



Data Walk: Shawnee County CHILD CARE



What This Measures:

Child care cost burden by household and the number of child care slots available for each child.



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There are 5,587 (55.9 percent) children under age 6 with working parents in Shawnee County who are without child care options.

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

17.0%

Family households with one child under age 3, spent **\$10,189 on average** each year on child care, which is 17.0 percent of the median household income (\$59,848.00).

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There are up to 10 children under age 3 per one child care opening in Shawnee County .

Source: Child Care Aware of Kansas, 2023 Child Care Supply Demand Report.



Source: Child Care Aware of Kansas, Shawnee County Point-In-Time Child Care Data, Generated on 9/8/2023 and U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table DP03.

Why this is important: Child care is a **major household expense** for families with young children. Access to affordable and high-quality child care is essential for parents to be able to provide sufficient income for their family while ensuring their children's social and educational needs are met. **Affordable child care** in a community also **strengthens the economy** with a larger labor force and stronger tax base. *Healthy People 2030 has identified child care as a high-priority public health issue and is developing a specific target.*

(Source: Kansas Health Matters.)

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