



Codyington County  
South Dakota

# Codyington County Child Care Survey Results

The survey was initiated to gain a better insight as to the child care needs in Codyington County.  
Survey was open from October 13, 2022 through December 4, 2022.

**345 total respondents to the survey with 209 currently or have future needs for child care.**

## Types of Care Currently Utilizing

Answers	Responses	
Licensed Child Care Center	81	23.96%
Registered In-Home Child Care Center	53	15.68%
Unregistered In-Home Child Care Center	87	25.74%
Care by family or friend in own home	31	9.17%
Care by family or friend outside of home	26	7.69%
School or Community Out of School Time Program	59	17.46%

**73.68%** of respondents believe there is **not** a sufficient number of child care options in Codyington County.

## Types of Care Preferred

Answers	Responses	
Licensed Child Care Center	104	38.24%
Registered In-Home Child Care Center	81	29.78%
Unregistered In-Home Child Care Center	26	9.56%
Care by family or friend in own home	17	6.25%
Care by family or friend outside of home	12	4.41%
School or Community Out of School Time Program	29	10.66%

**46 respondents stated it took greater than 2 months to secure child care.**



"It is severely lacking- the wait list for most places can be 1+ year. I am lucky to have a very good center. But if something would happen and my daycare would close I would be forced to quit my job, I do not feel confident I would be able to find another option that I feel comfortable with"

**Survey Participant**

**1,962** children under the age of 6 in Codyington County

**84.7%** have parents in the labor force (compared to South Dakota average of 67.5%)

**= 1,662** children in Codyington County rely on child care

SOURCE: Kids Count South Dakota

"If we could find childcare, then my spouse could go back into the workforce. Unfortunately, due to the lack of affordable childcare, it is easier for us and more economical to just have one spouse stay at home."

**Survey Participant**

Join us for discussion and review on the  
**3rd Tuesday of the month**  
at the Codyington County Welfare Office.

