

**States Ranked by Percentage of  
Children, ages 0-5, using  
Center-Based Child Care, 2003.**

<b>State</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Percent</b>
South Dakota	1	49
North Dakota	2	44
Delaware	3	41
Vermont	3	41
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>
Alabama	4	40
Tennessee	5	38
Rhode Island	5	38
Maine	6	37
South Carolina	6	37
Nebraska	6	37
Louisiana	7	36
Florida	7	36
Iowa	7	36
Virginia	7	36
Arkansas	8	35
Connecticut	8	35
Missouri	8	35
North Carolina	8	35
Maryland	9	34
Minnesota	9	34
New Jersey	10	33
Kansas	10	33
Georgia	10	33
Montana	11	32
Wyoming	11	32
New Hampshire	11	32
Massachusetts	12	31
Washington	12	31
Wisconsin	12	31
Oklahoma	13	30
Idaho	14	29
Hawaii	14	29
Indiana	15	28
Pennsylvania	15	28
Texas	16	27
New York	16	27
Ohio	16	27
Oregon	17	26
Kentucky	17	26
Michigan	18	25
California	18	25
Colorado	18	25
New Mexico	18	25
Alaska	19	24
Illinois	19	24
West Virginia	20	23
Arizona	21	20
Nevada	22	19
Utah	23	15
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>30</b>

SOURCE: Child Trends analysis of National Survey of Children's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau, 2003.

NOTE: Categories for child care are not mutually exclusive. Percentages sum to more than 100 because some children use multiple care arrangements.

**States Raked by Percentage of  
Children, ages 3-5, using  
Nursery School, Preschool or Kindergarten, 2003.**

<b>State</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Connecticut	1	74
New Jersey	2	71
Delaware	3	67
New York	3	67
New Hampshire	4	66
Massachussetts	5	65
Maryland	6	64
Georgia	6	64
Illinois	7	63
Rhode Island	7	63
Hawaii	7	63
Kansas	7	63
Nebraska	8	62
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>
Virginia	9	61
Alabama	9	61
Pennsylvania	9	61
Florida	10	60
Louisiana	10	60
North Carolina	11	59
South Carolina	11	59
Washington	11	59
Oklahoma	12	58
Kentucky	12	58
Arkansas	12	58
Wyoming	13	57
Colorado	13	57
Vermont	13	57
Missouri	13	57
Minnesota	13	57
Ohio	13	57
Wisconsin	13	57
Indiana	14	56
Maine	15	55
Tennessee	15	55
Michigan	15	55
Idaho	16	54
California	16	54
Arizona	16	54
Iowa	17	53
Oregon	18	52
Utah	18	52
South Dakota	19	49
Montana	19	49
New Mexico	19	49
Texas	20	48
North Dakota	21	47
Alaska	21	47
West Virginia	22	46
Nevada	23	40
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>58</b>

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**States Ranked by Percentage of  
Children, ages 0-5, using  
Family-Based Child Care, 2003.**

<b>State</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Percent</b>
South Dakota	1	47
North Dakota	2	41
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>
Nebraska	4	38
Iowa	5	37
Louisiana	6	35
Maine	7	34
Alabama	7	34
Rhode Island	8	33
Minnesota	9	32
Tennessee	9	32
Vermont	9	32
South Carolina	9	32
Missouri	10	31
Wisconsin	10	31
Arkansas	10	31
New Mexico	10	31
Delaware	11	30
Kansas	11	30
Wyoming	11	30
Virginia	11	30
Montana	11	30
Ohio	11	30
Oklahoma	12	29
North Carolina	12	29
Indiana	12	29
Alaska	12	29
Maryland	12	29
Oregon	13	28
Florida	13	28
Idaho	14	27
Kentucky	14	27
Pennsylvania	14	27
Hawaii	14	27
West Virginia	14	27
Georgia	14	27
California	14	27
Texas	15	26
New Jersey	16	25
New Hampshire	16	25
Colorado	16	25
Michigan	16	25
Connecticut	17	24
Illinois	18	23
New York	19	23
Arizona	19	23
Washington	19	23
Massachusetts	20	22
Nevada	20	22
Utah	21	18
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>27</b>

