

Availability of Early Care and Education

Number of Providers by Program Type

As of April 2005 there were a total of **1,241** active licensed and regulated early care and education programs including licensed child care facilities, licensed family child care homes, religious exempt facilities, Head Start sites, school age facilities and non-public/public school based sites. Updated information as of 9/1/05 reflected number of active providers in Pinellas to be **1,213**.

Comparison of Number of Child Care Sites by Program Type						
	Home*	Child Care Facility	School-Age Only	Non-Public/Public School Sites	Head Start	Total Sites
9/01/2005	788	274	117	19	15	1,213
4/12/2005	814	274	114	22	17	1,241
2003	899	270	115	16	18	1,318

*Includes regular and large family child care homes.

An analysis of the data indicates the following changes in the number of child care programs in Pinellas County between 2003 and 2005.

- Family Child Care Homes **decreased** by **111** sites.
- Child Care Facilities **increased** by **4** sites.
- School Age **increased** by **2** sites.
- Non-Public School programs **increased** by **3** sites.
- Head Start **decreased** by **3** sites.
- In Pinellas County, the overall number of child care sites has **decreased** by **105** sites

Comparison of Capacity by Provider Type

Comparison of Licensed Capacity** by Type of Care						
	Home*	Child Care Facilities	School-Age Only	Non-Public/Public School Sites	Head Start	Total Capacity
2003	4,458	21,381	15,947	634	1,614	44,034
4/12/2005	4,210	21,304	16,340	680	1,609	44,143
9/1/2005	4,090	21,341	16,480	680	1,504	44,095

*Includes regular and large family child care homes.

** Licensed Capacity –Maximum number of slots allowed by the PCLB.

A review of this comparison table of Licensed Capacity indicates the following changes in capacity within Pinellas County over the past two years:

- FCCCH licensed capacity **decreased** by **368**.
- Child Care Facilities capacity **decreased** by **40**.
- School Age capacity **increased** by **533**.
- Non-Public/Public School Programs total capacity **increased** by **46**.
- Head Start Capacity **decreased** by **110**.
- Infant and toddler care is not available at the one child care site located in zip code area **33716**.
- Zip code area **33716** has no care for school age children.
- Areas **33712** and **33705** appear to have adequate child care slots for all age groups.
- Child care capacity for children age 2 through school age appears in adequate supply in areas **34683**, **34698**, **33755** and **33756**; however infant and toddler capacity is limited.
- The beach resort areas have limited child care capacity for all age groups

Turnover –Open/Close Site Statistics

	2004	8/2005
Opened Sites		
➤ Family Child Care Homes	131	71
➤ Child Care Facilities	34	16
➤ School – Age Programs	3	1
Closed Sites		
➤ Family Child Care Homes	149	113
➤ Child Care Facilities	28	54
➤ School-Age Programs	0	0

Comparison in Enrollment by Provider Type

Comparison of Enrollment by Type of Care						
Year	Home	Child Care Facilities	School-Age Only	Non-Public/Public School Programs	Head Start	Total
2003	2,887	18,139	11,244	713	1,241	34,257
4/12/2005	2,682	17,014	10,597	738	1,558	32,589
9/01/2005	2,784	17,825	10,625	708	1,385	33,327

From 2003 to 9/2005

- Enrollments **decreased** for FCCH by **3.5%**
- Child Care Facilities enrollments **decreased** by **1.7%**
- School-Age enrollments **decreased** by **5.5%**
- Total enrollments **decreased** by **2.7%**

Comparison in Vacancies by Provider Type

Comparison of Vacancy Rate by Type of Care						
	Home	Child Care Facilities	School-Age	Non-Public/Public School Sites	Head Start	Total
2003	1,314	3,057	3,992	87	14	8,464
4/12/2005	1,348	3,363	4,438	63	6	9,218
9/01/2005	1,083	2,826	4,264	64	2	8,239

- Vacancies have decreased 2.6% from 2003 to 2005.
- Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Facilities have fewer vacancies partially due enrollments of 4 year old children in the VPK program.
- Four year olds enrolling in VPK, who had never been enrolled in formal care previously, have increased the number of 4 year olds in care.
- Some 3 and 4 year olds are enrolled into school-aged programs, as Pinellas County Schools provide Pre-School programs to that age group for special needs children only. Therefore, the school-age site has made before and after care available to those age groups.