

Thomas County

2015 Workforce Study Child Care Profile



Median Income
\$47,654*

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Since 1990, Child Care Aware® of Kansas has worked to ensure families have access to affordable, high-quality child care. We improve child care quality and advocate for changes that impact the lives of children and families.

Through four regional Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs), our network provides services to every county in Kansas. These services include:

- Helping families find child care
- Supporting child care providers to improve quality
- Providing consumer education information about quality child care
- Collecting data about child care trends

For the full *Who Cares For Kansas Children - 2015 Kansas Child Care Workforce Study and State Child Care Profile*

Children Needing Child Care

NUMBER OF REFERRAL CALLS BY AGE

Under Age One	13
Ages One to Two	14
Ages Three to Five	17
Ages Six and older	6
Total Number of Children Needing Child Care Referrals	50

NUMBER OF REFERRAL BY TYPE OF CARE

Children Needing Full-time Care	37
Children Needing Part-time Care	1
Children Needing Alternate-Hour Care	0
Children Requesting DCF Subsidy Care	10
Children with Special Needs and Abilities	1

January-December 2015; Families were able to select more than one type of care.

Availability of Child Care

NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES BY TYPE OF CARE

Type of Care	Number	Percentage	Capacity
Family Child Care (FCC)	33	92%	324
Child Care Center (CCC) ¹	2	5%	51
Head Start/Early Head Start Centers ²	0	0	0
School-Age Programs	0	0	0
Licensed Preschools	1	3%	24
Total	36	100%	399
FCC Contracting with DCF	17	100%	180
CCC Contracting with DCF	0	0	0

¹CCC may include KDHE licensed exempt facilities. ²Head Start/Early Head Start Centers may not be licensed by KDHE; Head Start/Early Head Start Centers do not include capacity (slots) in child care partners. FCC includes group child care homes. "X" is defined as not available.

Affordability of Child Care

ANNUAL AVERAGE COST OF CHILD CARE

Age	Family Child Care	Child Care Center
Infant (Birth to 11 Months)	\$5,423	--
Infant (12 to 17 Months)	\$5,403	--
Toddler (18 to 23 Months)	\$5,380	--
Preschool (2 to 4 Years Old)	\$5,363	--
Children 5 Year Olds and Up	\$5,175	--

PERCENT OF MEDIAN INCOME

Age	Family Child Care	Child Care Center
One Infant (Birth to 11 Months)	11%	--
One Infant and One Preschool Aged Child	23%	--



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