



INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES

The child care subsidy program helps DC families pay for the cost of child care. The program supports families with low and moderate incomes to access high-quality education and care in the District.

Eligibility for child care subsidy is based on an assessment of need, income and family size. Most DC families qualify for child care subsidies by meeting [income eligibility requirements](#) and demonstrating a need for child care while the child's parent(s) or primary caregiver(s) are at work or in school. The chart below identifies the maximum income for families, by size, for initial eligibility and annual redetermination.

FAMILY SIZE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME FOR INITIAL ELIGIBILITY <i>If your family does not currently receive child care subsidies, this is the maximum annual income you may have to qualify for the program.</i>	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME FOR REDETERMINATION <i>If your family receives child care subsidies you will be evaluated every 12 months to see if you are still eligible to participate. This is the maximum annual income you may have to continue to receive child care subsidies.</i>
2	\$59,160	\$86,768
3	\$74,580	\$106,898
4	\$90,000	\$129,000
5	\$105,420	\$147,588
6	\$120,840	\$169,176
7	\$136,260	\$172,596
8	\$151,680	\$176,960
9	\$167,100	\$178,240
10	\$182,520	\$182,520

Note: Initial eligibility is 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Redetermination is up to 85 percent of the DC Median Income. If your family's income exceeds 85 percent, you will no longer be eligible for child care subsidies. The complete sliding fee scale is [available here](#).

In addition to income-eligible working families, child care assistance is also available for:

- Families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and participate in education and training in accordance with their Individual Responsibility Plans;
- Teen parents seeking a high school degree or its equivalent;
- Families with a parent(s) or primary caregiver(s) attending school; and
- Families and children who meet other criteria may also qualify for child care subsidies (scan the QR code to learn more).

If you believe your family meets the criteria to participate in the child care subsidy program, submit an application [online](#) or [in person](#). Visit osse.dc.gov/subsidy for more information on child care subsidies or scan the QR code.

