Licensing Data Show the Decrease in Numbers of Licensed Family Child Care Providers

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Data and Definitions
Child Care Licensing Studies

- Studies were partnerships between the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (ECQA Center) and the National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA).
Definitions of Licensed Child Care Homes

◆ Family child care home (FCCH)
  ▪ One individual who provides child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child, as the sole caregiver, in a private residence other than the child’s residence, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)’ work.

◆ Group child care home (GCCH)
  ▪ Two or more individuals who provide child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child, in a private residence other than the child’s residence, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)’ work.

Source: ECQA Center, 2015a, 2015b
States Licensing: FCCHs and GCCHs

License FCCHs: 44 states
- 7 states do not license FCCHs
  - Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, Ohio, and South Dakota (most of these states license GCCH providers)
- 3 states do not have mandatory licensing requirements for either FCCHs or GCCHs providers
  - Louisiana, New Jersey, and South Dakota

License GCCHs: 38 states
- 13 states do not license GCCHs
  - Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, New Jersey, South Dakota, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin (most of these license FCCH providers)

Source: ECQA Center, 2020a, 2020b
Number of Licensed Facilities
Trends in Number of Facilities

- The numbers of child care centers and group child care homes have increased since 2005.
- There has been a large drop in the number of licensed family child care homes—52 percent.
- The total number of licensed facilities has decreased by 27 percent.

Source: ECQA, 2020c
Number of Licensed Facilities, 2005–2017

Source: ECQA, 2020c
Number of Licensed Homes, 2005–2017

Family child care homes decreased by 52 percent.

Source: ECQA, 2020c
Licensed Capacity
Trends in Licensed Capacity

- Licensed capacity is the number of licensed slots.
- Licensed capacity in centers is 87 percent of the total.
- Capacity has increased by 7 percent overall; there has been a large increase in center capacity.
- Capacity has decreased in family child care homes by 40 percent.

Source: ECQA, 2020c
# Licensed Capacity 2005–2017

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<th>Licensed Capacity</th>
<th>2005</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<td>Child care centers</td>
<td>7,440,000</td>
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<td>Family child care homes</td>
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<td>Total licensed capacity</td>
<td>9,340,000</td>
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Source: ECQA Center, 2020c
Addressing the Decreasing Number of Family Child Care Providers in the U.S.

- Publication by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance
Trends in Child Care Licensing for 2017

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