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Do I Qualify?

Is Child Care Subsidy an Option for My Family?

To qualify for the child care subsidy program, a family needs to meet both the situational and financial criteria.

Situational Criteria

You may be eligible to receive child care assistance if one or more of the following situations apply to your family:

- You are working or are attempting to find work through the Work First Family Assistance Program
- You are in school or in a job training program
- Your child is receiving child protective services
- Your child needs care to support child welfare services or if your family is experiencing a crisis
- Your child has developmental needs

Financial Criteria

Most families, including those receiving Work First Family Assistance (<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/work-first-cash-assistance>), are required to pay a percentage of their child care costs based upon their family size and gross monthly income. The percentage is 10%, if applicable. Families exempt from parent fees for the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program include those involved with Child Protective Services (CPS), Child Welfare Services (CWS), and Foster Care (FC). These exemptions ensure that vulnerable populations can access vital child care services without financial burden, supporting the well-being and stability of children in these challenging situations.

Using the table below, you can determine whether you may meet the financial criteria to receive child care subsidy. If you meet the financial criteria, you can estimate your child care subsidy costs.

Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program

Federal Poverty Level, State Median Income, & Parental Fees

Effective July 01, 2024

	133% Federal Poverty Level Used at initial application All children ages 6-12, No children with special needs	200% Federal Poverty Level Used at initial application All children ages 0-5, and All children with special needs	85% State Median Income Used when a family has an increase in income while receiving subsidized child care assistance. All children ages 0-12 During your certification period if your income increases above the 85% SMI limit for your family size, please report the increase to your child care worker.
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Family Size	133% FPL Monthly Income Limit	Parental Fee 10%	200% FPL Monthly Income Limit	Parental Fee 10%	85% SMI Monthly Income Limit	Parental Fee 10%
1	\$0-\$417.25	\$0-\$42	\$0-\$627.50	\$0-\$63	\$0-\$882.75	\$0-\$88
	\$418.25-\$835.50	\$42-\$84	\$628.50-\$1,256.00	\$63-\$126	\$883.75-\$1,766.50	\$88-\$177
	\$836.50-\$1,253.75	\$84-\$125	\$1,257.00-\$1,884.50	\$126-\$188	\$1,767.50-\$2,650.25	\$177-\$265
	\$1,254.75-\$1,669.00	\$125-\$167	\$1,885.00-\$2,510.00	\$189-\$251	\$2,651.25-\$3,531.00	\$265-\$353
2	\$0-\$566.25	\$0-\$57	\$0-\$851.75	\$0-\$85	\$0-\$1,154.25	\$0-\$115
	\$567.25-\$1,133.50	\$57-\$133	\$852.75-\$1,704.50	\$85-\$170	\$1,155.25-\$2,309.50	\$116-\$231
	\$1,134.50-\$1,700.75	\$133-\$170	\$1,705.50-\$2,557.25	\$171-\$256	\$2,310.50-\$3,464.75	\$231-\$346
	\$1,701.50-\$2,265.00	\$170-\$227	\$2,558.25-\$3,407.00	\$256-\$340	\$3,465.75-\$4,617.00	\$347-\$462
3	\$0-\$715.50	\$0-\$72	\$0-\$1,075.75	\$0-\$108	\$0-\$1,425.75	\$0-\$143
	\$716.50-\$1,432.00	\$72-\$143	\$1,076.75-\$2,152.50	\$108-\$215	\$1,426.75-\$2,852.50	\$143-\$285
	\$1,433.00-\$2,148.50	\$143-\$215	\$2,153.50-\$3,229.00	\$215-\$323	\$2,853.50-\$4,279.25	\$285-\$428
	\$2,149.50-\$2,862.00	\$215-\$286	\$3,230.00-\$4,303.00	\$323-\$430	\$4,280.25-\$5,703.00	\$428-\$570
4	\$0-\$864.50	\$0-\$86	\$0-\$1,300.00	\$0-\$130	\$0-\$1,697.50	\$0-\$170
	\$865.50-\$1,730.00	\$87-\$173	\$1,301.00-\$2,601.00	\$130-\$260	\$1,698.50-\$3,396.00	\$170-\$340
	\$1,731.00-\$2,595.50	\$173-\$260	\$2,602.00-\$3,902.00	\$260-\$290	\$3,397.00-\$5,094.50	\$340-\$509
	\$2,596.50-\$3,458.00	\$260-\$346	\$3,903.00-\$5,200.00	\$390-\$520	\$5,095.50-\$6,790.00	\$510-\$679

