

Indicator & Source

% of Licensed Childcare Capacity with an Accreditation (Licensing: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; Accreditation: Workforce Solutions Alamo)

Indicator Notes

This indicator includes all non-military child care center and home facilities licensed by the Child Care Licensing (CCL) division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). To be accredited, a child care center must hold one or more accreditations recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission. The recognized accrediting bodies are: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA), National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Program, Association of Christian Schools International, National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), Council of Accreditation (formerly the National After School Association), and AdvancED Quality Early Learning Schools (QELS).

Evidence & Source

Participation in high-quality early childhood care and education programs can have positive effects on children’s cognitive, language, and social development, particularly among children at risk for poor outcomes. Quality is an important element of programs that have had strong impacts. High-quality programs do not just meet the basic needs of children, but also provide opportunities for meaningful learning activities and language development, and work to foster close, caring relationships between children and their teachers/caregivers. (Child Trends Databank, 2016)

For more information see: <http://www.childtrends.org/?indicators=early-childhood-program-enrollment>

OVERALL TREND: Bexar County, 2015-2016 Quarterly Monthly Average

	2015				2016*			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
# of Licensed Facilities	536				575			
Licensed Capacity	61,504				61,372			
# of Accredited Facilities	151	151	154	131	125	134	137	141
Accredited Capacity	17,593	17,682	17,892	15,780	15,467	15,436	16,910	18,093
% of Facilities Accredited	28.2%	28.2%	28.7%	24.4%	21.7%	23.3%	23.8%	24.5%
% Accredited Capacity	28.6%	28.7%	29.1%	25.7%	25.2%	25.2%	27.6%	29.5%

Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2010-2015. Workforce Solutions Alamo, 2016. *2016 number of licensed facilities and licensed capacity are estimated as the number of facilities and capacity as December 2016. These data are included as an estimate until DFPS’s official 2016 data are released in 2017. Note: December 2015 and January 2016 accreditation data are known to be incomplete. The facilities accredited by TRS when rule changes were made in September 2015 were grandfathered through February 2016.

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