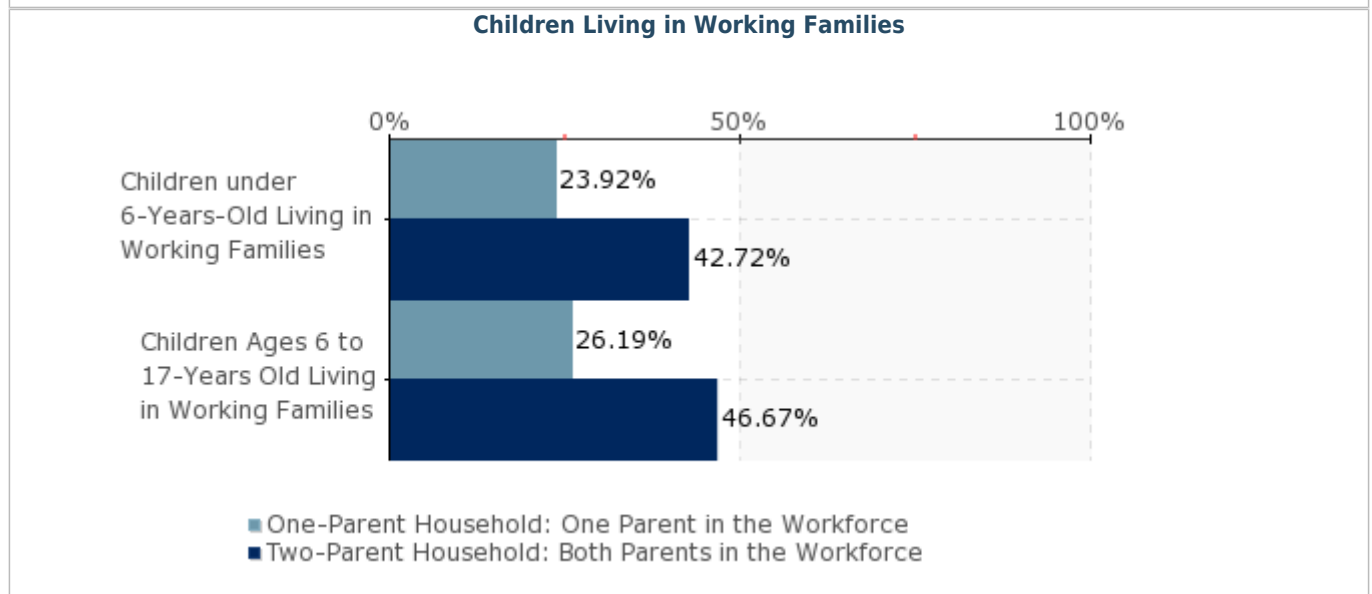
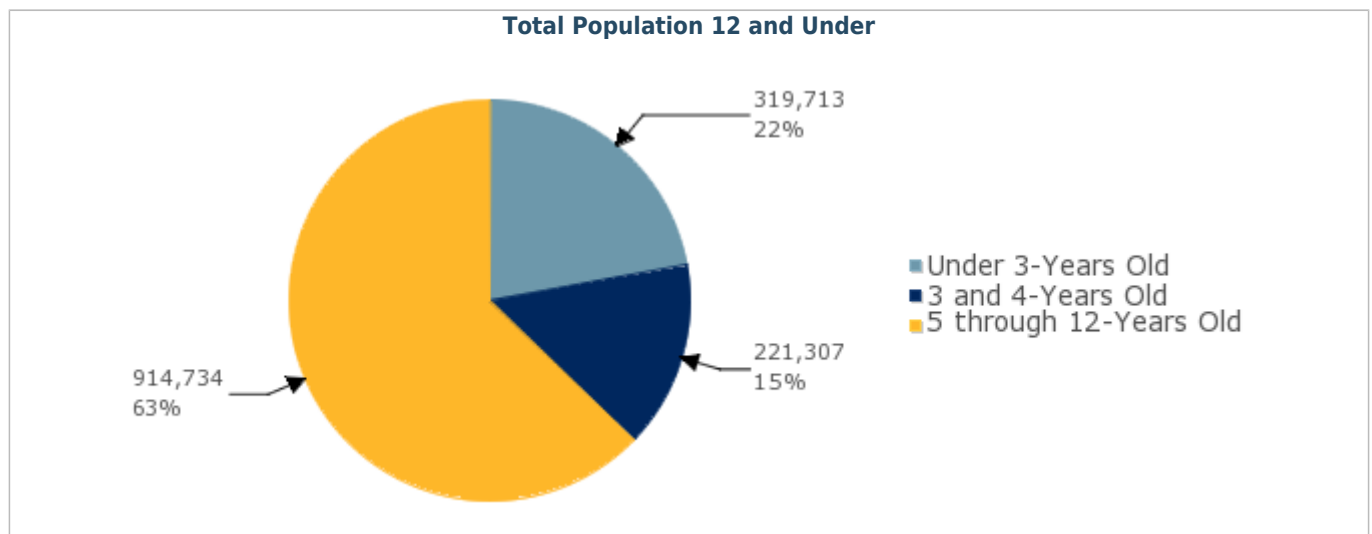


