IECAM now offers information related to early care and education accreditation.

These data are available for FY2009.

To view the accreditation data on the tabular search page:
http://iecam.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/search.asp

1. Select year **2009**
2. Select your desired region (e.g., county) and instance of the region (e.g., Champaign)
3. Select **Child Care Program Accreditations** among the Early Childhood Service Type variables
4. Click the **Submit** button

![Tabular Search Page](http://iecam.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/search.asp)

To view the accreditation data on the GIS Map page:

1. Select year **2009**
2. Select option for **Search Early Childhood Services & Demographics**
3. Select your desired region (e.g., county) and instance of the region (e.g., Champaign) under the Geographic Area tab
4. Select **Child Care Program Accreditations** under the Service Type tab
5. Click the **Submit** button

![GIS Map Page](http://ecap-iecam.ad.uiuc.edu/iecam_Yr2010/default.aspx)

In either case, you will see a table that lists the number of licensed and license-exempt centers that have one or multiple accreditations, and the number of licensed homes that have one accreditation.

For more detailed information on individual accrediting agencies:

1. Go to the **Child Care Program Accreditations FY2009** page:
   http://iecam.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/definitions/ChildCare/CCA-FY2009-definitions.html
2. Scroll down to the section entitled “Number of Centers or Homes with One Accreditation or Multiple Accreditations”
3. Go to the first “Note”
4. Click on the link to the Excel file, **Child Care Accreditation by Organization and Region**.


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Check out the tables that summarize data availability on IECAM!

1. Once you are on the Home Page [../../index.html], click on Search Options.
2. All tables are linked from the Search Options [../../search-options.html] page, section on "Find What Data Are Available on IECAM"

Click on “Description” (http://iecam.illinois.edu/search-options.html#data_available)

Table 1. IECAM Data. Availability of data types by year (PDF)

This table lists what data types (early care and education services; demographics) are available on IECAM, and what years are available for those data types.

Table 2. IECAM Data. Data types displayed by year (PDF)

When you select a year while searching for data on IECAM, the search results for each data type display the most recent year’s data up to the selected year. This may not be the same as the year you selected. (For example, you might select the year 2010, but the most recent data on population might be for 2006.) This table indicates what data year is available when you select a display year for a given data type.

Table 3. IECAM Data. Data available by geographic region (PDF)

This table tells you what geographic regions are available for each data type on IECAM.
Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)  
http://iecam.illinois.edu

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IECAM demographers have recently completed new estimates for the demographic data that appear on IECAM. The new estimates are for years 2006, 2007, and 2008. IECAM users can now be more accurate in comparing, for example, FY2008 PFA capacity with 2008 child population numbers. (http://iecam.illinois.edu)

IECAM estimates are based on several Census Bureau sources (following the Census Bureau’s release of its own annual estimates). Details can be found on the demographic methodology page on IECAM (http://iecam.illinois.edu/data/methodology/). New estimates for 2009 demographics data will be available in early 2011.

The new estimates include:
- data on population
- children living in families at various percents of the federal poverty level
- linguistic isolation
- children in working families

The new estimates apply to various geographic regions, including counties, townships, municipalities, and legislative districts (state senate, state house, and federal).

<table>
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<th>Counties (sort)</th>
<th>total number of persons (sort)</th>
<th>number of children under 1 year (sort)</th>
<th>number of children 1 year (sort)</th>
<th>number of children 2 years (sort)</th>
<th>number of children 3 years (sort)</th>
<th>number of children 4 years (sort)</th>
<th>number of children 5 years and under (sort)</th>
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<td>Champaign</td>
<td>103,636</td>
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<td>2,378</td>
<td>2,469</td>
<td>2,316</td>
<td>2,212</td>
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We are now offering an alternative route to creating a Standard Report!

- Begin on the Search Options Page
- Choose “Separate Standard Reports page”

- Or you can go straight to the page: [http://iecam.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/searchsr.asp](http://iecam.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/searchsr.asp)

- For detailed directions on creating a Standard Report, access the text instruction page. Video instructions will be available in the near future.

