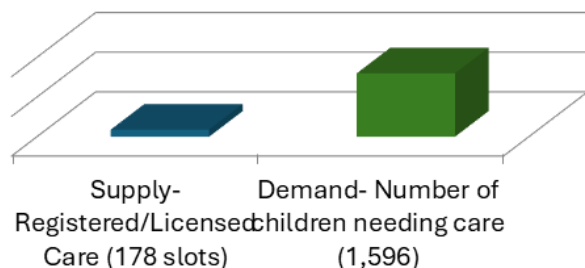
## Ontario County Supply & Demand for School Age Children



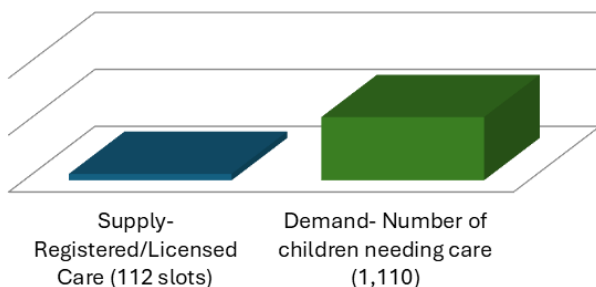
### Supply Equals:

- ⇒ The number of School Age (6-12 years) slots in child care programs regulated by the Office of Children and Family Services. This includes home based and center based slots.
- ⇒ This does not include informal care from those watching one or two children, or those providing illegal care to 3 or more children.

## Seneca County Supply & Demand for School Age Children



## Yates County Supply & Demand for School Age Children



### Key Point: SACC programs are drastically needed in all three counties

- Ontario County slots available have decreased by 5.2% or 80 slots since 21-22 assessment. While demand has decreased by 4.9% since 21-22, the slots available only cover 21.7% of the overall need.
- Seneca County slots available have increased by 1.7% or 3 slots since 21-22 assessment. While demand has decreased by 2.8% since 21-22, the slots available only cover 11.5% of the overall need.
- Yates County slots available have decreased by 69% or 250 slots since 21-22 assessment. While demand has decreased by 3.2% since 21-22, the slots available only cover 10% of the overall need.

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## Market Rates



NYS OCFS sets maximum reimbursement rates for child care subsidies every 2 years. Payment rates ensure equal access for eligible families to child care services comparable to those provided to children whose parents are not eligible to receive assistance. Market rates must take into account the variations in costs of providing child care in different settings and to children of different age groups as well as the additional cost of providing child care for children with special needs. Federal regulation requires that payment rates be based on a local market rate survey. State law requires the Office of Children and Family Services to establish, in regulation, the applicable market-related payment rate, which establishes a ceiling for State and Federal reimbursement for payments for child care services.

Ontario County Market Rates		Age of child			
Modality		Under 2 Years Old	2 Years Old	3-5 Years Old	6-12 Years Old
Center Based		\$340	\$320	\$300	\$265
	Weekly				
Family Child Care		\$300	\$285	\$269	\$240
	Weekly				
Group Family Child Care		\$300	\$285	\$269	\$240
	Weekly				
Registered School Age Care		-	-	\$300	\$265
	Weekly				
Legally Exempt & In Home Care (enhanced rate given if training requirement met)		\$195	\$185	\$175	\$156
		*Enhanced Rate	*Enhanced Rate	*Enhanced Rate	*Enhanced Rate
	Weekly	\$210	\$200	\$188	\$168

Seneca & Yates County Market Rates		Age of child			
Modality		Under age 1 ½ Years Old	1 ½ - 2 Years Old	3-5 Years Old	6-12 Years Old
Center Based		\$295	\$275	\$253	\$245
	Weekly				
Family Child Care		\$266	\$252	\$250	\$225
	Weekly				
Group Family Child Care		\$266	\$252	\$250	\$225
	Weekly				
Registered School Age Care		-	-	\$253	\$245
	Weekly				
Legally Exempt & In Home Care (enhanced rate given if training requirement met)		\$173	\$164	\$163	\$146
		*Enhanced Rate	*Enhanced Rate	*Enhanced Rate	*Enhanced Rate
	Weekly	\$186	\$176	\$175	\$158

[www.ocfs.state.ny.us](http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us), policies and rates June 2022

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## Average Child Care Costs



Based on data gathered by our agency the average costs of care per modality is listed below. The data for these averages are collected annually from surveying child care providers in all three counties and entered into our referral database.