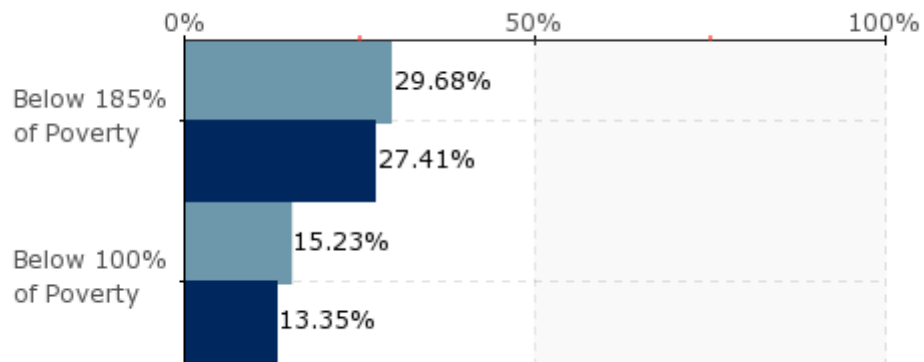


## STATE/TERRITORY PROFILE - NEW JERSEY

This profile highlights a current innovative effort to promote a subsidy system that is child-focused, family friendly, and fair to providers. It also provides demographic information, Early Care and Education (ECE) program participation and funding, subsidy innovation and program integrity information, program quality improvement activities, and professional development and workforce initiatives. Sources and links are provided at the end of the document

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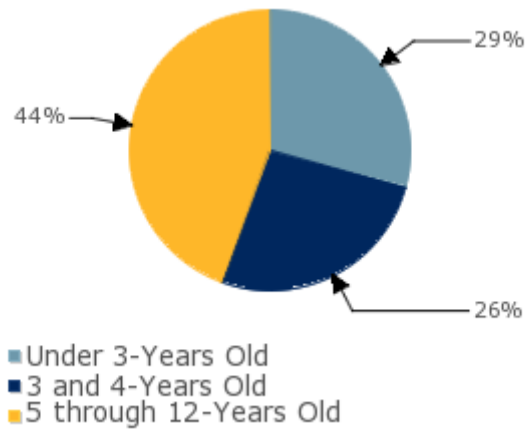


	Below 100% of Poverty	Below 185% of Poverty
■ Under 6-Years Old	15.23%	29.68%
■ 6 to 17-Years Old	13.35%	27.41%

