

CHILD CARE OVERVIEW

Definitions

Child Care Desert: A child care desert is an area with insufficient child care providers. It is defined as a community or area where there are more than three children under the age of 5 for each available child care slot.

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP): Income based program that helps families pay for child care.

Federal Poverty Level (FPL): A measure of income issued every year by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) used to determine eligibility for various assistance programs.

Head Start: Head Start is a free, federally funded, pre-school program designed to promote school readiness for children ages 3-5 from families that fall below the federal poverty level. Children from homeless families, families receiving public assistance (such as TANF or SSI), and foster children are also eligible regardless of income.

Crawford County, IL

Children under
5 years of age

1,093

Under 5 who are
under 200% FPL

430

Children on child care
waitlists in 2022

200+

% of County in a child
care desert in 2020

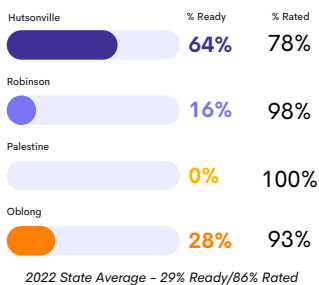
49%

Head Start

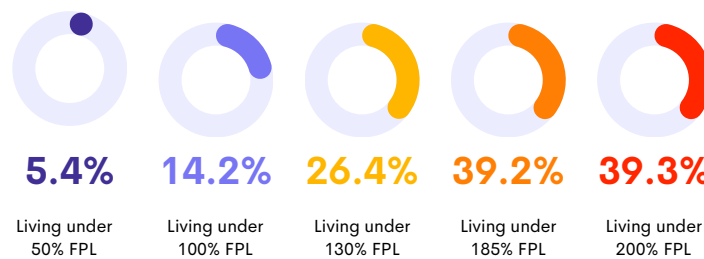
There are currently **127** children in Crawford County that are eligible for Head Start; however, Crawford County currently has just **33** Head Start spaces in total.

September 2024

Kindergarten School Readiness Rates



Federal Poverty Levels (FPL) of children 5 and under in Crawford County



Median Monthly Household Income

\$5,347

Program Thresholds

CCAP: 225% FPL
SNAP: 165% FPL
WIC: 185% FPL
Head Start: 100% FPL

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

Families with income under
225% FPL qualify for CCAP



More than 39% of Crawford
County children under 5 fall in
this category

CCAP Income Requirements

Family Size	Max Monthly Income	Monthly Co-Pay*
2	\$3,433	\$1 - \$236
3	\$4,318	\$1 - \$297
4	\$5,203	\$1 - \$359
5	\$6,359	\$1 - \$441
6	\$6,973	\$1 - \$482
7	\$7,858	\$1 - \$543

Exact co-pay amount is formulated based on income*

CCAP Payment Rates

Age	Under 2	2-3yr	Age 3+
Full Time	\$285/wk	\$230/wk	\$200/wk
Part Time	\$145/wk	\$115/wk	\$100/wk

Families who qualify for CCAP pay a co-pay amount (based on income) plus any difference between the CCAP payment rate and the provider's rate.

Example for Family of 4

INCOME

Dad: 40hrs @ 18.50/hr=\$740
Mom: 30hrs @15/hr=\$450

Total net income monthly:

\$4,760

CCAP

Family qualifies, CCAP pays:
6 mo. old child: \$285/wk
2 year old child: \$200/wk
monthly total:

\$1,940

Monthly co-pay amount based on
income:

\$371

CHILD CARE PROVIDER'S RATE

6 mo. old child: \$300/wk
2 year old child: \$220/wk

Total cost monthly:

\$2,080

TOTAL OUT-OF- POCKET COST

\$ 2,080 (Provider rate)
- \$ 1,940 (CCAP pay rate)
\$ 140
+ \$ 371 (co-pay)

\$511

Total monthly out-of-pocket
cost

Data USA



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US Census Bureau



IDHS



ChildCareDeserts.org



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ISBE Readiness Stats



Headstart