- When you see the following screen, click on “Create Standard Report”

- Go from there to get a Standard Report for your chosen geographic region

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IECAM now has available Child Care data for FY2010:

- Licensed child care centers
- License-exempt child care centers
- Licensed family child care homes
- Child care program accreditation

To search these data, go to the IECAM tables-only search page:
http://iecam.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/iecam/search.asp


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Applying for FY2012 PFA funds

If you are applying for FY2012 PFA funds, create a standard report to assist in developing your statement of need for your proposal.

You can create your own Standard Report for specific geographic regions [../../help/tabular/std-rpt/index.html].

1. Select: Response to PFA Request for Proposals
2. Select a geographic region (e.g., county)
3. Select an instance of the region (e.g., Carroll County)
4. Click Submit to find data relevant to your proposal
5. This standard report provides the following data:
   - Population (2008 estimates) Number of children 3 and 4 years
   - 100% Federal Poverty Level (2008 estimates) number of children 3 and 4 years
   - 185% Federal Poverty Level (2008 estimates) number of children 3 and 4 years
   - 400% Federal Poverty Level (2008 estimates) number of children 3 and 4 years (available by county and township only)
   - Number of households speaking Spanish at home that are linguistically isolated
   - Number of households speaking other non-English languages at home that are linguistically isolated
   - ISBE PreK/PFA (FY2010) proposed capacity
   - Head Start (FY2010) funded enrollment

Your Statement of Need

The standard report also includes updated links to resources that can help you in writing your Statement of Need for the proposal.

For more detailed instruction on creating Standard Reports, see the Standard Report instruction page [../../help/tabular/std-rpt/].

What Other Information Sources Will I Need to Consult?

In addition to the information that IECAM provides, you will need information from other sources to complete these sections of your proposal. Your local public library can be helpful to you and may be able to suggest sources specific to your community. Your local or nearby Head Start program conducts a community needs assessment for its Head Start grant proposal every three years and updates it annually, and may also have additional information that you can use. Keep in mind that Illinois does not want to lose federal Head Start dollars and that PFA proposals can benefit by demonstrating awareness of and collaboration—not competition—with nearby Head Start programs.

The Web sources listed below will provide you with much of the information required in the RFP on a variety of topics:

1. Education levels of parents
   - U.S. Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts (Illinois)
   - http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17000.html

This page provides data on demographic variables related to population, race, education, housing, etc. One of the sections...
Preparation Estimates for IECAM

IECAM demographers employ data from three sources from the U.S. Census Bureau in preparing estimates for IECAM:

- Population Estimates Program (in cooperation with the National Center for Health Statistics)
- American Community Survey
- 2000 decennial census

Each source has some drawbacks, and each method used to estimate the indicators relies on assumptions. However, IECAM demographers calculate what they feel are the most accurate estimates given the available data.

Yearly Releases of Demographic Data

The estimates are revised each year based on the updates made by the U.S. Census Bureau to the original numbers. The revision made by IECAM follows the standard practice used by the U.S. Census Bureau. Each year’s release is slightly more accurate than the previous year.

In 2007, IECAM demographers prepared estimates of data for 2005. This is known as the 2007 release. In 2010, they updated the 2005 estimates, as well as estimating for the first time the data for 2006, 2007, and 2008. This is known as the 2010 release.

These estimates are revised annually. The latest year in each year’s release is the year that is 2 years prior to the release year. For example, the 2011 release will provide revised estimates through 2009. This is due to the time required by the Census Bureau to prepare their estimates.

Data Archive

The estimates for all years from the latest release are available in IECAM’s publicly searchable database. Data from previous releases can be downloaded in Excel files from the IECAM Demographic Data Archive.

To find out more about the sources of data, their strengths, and their drawbacks, visit http://iecam.illinois.edu/data/methodology/
We want to be as responsive as we can to IECAM users. To that end, we are asking that you take 2 minutes to complete our User Survey [https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3423151].

Click on the following link to go directly to the survey:
https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3423151

OR

Go to our home page [../../index.html] and click on the User Survey link on the right-hand side of the page.


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Data on demographic projections for 2011 are available in the data archive section of the IECAM Web site. Note that these are projections (rather than a count or an estimate) because the Census Bureau has not yet released any data for 2011.

To view these data, go to the Demographic Data Archive page: http://iecam.illinois.edu/data/methodology/