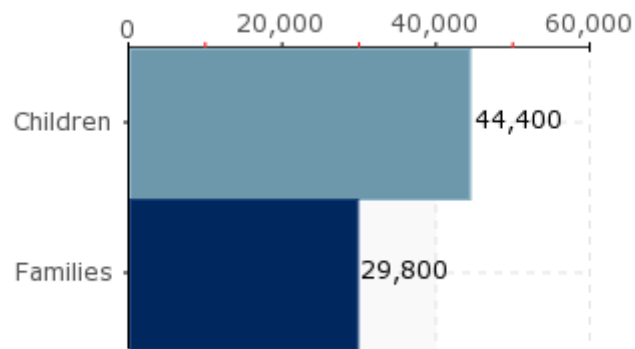
## ECE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND FUNDING

### Percentage and Number of Children/Families Served

CCDF Average Monthly Percentage of Children in Care By Age Group

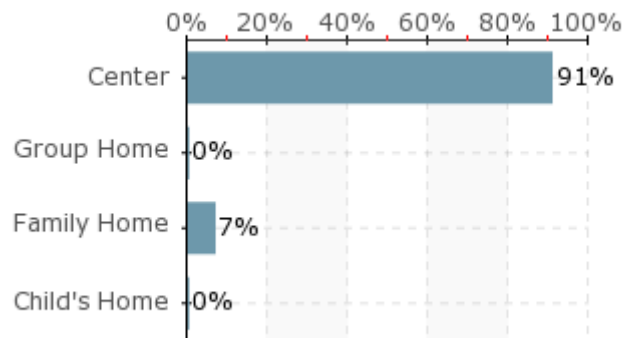


CCDF Average Monthly Number of Children and Families Served

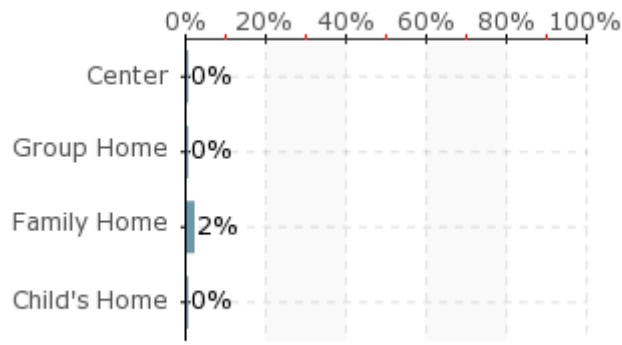


### Average Monthly Percentages of Children Served in All Types of Care

#### Licensed Providers



#### Non-Licensed Providers



**Note:** Unregulated provider data includes relative and non-relative care.

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

• Total CCDF Expenditure (Including Quality):	\$282,745,389
• CCDF Federal Expenditure:	\$210,894,563
• CCDF State/Territory Expenditure:	\$71,850,826

CCDF Quality Expenditures

• Total Quality Expenditure:	\$19,779,606
• Quality Activities (Set Aside Funds):	\$21,544,947
• Infant and Toddler (Targeted Funds):	\$-1,765,341
• Quality Expansion Funds (Targeted Funds):	\$0
• School-Age/Resource and Referral (Targeted Funds):	\$0

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for Child Care

• TANF - Total Child Care Expenditure:	\$80,000,000
◦ TANF - Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$0
◦ TANF - Transfer to CCDF:	\$80,000,000

ChildCare Tax Credits

• Tax Credit Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$13,665,600
• Tax Credit Federal Number of Claims:	230,280
• State/Territory Tax Credit Available - 2015:	Yes
• State/Territory Tax Credit Refundable:	No

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

• CACFP Funding:	\$82,696,456
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• Number of Family Child Care Homes Participating:	436
• Number of Child Care Centers (includes Head Start Programs) Participating:	1,245

## Head Start

• Head Start Federal Allocation:	\$122,147,923
• Head Start State/Territory Allocation:	Not available
• Number of Children Participating:	12,519

## IDEA Part B, Section 619

• IDEA Part B Funding:	\$11,396,161
• Number of Children Served (Ages 3- through 5-Years-Old):	19,846

## IDEA Part C

• IDEA Part C Funding:	\$11,527,373
• Number of Children Served (Ages Birth through 2-Years-Old):	13,644

## Pre-kindergarten

• Pre-kindergarten Total Expenditure:	\$659,789,000
• Enrollment (4-year-olds and under):	50,684

**Note:** Total Expenditure includes all State/Territory, Local, and Federal dollars. In addition to 3 and 4-year-olds, some Pre-kindergarten programs enroll children of other ages.

