Two-thirds of licensed child care programs in Ohio have a publicly funded child care (PFCC) agreement

Licensed Child Care Programs in Ohio, August 2026*			
Program Type	**# of Programs**	**# with PFCC Agreement**	**% with PFCC Agreement**
In-Home Aide**	13	13	100%
Child Care Center	4,226	3,116	74%
School-Age Care	229	45	20%
School-Based Preschool	1,428	300	21%
Type A Family Child Care Home	325	310	95%
Type B Family Child Care Home	1,544	1,504	97%
Day Camp or Approved Day Camp	239	30	13%
Total	**8,004**	**5,318**	**66%**

*According to the Department of Children and Youth's (DCY) Search for Early Care and Education Programs as of 8/27/2026.
**These individuals are certified.
Source: Ohio Department of Children and Youth

- To provide PFCC services to eligible families, child care programs must complete a PFCC agreement and be licensed or certified. Approximately 66% of Ohio's licensed programs have a PFCC agreement.
- Child care programs defined:
  - In-home aides provide care for children in the child's home, but do not live with the child.
  - Child care centers serve seven or more children at one time.
  - School-age and school-based programs are operated by school districts, community and eligible nonpublic schools, and county boards of developmental disabilities.
  - Type A homes care for eight to 14 children in the provider's home (the number changes to between four to 14 children if four of those children are under age two – though an additional adult may be required to be present under certain conditions).
  - Type B homes care for one to seven children in the provider's home.
  - Day camps are for school-age children and operate when school is out for less than seven hours a day and at least half of that time is outside.
- In FY 2025, the total number of children served by all licensed or certified programs was over 383,000. Almost 153,000 children (40%) served qualified for PFCC.
- Families are initially eligible for PFCC if their income is 145% FPL or below. Once enrolled, families can continue to receive PFCC until income reaches 300% FPL.