Family Size	133% FPL Monthly Income Limit	Parental Fee 10%	200% FPL Monthly Income Limit	Parental Fee 10%	85% SMI Monthly Income Limit	Parental Fee 10%
5	\$0 - \$1,013.50	\$0-\$102	\$0 - \$1,524.25	\$0-152	\$0 - \$1,969.00	\$0-\$197.
	\$1,014.50 - \$2,027.00	\$102-\$203	\$1,525.25 - \$3,048.50	\$152-\$305	\$1,970.00 - \$3,938.00	\$197-\$394
	\$2,028.00 - \$3,040.50	\$203-304	\$3,049.50 - \$4,572.75	\$305-\$457	\$3,939.00 - \$5,907.00	\$394-\$591
	\$3,041.50 - \$4,054	\$304-\$405	\$4,573.75 - \$6,097	\$457-\$610	\$5,908.00 - \$7,876	\$591-\$788
6	\$0 - \$1,162.75	\$0- \$116	\$0 - \$1,748.25	\$0-\$175	\$0 - \$2,240.50	\$0-\$224
	\$1,162.76 - \$2,325.50	\$116- \$233	\$1,748.26 - \$3,496.50	\$175-\$350	\$2,240.51 - \$4,481.00	\$224-\$448
	\$2,325.51 - \$3,488.25	\$233-\$349	\$3,496.51 - \$5,244.75	\$350-\$524	\$4,481.01 - \$6,721.50	\$448-\$672
	\$3,488.26 - \$4,651	\$349-\$465	\$5,244.76 - \$6,993.00	\$524-\$699	\$6,721.51 - \$8,962	\$672-\$896
7	\$0 - \$1,311.75	\$0-\$131	\$0 - \$1,972.50	\$0-\$197	\$0 - \$2,291.50	\$0-\$229
	\$1,311.76 - \$2,623.50	\$131-\$262	\$1,972.51 - \$3,945.00	\$197-\$395	\$2,291.51 - \$4,583.00	\$229-\$458
	\$2,623.51 - \$3,935.25	\$262-\$394	\$3,945.01 - \$5,917.50	\$395-\$591	\$4,583.01 - \$6,874.50	\$458-688
	\$3,935.26 - \$5,247.00	\$394-\$525	\$5,917.51 -\$7,890	\$591-\$789	\$6,874.51 - \$9,166	\$688-\$917
8	\$0 - \$1,460.75	\$0-\$146	\$0 - \$2,196.75	\$0-\$220	\$0 - \$2,342.50	\$0-\$234
	\$1,460.76 - \$2,921.50	\$146-\$292	\$2,196.76 - \$4,393.50	\$220-\$439	\$2,342.51 - \$4,685.00	\$234-\$469
	\$2,921.51 - \$4,382.25	\$292-\$438	\$4,393.51 - \$6,590.25	\$439-\$659	\$4,685.01 - \$7,027.50	\$469-\$703
	\$4,382.26 -\$5,843	\$438-\$584	\$6,590.26 - \$8,787	\$659-\$879	\$7,027.51 - \$9,370	\$703-\$937
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9	\$0-\$1609.75	\$0-\$161	\$0-\$2420.75	\$0-\$242	\$0-\$2393.25	\$0-\$239
	\$1610.75-\$3220.50	\$161-\$322	\$2421.75-\$4842.50	\$242-\$484	\$2394.25-\$4787.50	\$239-\$479
	\$3221.50-\$4831.25	\$322-\$483	\$4843.50-\$7264.25	\$484-\$726	\$4788.50-\$7181.75	\$479-\$718
	\$4832.25-\$6,439	\$483-\$644	\$7265.25-\$9,683	\$727-\$968	\$7182.75-\$9,573	\$718-\$957
10	\$0-\$1759	\$0-\$176	\$0-\$2645	\$0-\$265	\$0-\$2444.25	\$0-\$244
	\$1760-\$3519	\$176-\$352	\$2646-\$5291	\$265-\$529	\$2445.25-\$4889.50	\$245-\$489
	\$3520-\$5279	\$352-\$528	\$5292-\$7937	\$529-\$794	\$4890.50-\$7334.75	\$489-\$733
	\$5280-\$7,036	\$528-\$704	\$7938-\$10,580	\$794-\$1058	\$7335.75-\$9,777	\$734-\$978
11	\$0-\$1908	\$0-\$191	\$0-\$2869.25	\$0-\$287	\$0-\$2495.25	\$0-\$250
	\$1909-\$3817	\$191-\$381	\$2870.25-\$5739.50	\$287-\$574	\$2496.25-\$4991.50	\$250-\$499
	\$3818-\$5726	\$382-\$573	\$5740.50-\$8609.75	\$574-\$861	\$4992.50-\$7487.75	\$499-\$749
	\$2727-\$7,632	\$273-\$763	\$8610.75-\$11,477	\$861-\$1148	\$7488.75-\$9,981	\$749-\$998
12	\$0-\$2057	\$0-\$206	\$0-\$3093.25	\$0-\$309	\$0-\$2546	\$0-\$255
	\$2058-\$4115	\$206-\$412	\$3094.25-\$6187.50	\$309-\$619	\$2547-\$5093	\$255-\$509
	\$4116-\$6173	\$412-\$617	\$6188.50-\$9281.75	\$619-\$928	\$5094-\$7640	\$509-\$764
	\$6174-\$8,228	\$617-\$823	\$9282.75-\$12,373	\$928-\$1237	\$7641-\$10,184	\$764-\$1018

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