## CCDF SUBSIDY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)

Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility	
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI
Three	\$7,085.00	\$6,022.00	\$1,628	23%
SMI Year and Source:				

### Waiting Lists

- The Lead Agency currently does not have a waiting list and all eligible families who apply will be served under State/Territory eligibility rules.

### Re-determination Period

- The re-determination period is 12 months.

### Coordinates or Aligns Re-determination Periods With Which Programs

- Yes

### Prioritize Services for Eligible Children and Families

- Children with special needs receive priority over other CCDF-eligible families. Priority consideration will be given to families, upon admission in the CCDF program, if the child is identified as having special needs and/or circumstances.
- Children in families with very low incomes receive priority over other CCDF-eligibility families. Priority consideration will be given to families, upon admission in the CCDF program, with incomes at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

### Use of Grants and Contracts

16% of child care services are provided through grants/contracts

Grants or contracts for child care services are used to increase the supply of specific types of care.

Grants or contracts for child care services are used to support programs in providing higher quality services.

Grants or contracts for child care services are used to support programs in providing comprehensive services.

Payment Rates for Licensed Child Care Services -

Age	Center	Family Child Care
Infant	160.60/week	151.20/week
Toddler	160.60/week	151.20/week

Age	Center	Family Child Care
Preschool	132.40/week	118.80/week
School Age	132.40/week	118.80/week

**Effective date of payment rates:**

**Market Rate Survey (MRS) Date:** April 1, 2013

**Payment rate ceiling in relations to the most current MRS for all rate areas and age categories:** Center 6th-15th percentile; FCC 75th percentile or above

**Differential Rates**

Differential rates are used for the following types of care:

- Infants and toddlers
- higher quality care

**Sliding Fee Scale and Family Contribution**

Minimum Family Contribution	Maximum Family Contribution for First Child	Maximum Family Contribution for Multiple Children	Sliding Fee Scale Effective Date
No fee	\$37.76/week	\$28.32 for second child	

**Family Contribution Waiver**

NO families with income at or below the poverty level for a family of the same size ARE required to pay a fee.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Number of Licensed Programs and Licensed Capacity

Type	Number of Licensed Programs	Licensed Capacity
Child Care Centers	3,977	346128
Family Child Care Homes	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Group Family Child Care Homes	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed

Definition of Licensed Group and Family Child Care Homes

<b>Group Child Care Homes: Number of children allowed*</b>	Facility type not licensed
<b>Family Child Care Homes: Number of children allowed</b>	Facility type not licensed
*Lower number is the threshold for licensing. Home-based providers caring for fewer children would be exempt from licensing.	

Child-Staff Ratios and Group Size by Age of Children for Child Care Centers

Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
Infant (11 months)	4:1	12
Toddler (35 months)	10:1	20
Preschool (59months)	12:1	20
School-age (6 years)	15:1	30
School-age (10 years and older)	15:1	30

Criminal Background Checks Required by Type of Program

Type	Child Care Centers	Group Child Care Homes	Family Child Care Homes
Criminal History Records	Yes	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Child Abuse and Neglect Registry	Yes	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Fingerprints	Yes	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Sex Offender Registry	No	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Signed Statement About Criminal Status	Yes	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed

Minimum Preservice Qualifications and Ongoing Training Requirements



<b>Role</b>	<b>Minimum Preservice Qualifications</b>	<b>Ongoing Training Hours</b>
Center Teacher	Child Development Associate or Certified Child Care Professional credential and 1 year of experience	10
Center Director	Bachelor’s degree and 1 year of managerial or supervisory experience	20
Family Child Care Home Provider	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Group Child Care Home Provider	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed

