

Quality care helps children thrive.

See the latest numbers related to child care in Kansas.



The most important priority of licensed child care providers in Kansas is to ensure the little ones entrusted to them are safe. Many providers care for medically fragile children who need support with acute and chronic illness, trauma, or disability.

CATEGORY	CHILDREN IN CARE <i>December 2021</i>	SERIOUS INJURY <i>State fiscal year 2021</i>	DEATH IN CHILD CARE <i>State fiscal year 2021</i>	SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE <i>Federal fiscal year 2021</i>
Licensed Child Care Center Capacity				
School Age Program, Child Care Center, Head Start Child Care Center, Preschool, School Age Drop-In Program (includes all school age types under school age program)	123,038	29	0	11
DCF subsidy children	6,479	25	0	1
Licensed Child Care Home Capacity				
Group Day Care Home, Licensed Day Care home	43,719	21	1	5
DCF subsidy children	4,089	10	0	1
License-exempt Center				
Child Care Center	Currently No Centers	n/a	n/a	n/a

Serious injury

An injury to a child that requires treatment by a health care professional.

Death in child care

Any injury or illness which results in the death of a child in care.

Substantiated child abuse

Defined as when a reasonable person weighing the facts and circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions meet the abuse and/or neglect definition per applicable K.S.A. and K.A.R. and criterion for a substantiated case finding is met.

