Empowering Communities Through Iowa Child Care Data

Every state needs better information to know how many child care slots are open, what's the current supply, and how many kids need care. Iowa is ahead of the game. By equipping state and local authorities, as well as private sector leaders, with tools that provide data-informed insights, communities can gauge the accessibility of child care services for parents wanting to enter or remain in the workforce. These new dashboards are designed to empower local and state leaders and policymakers to work collaboratively in identifying child care needs and potential solutions.

Current Vacancies



Number of vacancies by age or program type by city or county



Percentage providers reporting timely vacancy data



Trends in vacancies and reporting over time

Supply and Demand



Available child care supply relative to potential supply



Gaps between child care supply and demand





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Features

- Near Real-Time Data: Access up-to-date information on the number of available child care slots and current supply.
- Customizable Filters: Tailor the data to your needs by filtering for age group, program type, city, and county.
- Regional Analysis: Evaluate child care availability and demand by selecting multiple counties and cities within a region.
- Program-Specific Information: Find data on the number of child care slots available in programs participating in the Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K[®]) program and those accepting children on the Child Care Assistance Program.
- Trend Analysis: View historical data to identify trends in child care vacancies, supply, and demand, aiding strategic planning.







