

Need for Child Care and its Economic Impact in Grant County

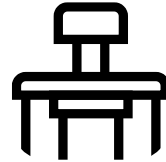
Families in Grant County Need **Access** to Child Care



4,464 young children (ages 0 to 5) **live in Grant County.**



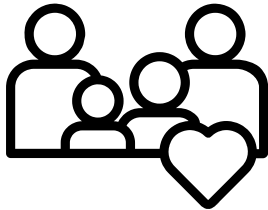
3 in 4 (73%) of **Grant County children under 6 need care** because all parents work.



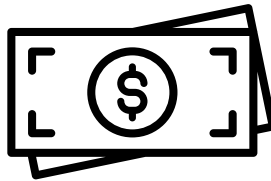
1,696 **new** child care seats are needed to **serve young children in need of care.**

Grant County has a higher rate of children in need of care because all parents in the home are working compared to the state of Indiana (68%).

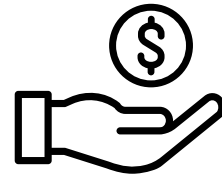
Families in Grant County Need **Affordable** Child Care



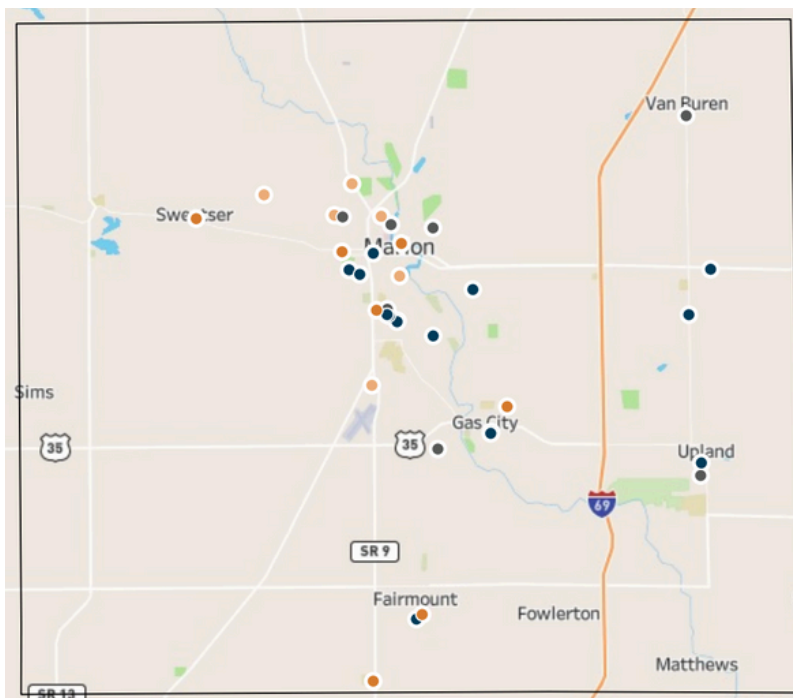
Families in Grant County earn a **median income of \$55,448.**



Families **spend on average \$6,135 annually** on child care in Grant County.



Families earning the median spend **11% of their income** on child care per year.



Grant County Child Care Programs in Grant County: 35

- ✓ 9 programs offer care before 6 am
- ✓ 11 programs offer care after 6 pm
- ✓ 3 programs offer overnight care

Lack of Child Care Impacts Grant County **Employers**

Grant County employees are losing an estimated **\$17.4 million** annually because of direct costs of absences and turnover due to lack of child care.

(U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation)

Economists have found that high-quality early child care offers one of the highest returns of any public investment - **at least \$4 for every dollar spent.**

(Indiana University)

“One of the strongest factors associated with higher quality of life in small towns is spending on public schools, with public school quality and the **availability of early childhood education** being two of the most important factors for working parents.”

(Brookings Institution)

Survey says...

- Half of the surveyed Grant County parents agreed that child care impacts their ability to **be on time** at work.
- 73% of employers stated that child care impacts their **employees' productivity.**

“Without adequate, affordable, and safe child care, I am unable to perform my job to the highest level. I am constantly interrupted and sometimes have to attempt to work one-handed. This has led to higher anxiety and stress related to my job.”

-Surveyed Grant County parent or guardian

Call to Action

Goal 1: Strengthen the Child Care Coalition

Goal 2: Increase Employer Engagement

Goal 3: Enhance High Quality, Innovative, and Accessible Child Care Options



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