

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY ON CHILD CARE

Trends and status

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Every Child, Quality Care



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Some of the underlying conditions and remarkable trends are:

- * For many years, the challenge of finding affordable regulated slots for infants and toddlers has been a focus area for this community. There has been little progress recently, and parents are increasingly forced to make difficult choices and may change child care placements frequently. New providers and funding streams are needed to meet the demand for high-quality environments for working families with children under age three.
- * The Child Care Development Block Grant of 2014 introduced significant new background checks and training requirements for anyone caring for children. New York is in the process of implementing those changes. Some uncertainty about the growth and support for programs is evident, as the associated costs have not been determined.
- * Opportunities for four year-olds to participate in formal programs, in and outside School Districts have been increasing. In Watertown, there are new district collaborations for Pre-K classrooms serving three-year-olds. This will significantly increase the number of children served in funded programs. Head Start also serves both three-year-olds and four-year-olds.
- * Some areas of the community have fewer options for families than others. The north and south ends of Jefferson and the south east section of Lewis County have few Registered and Licensed programs and also lack public transportation to make some options accessible.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Child care is one of the most important aspects of family life, whether parents are at home, working, or pursuing educational goals. We, at Jefferson-Lewis Childcare Project, are engaged in building a community that recognizes and supports high quality environments for every child, no matter their family income or other demographics. The more we encourage children to develop to their full potential, the more resources we have for the future. It's a return on investment that makes sense.

One of our efforts to build awareness and enthusiasm is our Early Childhood Professionals program to recruit and retain people who provide high-quality environments for children. It offers them discounts in appreciation of their commitment. There are over 600 people working in Registered and Licensed programs across the two County area, making the child care field a significant employer. The economic impact of child care adds to its other effect on helping people get to work and increasing productivity for business. All of the small businesses helping each other makes our community stronger.

Have a great Spring and thank you for supporting quality investments for children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy".

CHILD CARE SUPPLY (CENTERS)

Jefferson County Center Based Programs (operating full time/full day)

Number of Licensed Centers: 11	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample
Infant Slots *	70	109.4%
Toddler Slots	114	104.5%
Preschool Slots+	445	88.1%
School Age Slots	62	110%
Total Slots	691	93.2%

Number of Day Care Centers Surveyed: **7**

+Includes 34 full day Head Start slots which operate for an academic year

* **Only 6 of 11 Centers enroll infants.**

Lewis County Center Based Programs (operating full time/full day)

Number of Licensed Centers: 4	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample*
Infant Slots *	16	100%
Toddler Slots	10	100%
Preschool Slots+	100	82%
School Age Slots	0	0%
Total Slots	126	85.7%

Number of Day Care Centers Surveyed: **4**

+Includes 70 full day Head Start slots which operate for an academic year

* **Only 1 center enrolls infants**

CHILD CARE SUPPLY (HOME-BASED CHILD CARE)

Jefferson County Family Child Care (FDC)

Number of Registered Family Child Care Homes: 55	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample
Infant Slots ¹	146	58.2%
2-12	419	71.3%
Total Slots	565	68.0%

Number of Registered Family Child Care Providers surveyed: **46**

Lewis County Family Child Care (FDC)

Number of Registered Family Child Care Homes: 12	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample*
Infant Slots ¹	28	40.0%
2-12	83	107.5%
Total Slots	111	90.6%

Number of Registered Family Child Care Providers surveyed: **11**

Jefferson County Group Family Child Care (GFDC)

Number of Licensed Group Family Child Care Homes: 23	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample
Infant Slots ¹	116	56.5%
2-12	464	72.2%
Total Slots	464	68.3%

Number of Licensed Group Family Child Care Providers surveyed: **21**

* These numbers will be approximate as Infant slots may be utilized for other ages.

Lewis County Group Family Child Care (GFDC)

Number of Licensed Group Family Child Care Homes: 2	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample
Infant Slots ¹	8	56.5%
2-12	24	72.2%
Total Slots	32	68.3%

Number of Licensed Group Family Child Care Providers surveyed: **2**

¹ These numbers are approximate as Infant slots are often utilized for other ages.

Jefferson County School- Age Child Care (SACC)

Number of Registered School Age Programs: 17	Number of potential slots (not including summer only facilities)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample
Total Slots	1131	53.6%

Number of Registered School Age Programs surveyed: **17**

Lewis County School- Age Child Care (SACC)

Number of Registered School Age Programs: 4	Number of potential slots (as reported in CCFS)	Utilization Rate as determined by random sample*
Total Slots	220	59.1%

Number of Registered School Age Programs surveyed: **4**



OTHER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Jefferson County other types of care available and approximate slots

Type of Program	Number of Programs	Infant	Tod- dler	Pre- school	School Age Slots	TOTAL
Head Start Classroom .5 day	5	0	0	183	0	183
UPK half-day*	14	0	0	653	0	653
UPK Full day	1	0	0	18	0	18
Private Preschools	7	0	0	237	0	237
Legally Exempt Family Child Care	54					108
Legally Exempt in home	52					104

*9 of 11 districts have UPK for 4 year olds. 8 of them offer only 2.5 hour sessions.

**Private PreK/Nursery Schools- 2 or 3 days/week, no transportation, 3 and 4 year olds

Special needs programming are integrated in count across modalities.

Legally Exempt average 2 slots, ages not restricted

Lewis County other types of care available and approximate slots

Type of Program	Number of Programs	Infant	Tod- dler	Pre- school	School Age Slots	TOTAL
UPK	4			156		156
Legally Exempt Family Child Care	21					42
Legally Exempt in home	19					38

4 out of 5 school districts offer UPK 2.5 hour programs for 4 year olds only

All Head Start slots are included in the Licensed Centers count.

Special Education services are integrated in count across modalities.

