



Data Walk: Cowley County CHILDCARE

What This Measures:

Childcare cost burden by household and the number of childcare slots available for each child.



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There are 31-40 children under the age of 3 for each childcare opening in Cowley County.

Source: Childcare Aware of Kansas, 2021 Child Care Supply Demand Report

11.9%

Family households with one child under the age of 3 spent **\$7,245 on average** each year on childcare, which is 11.9 percent of the median household income.



Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2016-2020 5-Year Estimates Table S1901.

The *Healthy People 2030* national health target is to increase the proportion of young children who participate in high quality early childhood education programs.

Childcare is a **major household expense** for families with young children. Access to affordable and high-quality childcare is essential for parents to be able to provide sufficient income for their family while ensuring all of their children's social and educational needs are met. **Affordable childcare** in a community also **strengthens the economy** with a larger labor force and stronger tax base. There are 1,065 (62 percent) children under age 6 with working parents in Cowley County who are without childcare options.

(Source: Kansas Health Matters)



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