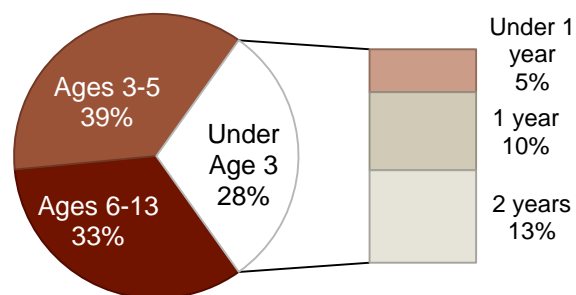


Infants and toddlers in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is the primary funding source for federal child care subsidies to low-income working families, as well as improving child care quality. CCDBG provides child care assistance to children from birth to age 13. This fact sheet highlights key data about infants and toddlers served by CCDBG.¹

Fewer than a third of children served in CCDBG are under the age of three. In FY 2012, more than 422,044 infants and toddlers received CCDBG-funded child care assistance in an average month, comprising approximately 28 percent of all children receiving CCDBG (see Figure 1).² The share of children receiving CCDBG who are infants and toddlers varies from state to state. The District of Columbia serves the greatest share; almost half (49 percent) of all children receiving subsidies are under age 3. Infants and toddlers make up the smallest share of children served in California (18 percent).

Figure 1. Ages of Children Served in CCDBG, 2012



Infants and toddlers make up one-third or more of all children served in CCDBG in 6 states and the District of Columbia: Arkansas (44 percent), D.C. (49 percent), Hawaii (33 percent), Louisiana (41 percent), North Dakota (39 percent), Oklahoma (34 percent), and South Carolina (38 percent; see Table 1).

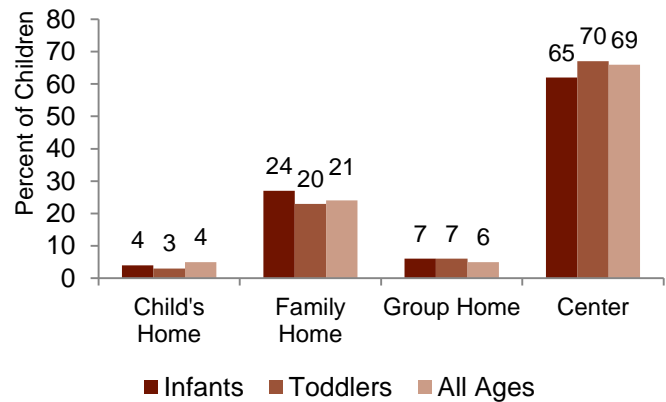
More than half of infants and toddlers in CCDBG are poor. Nearly 64 percent of infants and toddlers in CCDBG live in families with household incomes below the federal poverty level, which was \$19,090 for a family of three in 2012³. The share of infants and toddlers living below poverty ranges from 91 percent in Mississippi to 35 percent in Wyoming⁴.

Infants and toddlers are in care for many hours with providers who are paid very low rates. Infants and toddlers are in care for 162 hours a month on average. The average monthly subsidy payment for infant-toddler care in CCDBG is \$462 (\$5,544 annualized). The states with the lowest monthly payment rates are Louisiana (\$245), North Dakota (\$276), and Hawaii (\$282). The states with the highest rates are the District of Columbia (\$880), Massachusetts (\$853), and New York (\$678).⁵

More than half of infants and toddlers in CCDBG are cared for in center-based settings.

Infants and toddlers in low-income families that receive child care assistance are more likely to be in center-based care than other low-income infants and toddlers. Sixty-five percent of infants and 70 percent of toddlers receiving CCDBG are cared for in centers (see Figure 2). A family home was the second most common setting for infants and toddlers in CCDBG. Most (87 percent) infants and toddlers served in CCDBG are cared for in licensed or regulated settings.⁶

Figure 2. Settings in Which Children Were Served, 2012



While the CCDBG infant/toddler earmark funds a range of services, it comprises only a small portion of CCDBG funding.