Legally Exempt average 2 slots, ages not restricted

Family Day Care Homes (FDC)

- Provide care for 3 to 6 children at a time in a residence; may add 1 or 2 school age children
- May provide care for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years and operate for more than 3 hours per day
- The maximum allowable number of children will depend on how many infants are in care
- They are Registered by OCFS
- The maximum child-to-adult ratios are:

Child's Age	Group Size	Ratio (# of children per caregiver)
0 - 2 years	2	2
2 - 5 years	6	6
5 - 12 years	2	2

COST

- The average cost of care for FDC in Jefferson and Lewis Counties is:

	Birth – 18 mo	18 mo – 2 yrs	3 yrs – 5 yrs	6 yrs – 12 yrs
Weekly	\$140.00	\$139.00	\$135.00	\$130.00
Daily	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Part-day	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Hourly	4.00	3.88	3.50	4.00



DEFINITIONS



Group Family Day Care Homes (GFDC)

- Provider care for 7 to 12 children at a time in a residence; may add up to 4 school age children
- May provide care for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years and operate for more than 3 hours per day
- The maximum allowable number of children will depend on how many infants are in care
- They are Licensed by OCFS
- The maximum child-to-adult ratios are:

Child's Age	Group Size	Ratio
0 - 2 years	4	2
2 - 5 years	12	6
5 - 12 years	2	2

COST

- The average cost of care for GFDC in Jefferson County is:

	Birth - 18 mo	18 mo - 2 yrs	3 yrs - 5 yrs	6 yrs - 12 yrs
Weekly	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
Daily	33.00	31.00	30.00	30.00
Part-day	22.00	21.00	20.00	20.00
Hourly	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00

Day Care Centers (DCC)

- Provide care for more than 6 children at a time in a facility that is not a personal residence

May provide care for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years and operate more than 3 hours per day

They are Licensed by OCFS

The maximum child-to-adult ratios are as follows:

Child's Age	Group Size	Ratio (# of children per caregiver)
0-6 weeks	6	3
6 weeks - 18 months	8	4
18 months - 36 months	12	5
3 years	18	7
4 years	21	8
5 years	24	9
6 - 9 years	20	10
10 - 12 years	30	15

Cost

The average cost of care for Centers in Jefferson and Lewis Counties is as follows:

	Birth – 18 mo	18 mo – 2 yrs	3 yrs – 5 yrs	6 yrs – 12 yrs
Weekly	\$180.00	\$171.00	\$160.00	\$150.00
Daily	40.00	37.00	34.00	31.00
Part-day	27.00	25.00	23.00	21.00
Hourly	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.23

DEFINITIONS

School Age Child Care Programs (SACC)

- Provide care for more than 6 children from kindergarten through age 12 during the school year before and/or after regular school hours
- Care may be provided during school vacations and holidays
- If they are open more than 3 hours per day, they are Registered by OCFS
- The maximum child-to-adult ratio are as follows:

Child's Age	Group Size	Ratio (# of children per caregiver)
K – 9 years	20	10
10 – 12 years	30	15

COST

- The average cost of care for SACC programs in Jefferson and Lewis Counties is as follows:

	6 yrs – 12 yrs
Weekly	\$150.00
Daily	31.00
Part-day	21.00
Hourly	6.25



Nursery School/Preschool Programs

- * Serve children ages 2-5 years of age in a variety of settings
- * Class may meet anywhere between 1-5 days per week for less than 3 hours per class and follow the school year calendar
- * No regulatory oversight
- * May volunteer to be Licensed by OCFS

Legally Exempt/Informal Day Care

- * Provide care for up to 2 non-related children and/or 6 relatives
- * Provider's own children do not count in the total number of children allowed
- * Limited inspections and requirements
- * Provider is hired by the child's parents

EXPECTED DEMAND FOR CHILD CARE

DEMOGRAPHICS OF CHILDREN
Source: 2010 Census Population

Age of Children	Number of Children	
	Jefferson	Lewis
Under 1	2035	384
1	2008	352
2	1980	328
3 and 4	3612	712
5	1607	347
6	1656	362
7 to 9	4641	1096
10 and 11	3056	723
12 and 13	2969	768
Total children 0-13	23564	5072

DEMOGRAPHICS

Jefferson and Lewis County *

Population by gender within the 2 county report area is shown in Table 2. According to ACS 2008-2012 5 year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 49.1% of the report area, while the male population represented 50.9%.

Age	0 to 4		5 to 17		18 to 64		Over 64	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Jefferson County	4,913	4,677	9,970	9,825	39,480	35,013	5,158	7,460
Lewis County	912	841	2,434	2,424	8,408	7,890	1,710	2,265
Report Area	5,825	5,518	12,404	12,249	47,888	42,903	6,868	9,725
New York	593,298	566,465	1,614,332	1,542,825	6,088,717	6,351,854	972,410	1,545,106

Population change within the 2 county area from 2000-2012 is shown below. During the twelve-year period, total population estimates for the report area grew by 3.89%, increasing from 138,682 persons in 2000 to 144,073 persons in 2012. The greatest growth occurred in Jefferson County, New York, which experienced a 4.72% increase in population, whereas Lewis County, New York, experienced a 0.44% change. The major impetus for growth when much of NY is losing population is the activity of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, which is located in the northeastern section of the County (107,265 acres).

Geographic Area	Census 2000 Population	ACS 2008-2012 Population	Population Change	% Change
Jefferson County, New York	111,738	117,011	5,273	4.72
Lewis County, New York	26,944	27,062	118	0.44
Report Area	138,682	144,073	5,391	3.89
New York	18,976,457	19,398,124	421,667	2.22

*Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Census 2010. Release Date: February 2011](#) and [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013](#). The 2012 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2008 through 2012.



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