The **average cost of care** for a **School Age Child Care Program** per County:

County	Child's Age Group	Average Cost of Care—Full-Time
Ontario	Enrolled in school (under 13)	\$116
Seneca	Enrolled in school (under 13)	\$170
Yates	Enrolled in school (under 13)	None Available

The **average weekly cost of care** for a Child Care Center or Family/Group Family Child Care Program per County:

County	Child's Age Group	Average Cost of Full Time Care in a Child Care Center	Average Cost of Full Time Care in a Family Child Care Home	Average Cost of Full Time Care in a Group Family Child Care Home
Ontario	Under 1 1/2 years	\$332	\$212	\$248
	1 ½ - 3	\$312	\$202	\$233
	3 - 5	\$288	\$198	\$233
	6 - 13	\$210	\$167	\$196
Seneca	Under 1 1/2	\$260	\$193	\$213
	1 ½ - 3	\$246	\$185	\$200
	3 - 5	\$244	\$180	\$200
	6 - 13	\$170	\$163	\$125
Yates	Under 1 1/2	\$196	\$178	\$155
	1 ½ - 3	\$222	\$165	\$155
	3 - 5	\$220	\$162	\$155
	6 - 13	\$216	\$133	\$155

∞ National average cost for child care rose nearly 4% from 2022 to 2023

∞ Child care costs for two kids at least 25% higher than rent in 11 states

<https://www.newsnationnow.com/business/your-money/child-care-costs-outpace-rent/>

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## The Dimensions of Child Care in 23-24...



Historically, Child Care was not often recognized for its critical value and role as an industry for working parents. During the pandemic and now post-pandemic times a focus on child care cannot be avoided as the lack of care options continues for a variety of reasons.



Based on data from a Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy and the Empire State Campaign for Child Care survey in 2023 as well as local data from our local child care programs in Ontario, Seneca and Yates: *(see [scaany.org](https://scaany.org) and [empirestatechildcare.org](https://empirestatechildcare.org))*



### Staff shortages due to low wages are driving the child care crisis



Shortages force childcare programs to operate at reduced capacity, while also holding a wait-list of parents needing care (based on feedback from 1,660 program responses)



28,462 children in NYS could not receive care in their programs due to workforce shortages



25,022 children were known to be on waiting lists of those who responded



3,857 staff positions are unfilled in respondents' child care programs



766 classrooms were completely closed



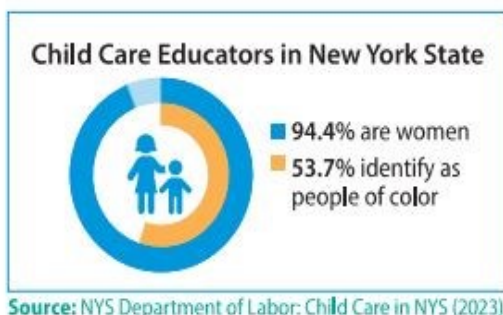
Child care programs responding reported that they were unable to compete with school districts, warehouses, retail and food service which can offer higher salaries and better benefits than the child care market.



Roles go unfilled for months with no applicants and turnover rates increased, destabilizing relationships children need to thrive



The need for better wages in child care further increases as a result of the minimum wage changes. The Child Care Assistance Program may help make a difference to families as fees must be increased by programs in order to retain staff. Further fiscal supports for infrastructure of programs (i.e. continued grants and/or state and local investments in overhead costs, benefits etc.) are a must in order to stabilize the child care field for all.



The average wage for a child care worker in New York  
**\$35,190/annual / \$16.92/hour** in May 2022.<sup>8</sup>



Family child care educators earned less than minimum wage, approximately  
**\$10.49 / hour** in 2021.<sup>9</sup>

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## Investments and Supports...



👏 The increased investment in the Child Care sector by NYS and the NYS Office of Children and Family Services has helped positively impact child care programs through the transition of rebuilding— however there is still long term investment to be done.

👏 NYS has invested heavily in child care over the past year including

👏 \$343 Million in child care Stabilization grants for programs

👏 \$500 million in child care Workforce Retention Grants for workers in programs

👏 \$100 million in capital funding for grants to construct new programs or expand existing and business tax credits for business that create or expand infant and toddler care spots for employees or through a third party.

👏 Increased of \$17.7 million over 2023 funding available to fund LEAPS— Learning and Enrichment After School Program Supports grants for after-school programs

👏 As part of the increased investments, NYS has provided \$7.6 Billion over four years for the Child Care Assistance Program to help offset the cost of care for families. Additionally, the development of an easily accessible online portal to submit applications helps smooth the application process.

Family Size	Annual Income Limit	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$56,488.48	\$4,707.37
2	\$73,869.56	\$6,155.80
3	\$91,250.63	\$7,604.22
4	\$108,631.70	\$9,052.64
5	\$126,012.77	\$10,501.06
6	\$143,393.84	\$11,949.49

**Table 1: Income limits for eligibility by family size.**

\* Annual Income Limit numbers are 85% of the NYS Median Income, effective from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

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