Child Care Development Fund Rate Change Analysis

Sources and Methodology

The value of a Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) voucher varies by age of the child, geography, the type of provider offering services and the quality level of that provider under Indiana's Paths to QUALITY rating system. To estimate the impact of recent changes to the CCDF system, Early Learning Indiana (ELI) created a model that reflects the average rates based on the supply of care available in a given community. **This model is intended for planning purposes only and is not representative of the actual loss of revenue by county, which will vary based on the actual mix of vouchers in use.**

SOURCES

- Subsidy rates (old): County-level information available at time of publication. Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. (https://web.archive.org/web/20250831002421/https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/provider-reimbursements/)
- Subsidy rates (new): Tables available via Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. (https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/files/6399-Indiana-3-Region-Classification_v3.pdf)
- Subsidy count (July 2025 and July 2024): Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. (https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/Indianas-Child-Care-Dashboards/child-care-subsidy-dashboard/)
- CCDF-eligible providers and capacity by provider type and PTQ level: Report shared directly from the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning to Early Learning Indiana on Sept. 4, 2025. Variations of this data are available at https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/family-resources/forms/child-care-provider-listings/.
- CCDF-eligible children under age 6: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. "Age of Own Children Under 18 Years in Families and Subfamilies by Living Arrangements by Employment Status of Parents." American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B23008, (accessed Sept., 16, 2025). (https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2023.B23008?q=B23008&g=040XX00US18$0500000)

- CCDF-eligible children ages 6–12: Calculated from Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: County Comparisons, 2023. (https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/asp/comparison_display.asp?display_type=counts&export_file=&printer_friendly=&selState=18&col_var=v01&submit=SHOW+TABLE&v0134=v0134&selLowerYear=1&selUpperYear=1&v057=v057&v0510=v0510&v0513=v0513&v058=v058&v0511=v0511&v059=v059&v0512=v0512&selLowerAge=7&selUpperAge=13)

- Federal poverty levels: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. "Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months." American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table C17002, accessed Sept. 16, 2025). (https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2023.C17002?q=c17002&g=040XX00US18$0500000)

METHODOLOGY

Specifically, ELI calculated weighted average rates, for both old and new CCDF rate schedules, at the county and state levels. Weighted averages are based on the number of active providers within the county at each provider type and PTQ level, so that rates not currently utilized by any existing provider are not factored into the average. Using these weighted averages, ELI then calculated the difference between old and new rates, in both dollars and percent change.

Because rate categorizations for local education authorities (LEAs) changed for certain age groups, ELI has excluded the LEA provider type from these calculations and findings.

Revenue changes were calculated based on two underlying assumptions. First, revenue has changed at the county level based on the number of active vouchers changing between July 2024 and July 2025 (the most recently available voucher date). Second, the average value of each currently active voucher has changed based on the updated reimbursement rate schedule. Both of these revenue changes are included in this dashboard at the weekly level.