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**States Ranked by Percentage of  
Children, ages 0-5, using  
Head Start or Early Start, 2003.**

State	Rank	Percent
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>
Louisiana	2	16
South Carolina	3	14
Georgia	3	14
Missouri	4	13
South Dakota	4	13
New York	4	13
New Mexico	4	13
Alabama	4	13
Rhode Island	5	12
Arkansas	5	12
Maine	6	11
Virginia	6	11
Minnesota	6	11
Florida	6	11
New Jersey	6	11
Michigan	6	11
Delaware	6	11
Kentucky	6	11
West Virginia	6	11
Ohio	7	10
Wyoming	7	10
Pennsylvania	7	10
Hawaii	7	10
Illinois	7	10
Connecticut	7	10
Oklahoma	7	10
Wisconsin	8	9
Kansas	8	9
Massachussetts	8	9
Montana	8	9
North Dakota	8	9
Texas	8	9
Alaska	8	9
Tennessee	8	9
Vermont	9	8
North Carolina	9	8
Maryland	9	8
California	9	8
Utah	10	7
Arizona	10	7
Washington	10	7
Idaho	10	7
Colorado	10	7
New Hampshire	11	6
Nebraska	11	6
Indiana	12	5
Oregon	12	5
Iowa	12	5
Nevada	12	5
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>10</b>

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services  
Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau, 2003.

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some children use multiple care arrangements.

**States Ranked by Percentage of  
Children, ages 0-5, using  
In-Home by Nanny or Relative Care, 2003.**

<b>State</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Louisiana	1	29
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>
New York	3	26
South Carolina	3	26
Pennsylvania	3	26
Hawaii	4	25
California	5	24
Oklahoma	5	24
Maryland	5	24
Oregon	5	24
New Jersey	5	24
Montana	5	24
Michigan	6	23
New Mexico	6	23
Alaska	6	23
Ohio	6	23
Delaware	6	23
Georgia	6	23
Massachussetts	7	22
Florida	7	22
Nevada	7	22
Texas	7	22
Connecticut	7	22
Tennessee	7	22
Arkansas	7	22
Iowa	7	22
South Dakota	7	22
Kentucky	7	22
Maine	8	21
Rhode Island	8	21
Washington	9	20
Minnesota	9	20
Illinois	9	20
North Dakota	9	20
Kansas	9	20
Vermont	9	20
New Hampshire	9	20
Virginia	9	20
North Carolina	9	20
Indiana	9	20
West Virginia	10	19
Colorado	10	19
Nebraska	10	19
Alabama	11	18
Arizona	11	18
Wyoming	11	18
Wisconsin	11	18
Idaho	11	18
Missouri	11	18
Utah	12	14
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>22</b>

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**States Ranked by Percentage of  
Children, ages 0-5, using  
No Nonparental Care, 2003.**

<b>State</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Utah	1	50
Nevada	2	48
Arizona	3	42
Colorado	4	41
West Virginia	4	41
Texas	5	40
Idaho	5	40
New Mexico	6	39
Michigan	6	39
Alaska	6	39
Illinois	7	38
Oregon	7	38
Washington	7	38
Indiana	8	37
Wyoming	8	37
Kentucky	8	37
Montana	8	37
Hawaii	9	36
California	9	36
Pennsylvania	9	36
Massachusetts	9	36
New Hampshire	10	35
Kansas	10	35
Missouri	10	35
North Carolina	11	34
Georgia	11	34
Arkansas	11	34
Ohio	12	33
Oklahoma	12	33
Iowa	12	33
Florida	13	32
Nebraska	13	32
Alabama	13	32
Tennessee	13	32
New Jersey	13	32
Vermont	14	31
Minnesota	14	31
Maine	14	31
Maryland	14	31
New York	14	31
Wisconsin	15	30
Virginia	15	30
South Carolina	15	30
Rhode Island	15	30
Delaware	15	30
Connecticut	15	30
North Dakota	16	28
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>
South Dakota	18	25
Louisiana	19	22
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>35</b>

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