

# Child Day Care Association (CDCA)

## Serving the St. Louis metropolitan area

For this report, the metropolitan area is defined as the following Missouri counties: Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City, and Warren.

**Workforce impact:** There are 14,041 people working in the regulated child care industry in this region of Missouri. In addition, the availability of regulated child care enables over 48,920 family members to get, keep and be productive at their jobs knowing that their children are in safe, reliable care. Regulated child care in the St. Louis area has the capacity to serve 26% of the children age birth to nine.

THE REGULATED CHILD CARE INDUSTRY IN THE ST. LOUIS METRO AREA (MISSOURI)	Licensed Programs Family child care homes, group homes, child care centers License-Exempt Programs Church-run programs and nursery schools
<b>Programs</b>	1,165
<b>Workforce</b>	
Administrators	1,720
Teachers/Caregivers	10,841
Support Staff	1,480
<b>Workforce Totals</b>	14,041
<b>Children</b>	
Capacity of Regulated Child Care	73,380
Children birth to age 9	277,683
<b>Revenues and Expenditures</b>	
Gross Revenue Generated	\$287,036,039
Utilities Purchased	\$9,836,028
Consumables Purchased	\$29,418,098
Payroll	\$207,790,144

Workforce, revenues and expenditures are as of December 2004. Numbers of children birth to age 9 are from 2000 Census.

**Average teacher/caregiver wages:** According to recent survey data, child care workers in this region earn an average of \$5.41 per hour in family child care and \$8.25 per hour in child care centers. Of the child care workers surveyed, 56% of those employed in child care centers receive health insurance benefits and 44% of those who operate family child care programs purchase health insurance with their child care income.

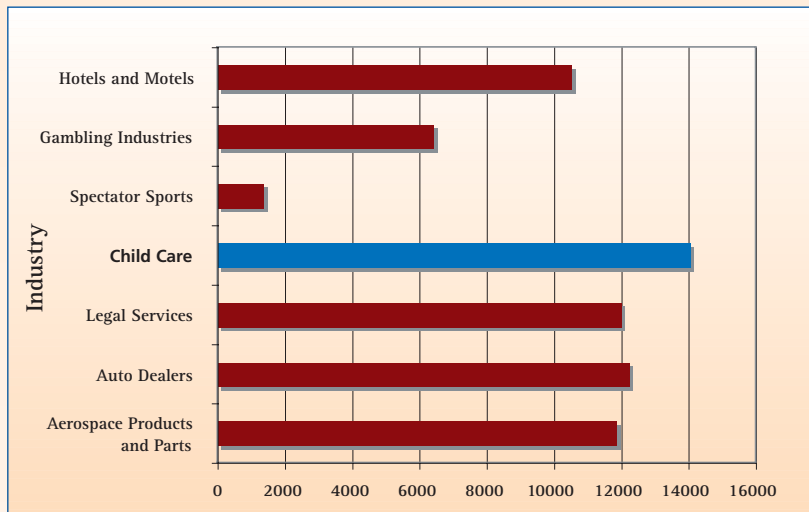
**Cost of care:** The fees charged to parents for child care vary widely in Missouri depending on location, age of child, and type of care. Fees charged range from about \$1 per hour in rural areas to about \$2 per hour in urban areas. The average fee charged in family child care programs is \$1.33 per hour and the average fee charged in child care centers is \$1.88 per hour.

# Child Care Keeps Missouri Working

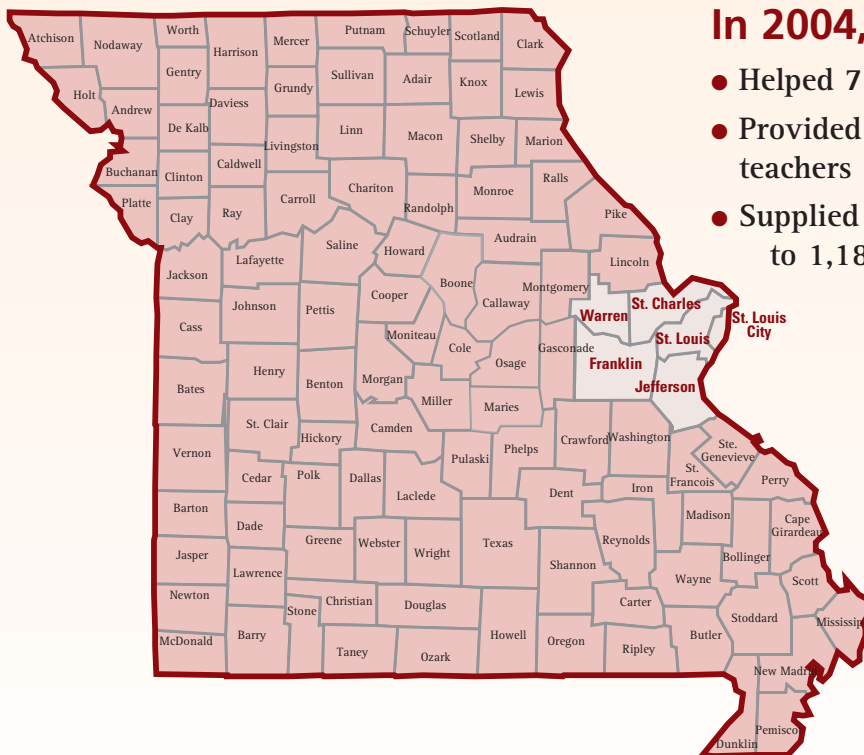
## The Missouri Child Care Economic Impact Report

**CDCA** was established in 1969 by the United Way of Greater St. Louis as the central planning, training and coordinating agency for quality child care in the greater St. Louis area. Each year CDCA helps over 7,000 families find child care and supports child care programs with training, professional guidance, resources, and scholarships. CDCA provides funding and nutrition education to 800 home based child care programs, feeding meals to over 16,000 children through the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. CDCA assists families with children under three to access First Steps early intervention services for their children with developmental delays. CDCA has a long history of working with area employers, being one of the first child care resource and referral agencies to provide referral services to employees under an employee benefit contract with their employer.

### Employment, Selected Industries, St. Louis Metro Area



Regulated child care programs in the St. Louis metro area receive a substantial amount of federal funds and state matching funds that go into early childhood programs including: 31% of the federal dollars that come to Missouri for Head Start and Early Head Start; 34% of the federal dollars that go into the Child and Adult Care Food Program; and 55% of the federal and state matching dollars that go into the child care subsidy.



### In 2004, CDCA:

- Helped 7,961 families find child care
- Provided technical assistance to 7,954 child care teachers and business owners
- Supplied information on early childhood education to 1,188 employers and community leaders

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