

SANGAMON COUNTY

Sangamon County is located in the central part of Illinois, with a population of 197,465 (2010 U.S. Census). Sangamon County is home to persons identifying themselves as White (83.6%), Black (11.8%), or Hispanic/Latino (1.8%). According to the U.S. Census, 13.1% of residents live at or below the federal poverty level (FPL), compared to the state rate of 13.3%.

The county was formed in 1821 and named for the Sangamon River, which runs through it. The name of the river and the county comes from a Pottawatomie word *Sain-guee-mon* (pronounced *sang ga mun*) meaning “where there is plenty to eat.”

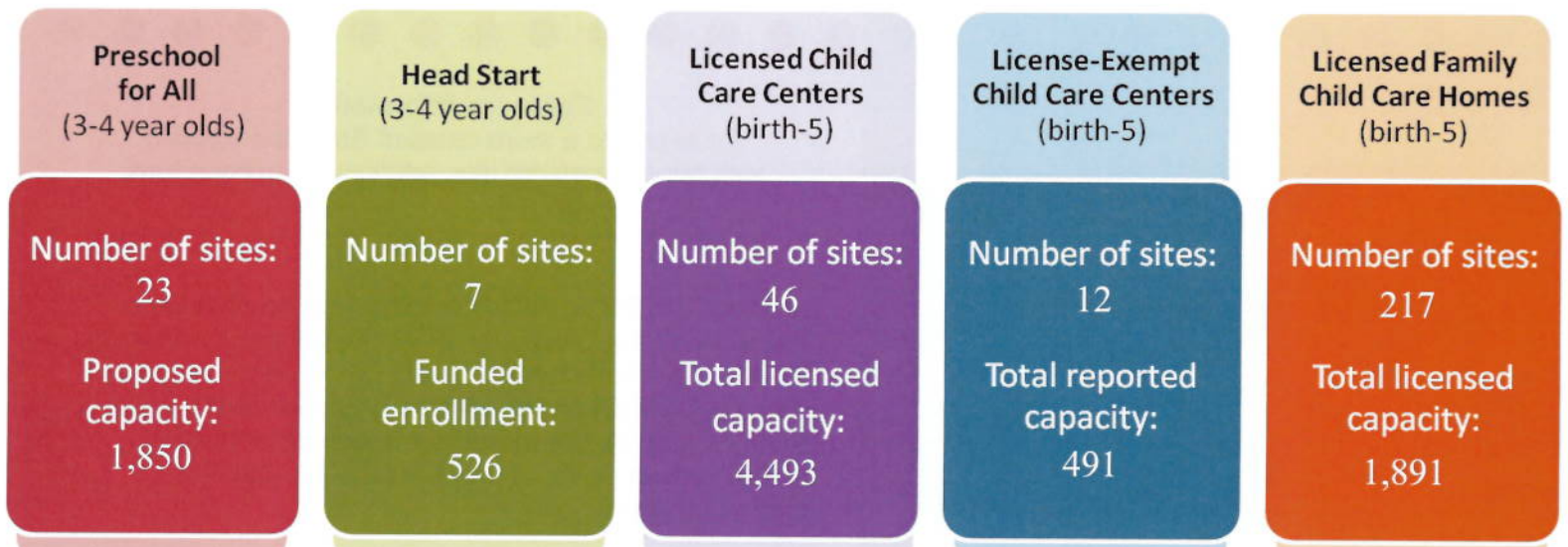


Children under the age of 5 years constitute approximately 7% of the population of Sangamon County. Early care and education in the county are provided by Head Start, Preschool for All (PFA), and child care settings (including licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, and license-exempt 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.



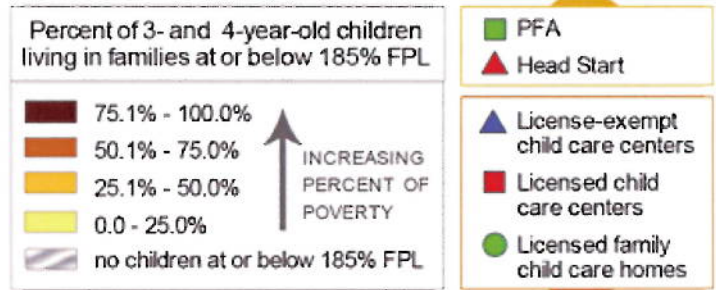
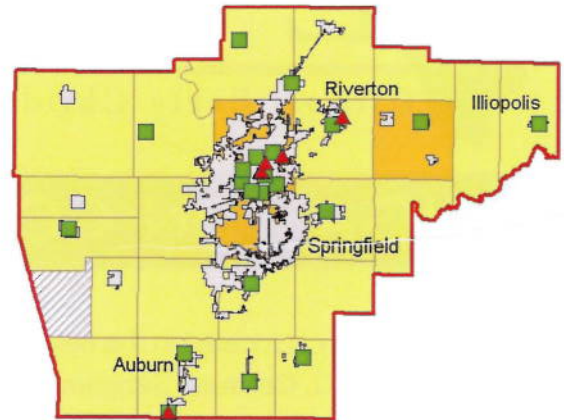
IECAM Early Childhood Data: FY2010



Publicly Funded Preschool in Sangamon County

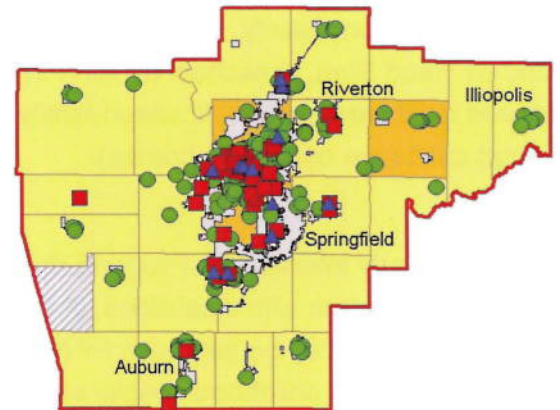
According to population estimates reported on IECAM (2008 census estimates), **27%** of 3- and 4-year-old children in Sangamon County are living in families at or below 185% FPL (first PFA priority level).

The map (top right) shows the distribution of **publicly funded preschool** sites in Sangamon 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.



Child Care in Sangamon 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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