



National
Infant & Toddler
Child Care
Initiative
@
ZERO TO THREE

KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,
their families, and
the child care system
that serves them

Arkansas

2007 estimated population: 2,834,797

U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate

2000 population: 2,673,400

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 3,050 of children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

(FY 2006 ACF-801 data, Child Care Bureau)

In Federal Fiscal Year 2008 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund appropriation = \$1,229,813

(FY 2008 CCDF Allocations Based on Appropriations, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)

CCDF Subsidy Rates for Infants at 11 months of age (Daily Rates)

Center \$25.50

FCC \$23.50

Exempt \$23.50

(FY 2008 CCDF State Plans, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF) (as approved and subject to change) (for illustrative purposes only these rates highlight only the highest urban area rates)



640 children served in Early Head Start Funded are ACF-Funded, 0 Non-ACF-Funded Enrollment (e.g. state or privately funded spaces)

(2007 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment) (EHSNRC Database—October 2007)



3,217 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2006)

55% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

(Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA)

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	Yes
Quality Rating System: *Source: NCCIC, 2008	Exploring or Designing
Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3:	Arkansas Framework for Infant & Toddler Care
Infant/Toddler Specialist Network:	No

In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:6 for birth to 18 months; 1:9 for 18 to 36 months; 1:12 for 2.5 to 3 years

(State Licensing Regulations)

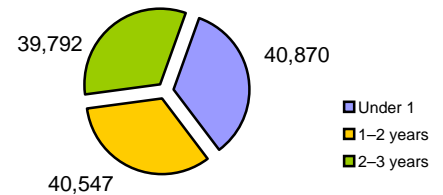
In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:10, if none under 3 years; 1:9, if none under 2 years and no more than 3 between 2 and 3 years; 1:8, if no more than 1 under 2 years; 1:7, if no more than 2 under 2 years; 1:6, if no more than 3 under 2 years

Homes specializing in infant care must maintain a 1:3 ratio.

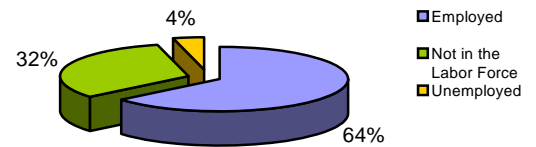
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121,209 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Arkansas



U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate

64% of Arkansas Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in:

center based care.....\$5,231
family child care home.....\$4,519

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families 9%

Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 30%

Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA

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For more information about Arkansas go to:

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