

Who Cares for Kansas Children?

Early Education Workforce Study

2010 Regional Child Care Profile



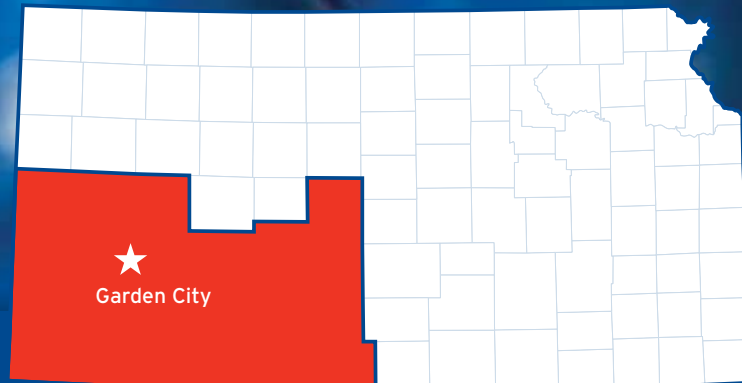
About this study

In 2010, the *Who Cares for Kansas Children? Early Education Workforce Study* was conducted.

Early childhood professionals were surveyed about their employment. Their responses were used to develop the *2010 Kansas Child Care Workforce Profile*.

Families were surveyed about the service they received after utilizing a child care resource and referral agency. Their responses, combined with other statistical resources, were used to create state, regional, and county profiles.

The result is a collection of reports (pictured above) that provides a detailed picture of the child care workforce and the families who need child care in Kansas.



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Demographics of Region

Population

Population of Region	209,481
Children Under 5 years	17,376
Children 5 to 9 years	16,138

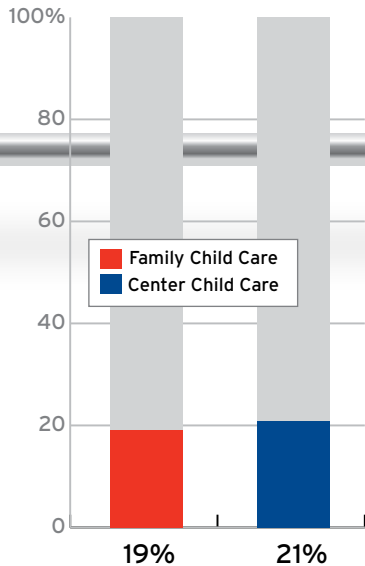
Income and Unemployment

Median Family Income	\$50,918
Unemployment Rate	4%

Affordability of Child Care

In the region, annual costs for the care of an infant and a preschool-age child ranges from 19% to 21% of median family income, based on the type of care:

Regional Median Income



Median Income
\$50,918

Choosing Child Care

What Families Want

Percentage of families rated the following criteria as very important when choosing child care:



Quality Initiatives

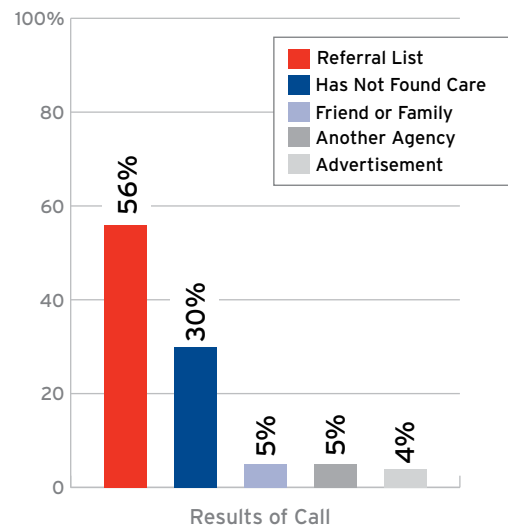
Quality initiatives are programs that educate early childhood professionals and improve the quality of programs serving children and families. The chart is a sample, other quality initiatives are available in Kansas.

2010 Provider Participation

Early Childhood Associate Apprenticeship Program apprentices	0
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Kansas participants	0
Child Care WAGES® KANSAS participants	0
Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement System (KQRIS) participants	7
Family Child Care (NAFCC) accredited	0
Child Care Centers (NAEYC) accredited	0
School-Age Programs (NAA) accredited	0

Finding Care

Families indicated the following about finding care (may have chosen more than one option).



Services Provided

Child Care Resource & Referral Services

Supporting families:

- Helping families balance the demands of work and family
- Providing child care referrals and consumer education services

Supporting the child care workforce:

- Assisting existing and prospective individuals and programs that care for and educate children
- Providing professional development opportunities
- Working to increase the availability, affordability and quality of child care

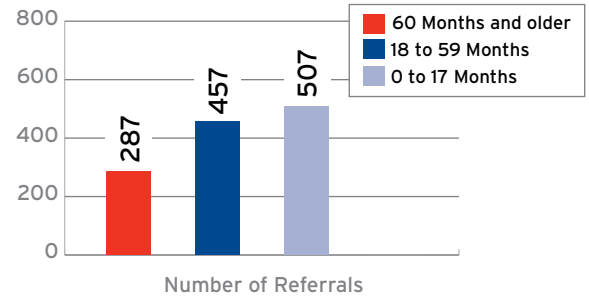
Supporting communities and the State:

- Working to create appropriate policies on family and children issues
- Generating additional resources for the care, development and learning of all children

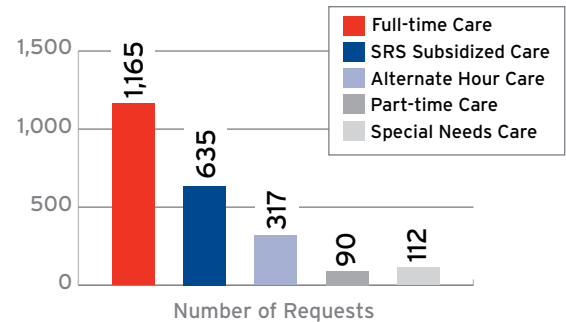


72% of families rated the child care resource and referral agency as providing good to excellent information (customer service) about quality child care and educational opportunities.

Age of Children Needing Care



Types of Care Needed



Availability and Capacity

	Number of Facilities	Total Capacity
Family Child Care	515	5,000
Family Child Care with SRS agreement	383	3,700
Child Care Centers	65	1,328
Child Care Centers with SRS agreement	32	664
School-Age Programs	6	251
Head Start/Early Head Start	10	213
Preschools	22	409





Resources:

Child Care Aware® of Kansas
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Kansas Department of Labor
National After School Association
National Association for Family Child Care
National Association for the Education of Young Children
U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey
Bureau of Labor Statistics



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