Federal CCDBG funding includes an earmark to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers. In FY 2013, that earmark was \$103.4 million—approximately 2 percent of federal CCDBG funds.⁷

States use the infant/toddler earmark to fund a range of quality improvement efforts, including the development of early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers; professional development systems and workforce initiatives, such as training and education for infant and toddler child care providers; and support for infant and toddler specialists or health consultants.⁸

Table 1. Ages of Children Served in CCDBG by State, 2012

	Infants/Toddlers (Under Age 3)	Preschoolers (Ages 3-5)	School Age (Ages 6-13)
Alabama	30%	36%	33%
Alaska	31%	39%	30%
Arizona	25%	38%	37%
Arkansas	44%	37%	19%
California	18%	49%	33%
Colorado	30%	40%	30%
Connecticut	30%	41%	29%
Delaware	29%	37%	33%
District of Columbia	49%	35%	16%
Florida	29%	45%	25%
Georgia	28%	38%	34%
Hawaii	33%	39%	28%

Idaho	29%	39%	31%
Illinois	25%	34%	40%
Indiana	26%	40%	34%
Iowa	28%	37%	34%
Kansas	28%	37%	35%
Kentucky	32%	37%	31%
Louisiana	41%	39%	20%
Maine	27%	41%	31%
Maryland	27%	39%	34%
Massachusetts	26%	42%	31%
Michigan	27%	34%	39%
Minnesota	27%	39%	34%
Mississippi	28%	37%	35%
Missouri	31%	39%	29%
Montana	32%	40%	27%
Nebraska	32%	36%	32%
Nevada	28%	38%	34%
New Hampshire	30%	47%	22%
New Jersey	30%	38%	32%
New Mexico	29%	39%	32%
New York	25%	38%	36%
North Carolina	22%	36%	42%
North Dakota	39%	41%	20%
Ohio	29%	39%	32%
Oklahoma	34%	38%	27%
Oregon	22%	36%	41%
Pennsylvania	25%	37%	38%
Rhode Island	24%	37%	39%
South Carolina	38%	40%	22%
South Dakota	32%	39%	29%
Tennessee	32%	38%	30%
Texas	31%	38%	31%
Utah	24%	38%	38%
Vermont	28%	41%	31%
Virginia	30%	37%	33%
Washington	25%	39%	36%

West Virginia	29%	37%	35%
Wisconsin	30%	37%	32%
Wyoming	32%	41%	27%
U.S.	28%	39%	33%

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Youth, Office of Child Care, *Table 9: Child Care and Development Fund, Average Monthly Percentages of Children In Care By Age Group (FFY 2012)*, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy-2012-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary>.

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- ¹ The information in this fact sheet is limited to infants and toddlers receiving CCDBG-funded child care assistance in federal fiscal year 2012. Participation data on children served through other sources, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds, are not available. Data, unless otherwise noted, comes from Office of Child Care, *FFY 2012 CCDF Data Tables (Preliminary Estimates)*, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy-2012-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary>. For information on children of all ages served in CCDBG, see *Child Care Assistance Spending and Participation in 2012*, CLASP, 2014, <http://www.clasp.org/resources-and-publications/publication-1/ccspending2012-Final.pdf>.
- ² In 2014, ACF reported the average monthly number of infants and toddlers in CCDBG as 415,175.
- ³ Office of The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *2012 HHS Poverty Guidelines*, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.shtml>.
- ⁴ Administration for Children and Families. *101: Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships*, Child Care and Development Fund Subsidies for Infants and Toddlers, Preliminary FY 2012 Data, https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ece/ece_ccp_101_final_hhsacf_logo_2014.pdf.
- ⁵ Ibid.
- ⁶ Ibid.
- ⁷ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, *FY13 CCDF Final Allocations (Including Reallotted Funds)*, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/fy13-ccdf-final-allocations-including-reallotted-funds>.
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