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Estimated Service-Connected Children in Arkansas

Statewide planning snapshot Ages 0–4

≈33,800
projected service-connected children ages 0–4

≈582,000
estimated service-connected people & families statewide

18.7%
of Arkansas residents are estimated to be service-connected



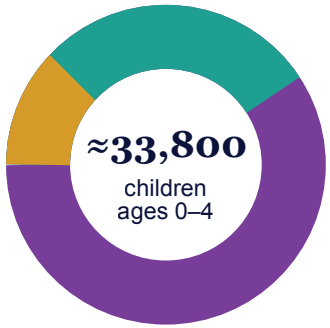
ILLUSTRATIVE AGE MIX

Approximate number of service-connected children by age band, using an Arkansas birth-cohort proxy.

Infants	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4
(0–11 months)	(12–23 months)	(24–35 months)	(36–47 months)	(48–59 months)
~6,750	~6,725	~6,750	~6,860	~6,725

Approximate planning estimates for ages 0–4

WHERE THESE CHILDREN ARE PROJECTED TO COME FROM



- **Veteran-connected children** ~23,360
- **First responder-connected children** ~8,050
- **Military-connected children** ~2,350

WHY THIS MATTERS | 10% PARTICIPATION SCENARIO

2,798
funded childcare placements
10% of the tailored 27,976-child base estimate

839
new or expanded spaces
30% assumed to require new provider capacity

226
additional educator FTEs
Estimated staffing for new capacity using age ratios

$38.3M
gross annual provider cost
Age-rate midpoints before family contributions

ANNUAL QUALITY-CARE COST | PLANNING RANGES PER CHILD

Infants
$15,000–$18,000
0–11 months

Age 1
$13,500–$16,000
12–23 months

Ages 2–3
$11,500–$14,000
24–47 months

Ages 4–5
$10,500–$13,000
48–71 months

Planning estimates, not verified childcare demand or approved reimbursement rates. ≈33,800 above is a general-age proxy (0–4); capacity and funding scenarios use a separate tailored 27,976-child model. $38.3M uses age-rate midpoints; employer/family shares are included.

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