

Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

March 2009

Caseload

- 2,832 children were served this month in this program
- 1,977 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 1.0% of the families entered the program during this period
- Cumberland County accounted for 15.5% of all families served

Children

- 93.6% of children were served in licensed care
- 3.7% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 135 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 32.7% of all children served

Families

- 85.9% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 95.6% of families had copayments, at an average of 7.0% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.5
- 74.7% of families were headed by a single parent

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$456 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 21.5% of the cost and the program paid 78.5%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$546
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$295
- 78.9% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Cumberland County at \$574 per child
- Piscataquis County ranks first in relative care statewide with 43.8% of all children cared for by relatives.
- Sagadahoc County had the highest percentage of families receiving assistance because of employment, with 95.9%.