

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County is in the southern part of Illinois, with a population of 13,269. Clay County is home to people identifying themselves as non-Hispanic White (96.2%), Black (0.5%), and Hispanic/Latino (1.5%). According to the U.S. Census, 16% of residents live at or below the federal poverty level (FPL), compared with the state rate of 13%. The median household income is \$45,984, compared with the state rate of \$59,196.



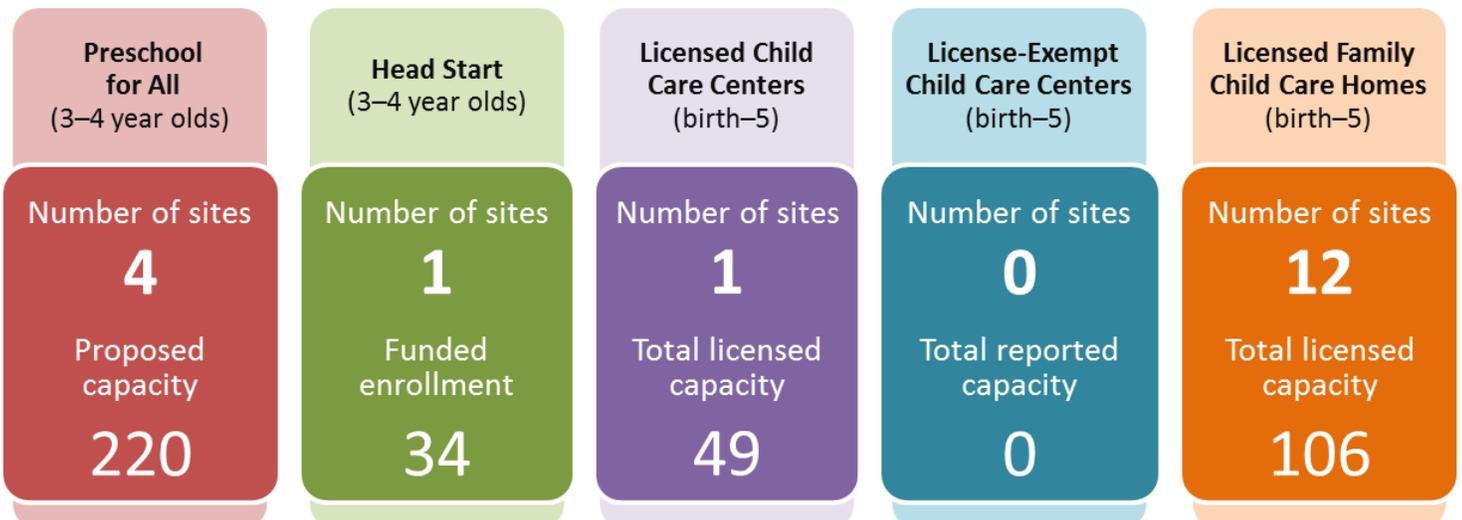
For this resource, IECAM used the U.S. Census Bureau's QuickFacts, which compiles demographic statistics based on various data programs (e.g., Population Estimates Program, American Community Survey 5-year estimates). The data presented above was retrieved in July 2018 from www.census.gov/quickfacts.

Children under age 5 are just over 6% of the population of Clay County. Early care and education in the county are provided by Head Start, Preschool for All (PFA), and child care settings (licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, and license-exempt child care centers or homes).

The Illinois Early Intervention Program (funded by IDHS) provides services in the home to children with disabilities, birth to age 3. Preschoolers with special needs (ages 3–5) may be served in PFA sites, Head Start programs, child care settings, early childhood special education classrooms, or the home.



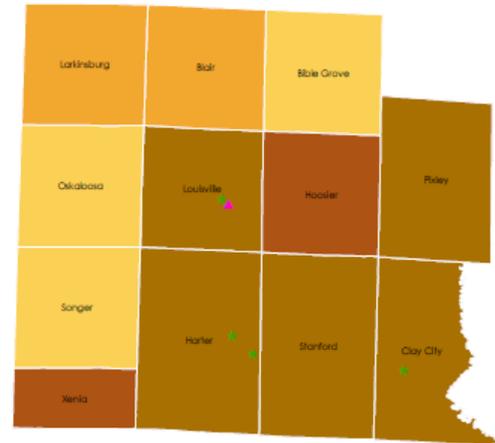
IECAM Early Childhood Data: FY2018



Publicly Funded Preschool in Clay County

According to population estimates reported on IECAM (2015 census estimates), **55.68%** of 3- and 4-year-old children in Clay County are living in families at or below 185% FPL (first PFA priority level).

The map (top right) shows the distribution of **publicly funded preschool** sites in Clay County (divided into townships). The color ramp (in the legend) indicates the percentage of 3- and 4-year-old children who live in households with an income at or below 185% FPL. Note that those townships in the darker shades of brown reveal a higher percentage of poverty. The map highlights the importance of locating PFA and Head Start sites in areas of highest need.

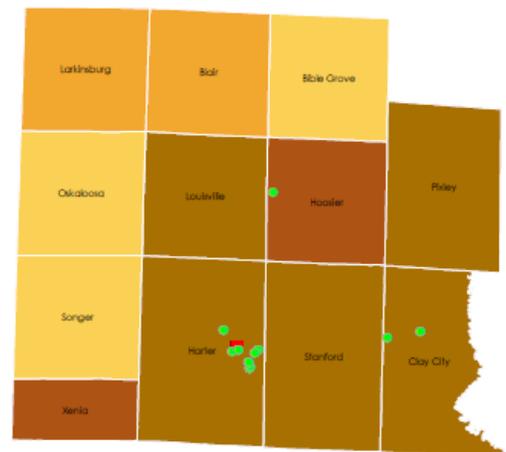


Percent of 3 and 4 year-old children living in families at or below 185%



Child Care in Clay County

The map (bottom right) shows the distribution of **child care settings** superimposed on the county (divided into townships). Note that the red squares indicate licensed child care centers, the blue triangles license-exempt child care centers, and the green dots family child care homes. Although child care centers serve children who live above 185% FPL, many children from low-income families are cared for in child care settings all over the county.



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