

Missouri provides child care assistance to low-income families, as well as for children who are receiving protective services. Low-income Missourians are eligible for childcare assistance on a sliding fee scale if their income is below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) - or \$28,180 for a single mother with two children.

**Over 63,296 children received child care through this program in FY2017.**

**To Receive Assistance, Parents Must Be:**

- Working or searching for a job
- Attending school or job training
- Disabled
- Homeless, or
- Receiving child welfare services from the Children’s Division

**Estimated Out-of-Pocket Expenses for Child Care, With Assistance**

Based on a single, working mother with two children

Monthly Income	Daily per child fee	Estimated monthly cost to family for full time care <sup>1</sup>
\$0 - \$674		\$1.00 per year
\$675 - \$808	\$0.50	\$20
\$809 - \$943	\$0.75	\$30
\$944 - \$1,078	\$1.00	\$40
\$1,079 - \$1,212	\$2.00	\$80
\$1,213 - \$1,347	\$3.00	\$120
\$1,348 - \$1,482	\$4.00	\$160
\$1,483 - \$2,318	\$5.00	\$200

In FY2018, Missouri will receive nearly \$37.9 million in federal TANF funding and an additional \$103 million in other federal funding, including the Child Care Development Fund Block Grant. The federal funds maximize the ability of MO to invest in child care for working families and make up more than 77% of total funding to support Missouri’s child care assistance program in the current year.

Source: April 2016 Traditional Child Care Eligibility Income Guidelines and Sliding Fee Chart. <https://dss.mo.gov/cd/child-care/files/child-care-income-guidelines.pdf>

**Annual Income Limits for Child Care Assistance in Missouri**

Families are eligible if they meet other criteria & earn less than 138% FPL

2017 Income Eligibility			
1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person
\$16,643	\$22,411	\$28,180	\$33,948

<sup>1</sup> Calculation assumes 20 days of care for two children

## Total Children Receiving Childcare Assistance by County: FY 2017

<b>Missouri</b>	<b>63,926</b>	<b>Greene</b>	2,843	<b>Pemiscot</b>	252
Adair	139	Grundy	61	Perry	132
Andrew	16	Harrison	10	Pettis	369
Atchison	15	Henry	181	Phelps	291
Audrain	123	Hickory	21	Pike	135
Barry	106	Holt	0	Platte	412
Barton	65	Howard	62	Polk	214
Bates	46	Howell	348	Pulaski	176
Benton	65	Iron	27	Putnam	22
Bollinger	50	Jackson	10,111	Ralls	21
Boone	1,860	Jasper	969	Randolph	274
Buchanan	715	Jefferson	1,935	Ray	22
Butler	539	Johnson	335	Reynolds	7
Caldwell	34	Knox	32	Ripley	102
Callaway	327	Laclede	267	Saline	51
Camden	256	Lafayette	185	Schuyler	2
Cape Girardeau	590	Lawrence	161	Scotland	10
Carroll	15	Lewis	18	Scott	690
Carter	16	Lincoln	219	Shannon	3
Cass	799	Linn	15	Shelby	27
Cedar	73	Livingston	54	St. Charles	2,109
Chariton	16	Macon	89	St. Clair	7
Christian	560	Madison	207	St. Francois	582
Clark	36	Maries	7	St. Louis City	10,702
Clay	1,332	Marion	229	St. Louis County	15,535
Clinton	106	McDonald	45	Ste. Genevieve	110
Cole	1,149	Mercer	0	Stoddard	254
Cooper	141	Miller	120	Stone	99
Crawford	107	Mississippi	101	Sullivan	4
Dade	1	Moniteau	98	Taney	213
Dallas	70	Monroe	52	Texas	98
Daviess	22	Montgomery	27	Vernon	70
DeKalb	36	Morgan	57	Warren	31
Dent	88	New Madrid	193	Washington	232
Douglas	53	Newton	300	Wayne	80
Dunklin	341	Nodaway	25	Webster	134
Franklin	817	Oregon	52	Worth	0
Gasconade	76	Osage	71	Wright	84
Gentry	37	Ozark	6		

Source: Missouri Department of Social Services unduplicated households and children receiving child care subsidy payments in state FY 2017