Types of Routine Visits Conducted

<b>Type</b>	<b>Announced</b>	<b>Unannounced</b>	<b>Frequency of Routine Visits</b>
Child Care Centers	No	Yes	Once a year
Family Child Care Home Provider	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed
Group Child Care Home Provider	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed	Facility type not licensed

## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

### Program Standards

- Standards have provisions about the care of the following groups of children:
  - Infants and toddlers

#### Supports to Programs to Improve Quality

• TA is available for attaining and maintaining licensing compliance	Yes
• TA is available for attaining and maintaining quality standards beyond licensing	Yes
• TA is available for attaining and maintaining accreditation	Yes
• TA is linked to entering the QRIS or targeted to help programs move in QRIS	Yes

#### Financial Incentives and Supports for Programs

• Grants to meet or maintain licensing	No
• Grants to meet QRIS or similar quality levels	No
• One-time awards or bonuses on completion of quality standard attainment	No
• Tiered reimbursement tied to quality for children receiving subsidy	No
• On-going, periodic grants or stipends tied to improving/maintaining quality	No
• Tax credits tied to meeting program quality standards	No

#### Quality Assurance and Monitoring

• Environment Rating Scale (e.g., ECERS, ITERS, SACERS, FDCRS)	Yes
• Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	Yes
• Program Assessment Scales (PAS) for child care centers or Business Administration Scale (BAS) for family child care homes	Yes
• State/Territory uses customized instrument, including submission of written documentation, developed for the quality improvement system	No

#### Outreach and Consumer Education

• State/Territory uses symbols or simple icons to communicate levels of quality for child care programs	No
• State/Territory uses this information for resource and referral and consumer education services with parents who are seeking care	No
• State/Territory uses this information to educate parents who are enrolling in the subsidy system	No

• State/Territory uses this information in a searchable database on the web	No
• State/Territory promotes voluntarily posting symbols or icons visibly in programs	No
• State/Territory mandates posting symbols or icons visibly in programs	No
• State/Territory uses this information in marketing and public awareness campaigns	No
• State/Territory uses the media to reach public to parents and the communicate about levels of quality for child care programs	No

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

• State/Territory has a QRIS or similar quality improvement system that includes linked activities in all five elements	
◦ Operating state/territory-wide	No
◦ Operating as a pilot or in a few localities	Yes
• State/Territory is in the development phase of a QRIS or similar quality improvement system	No
• State/Territory has no plans for the development of a QRIS or similar quality improvement system	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of providers eligible to participate in QRIS:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Child care centers</li> <li>◦ License-exempt providers</li> <li>◦ Early Head Start programs</li> <li>◦ Head Start programs</li> <li>◦ Pre-kindergarten programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

<b>ELGs Developed by Age Group</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth to 3 years</li><li>• 3 to 5 years</li></ul>
<b>Incorporation of Early Learning Guidelines into Child Care Systems</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incorporation of Early Learning Guidelines into Child Care Systems:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ To define the content of training required for the career lattice or professional credential</li><li>◦ To require programs in licensing standards to develop curriculum/learning activities based on the voluntary ELGs</li><li>◦ To develop State/Territory -approved curricula</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>A table of Alignment of Early Learning Guidelines with Other Early Care and Education Systems</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The State/Territory aligns its early learning guidelines with other parts of the child care system:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Cross-walked to align with Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework</li></ul></li></ul>

## COORDINATION

### Coordination and Partnership Efforts to Support the Implementation of CCDF

• Formal early childhood and/or school-age coordination plans	Yes
• Designated entity responsible for coordination- state/territory-wide early childhood and/or school-age cabinet/advisory council/task force/ commission	Yes
• Designated entity responsible for coordination- state advisory council	Yes
• Designated entity responsible for coordination- local coordination/council	Yes

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