



POLICY SNAPSHOT
Change in Child Care Programs and the Impact of Child Care Counts

Net Gain or Loss of Child Care Programs All Counties in Wisconsin 2013-2024													
Year	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	24-Dec
Programs	6507	6079	5709	5428	5167	4918	4704	4580	4558	4582	4556	4592	4601
Change		-428	-370	-281	-261	-249	-214	-124	-22	24	-26	36	9
Before Child Care Counts								During Child Care Counts					

Net Gain or Loss of Child Care Programs in Wisconsin Except Milwaukee County 2013-2024													
Year	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	24-Dec
Programs	4992	4648	4349	4102	3880	3661	3459	3302	3199	3091	2993	2959	2909
Change		-344	-299	-247	-222	-219	-202	-157	-103	-108	-98	-34	-50
Before Child Care Counts								After Child Care Counts					

Net Gain or Loss of Child Care Programs in Milwaukee County 2013-2024													
Year	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	24-Dec
Programs	1515	1431	1360	1326	1287	1257	1245	1278	1359	1491	1563	1633	1692
Change		-84	-71	-34	-39	-30	-12	33	81	132	72	70	59
Before Child Care Counts								During Child Care Counts					

This table shows the number of regulated child care programs in Wisconsin from January 2013 through December 2024. Along the row titled *Change*, it shows the difference in the number of programs from one year to the next. This data show that the number of child care programs has been in decline for more than a decade. The Child Care Counts (CCC) Program was created in 2020 in response to pandemic-prompted revenue and employment challenges. Importantly, the rate of decline slowed in the state, and Milwaukee County started to gain new programs, during the period when CCC payments to child care programs were administered, according to state data.

Data were retrieved from Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Wisconsin Regulated Child Care Provider Trends Over Time, which is available at: <https://weca.info/3ExrUAq>