

Greater Lewistown Area Childcare Survey - 2021

Thank you for taking the childcare survey.

The purpose of this survey is get feedback on child care needs in Fergus, Judith Basin and Petroleum counties. All responses are confidential. At the end of the survey, click on the "Done" button to record your answers. You will also be taken to a page to enter a raffle for a free I-Pad!

1. Please answer the following questions.

What is the zip code for your place of residence.

What is the zip code for your place of work.

What is the nearest town where your child care provider is located.

2. Please indicate the number of people in your household in the following age groups.

	1	2	3	4 or more
0-1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2-4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5-8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9-12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13-17	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18-49	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
50+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Please check all statements that apply to your current employment status.

- Full-time employed
- Part-time employed
- Full - time student
- Part-time student
- Not employed - Looking for work
- Not employed - Stay at home parent
- Retired
- None of the above

What is the employment status of other adults in your household.

4. Indicate your total household income range. (The sum total income of all adult wage earners in household.)

- Under \$15,000
- Between \$15,000 and \$29,999
- Between \$30,000 and \$49,999
- Between \$50,000 and \$74,999
- Between \$75,000 and \$99,999
- Between \$100,000 and \$150,000
- Over \$150,000

5. Please check all boxes that describes your current situation or preferences

- I currently use child care services while I work, look for work or attend classes.
- I am actively looking for child care services so I can work or attend classes.
- I use child care but am not satisfied with the services and am seeking other options.
- I currently receive a "Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship"
- I am looking for back-up childcare in case of closures, holidays, ect.
- Not Applicable

How many days has your work been disrupted due to lack of childcare in the past year?

6. For children pre-kindergarten age please check all boxes that best describes your current childcare situation.

- Parent or guardian at home - No childcare
- Adult grandparent, family, friend, or neighbor (not a licensed provider)
- Other family member age 13-18
- Family daycare home (Licensed for up to 12 children)
- Child-care center - Infant, toddler, pre-kindergarten (Licensed for 13 or more children)
- Pre-school - (Age 3-5)
- Paid babysitter or nanny at my home
- Not applicable

Other (please specify)

7. For children in grades K-6th, please check all the boxes that best describes your current situation for afterschool care.

- Parent or guardian at home - no childcare
- Adult grandparent family, friend or neighbor (not licensed and not a parent or guardian)
- Other family member age 13-18
- Family daycare home (Licensed for up to 12 children)
- After school program (School, Boys & Girls Club or other organized program)
- Paid babysitter or nanny at my home
- Child at home with no supervision
- Not Applicable

Other (please specify)

8. For children in grades K to 6th, please check all the boxes that best describes your current situation for child care during summer or school holidays.

- At home with parent or guardian - No childcare
- Adult grandparent, family, friend or neighbor (not licensed)
- Other family member over age 13 -18
- Family daycare home (licensed for up to 12 children)
- After school program (School, Boys & Girl's Club or other organized program)
- Paid babysitter or nanny at my home
- Child at home with no supervision
- Not applicable
- Other (please specify)

9. In the next five-years, please check if you anticipate using any of the following types of childcare services. (Check all that apply)

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Before School
- After School
- Summer or holidays
- Infant care
- Toddler care
- Pre-School
- Drop-In Services
- Special Needs
- Childcare workers who can come to my home
- None of the above

10. Please check all boxes that describe your current situation.

- Lack of child care restricts my ability to seek work outside the home or attend classes.
- I have a need for daytime child care from Monday through Friday but have difficulty finding care.
- I have a need for child care on the weekends but have difficulty finding care.
- I have a need for child care before 7:00 am but have difficulty finding care.
- I have need for child care after 6:00 pm but have difficulty finding care.
- I cannot afford child care at my current wages (or wage that I earned at my last job.)
- I have difficulty finding child care for a child with special needs.
- I have difficulty finding infant care.
- I use multiple care options to accommodate children of different ages.
- I no longer have a need for pre-k childcare but did use such services within the last 5-years.
- My employer provides on-site child care.
- I have difficulty with transportation to child care services
- I have difficulty finding alternative care for my child when the current child care provider is closed.
- None of the above

11. Please check all that apply to you in relation to Covid-19

- I can no longer afford child care due to loss of income because of Covid-19.
- I have difficulty finding child care due to unpredictable hours because of Covid-19.
- I am concerned about health issues related to child care services due to Covid-19.
- Options for child care services have been reduced due to Covid-19.
- I had to make alternate childcare arrangements due to Covid-19.
- I had to take time off work due to child care closures related to Covid-19.
- I was using childcare prior to Covid-19 but no longer need it because I am working from home.
- I was using childcare prior to Covid-19 but no longer need it because I am unemployed.
- My employment status changed due to Covid -19.
- Covid-19 has not had any impact on my employment status or childcare needs.

12. Indicate the importance of each of the following items for childcare services. (Please answer if you have ever used childcare services or anticipate using in the future.)

	Not Important	Somewhat important	Important	Very Important	N/A - Don't Know
Reliable hours/days of operation (limited closures)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experience of childcare workers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of childcare facilities & play space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of activities/learning programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compliance with health and safety standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nutritional meals - snacks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clear rules and procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent involvement in operational decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flex-time at work to match child care provider hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employer subsidies to offset cost of childcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open a new childcare center to provide additional options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. How much do you pay for one child in full-time care? (Indicate if the rate is a daily, weekly or monthly rate.)

Infant - Age 0-1

Toddler - Age 2-4

School Age 5 or above

14. Please respond to the following questions regarding childcare costs. (You may enter a range for the questions about cost of care.)

How much do you pay for part-time or drop-in care? (Indicate if this is per hour or per day)

What would you expect to pay per day per child if a new childcare facility opened for pre-kindergarten?

What would you expect to pay per day per child if a new afterschool facility opened?

Indicate if there are other charges related to childcare, in addition to weekly/monthly tuition.

If you have more than one child enrolled in a facility, do you receive a discount?

15. What sources have you used to locate child care services. (Check all that apply)

- Newspaper
- Referral from family, friend, co-worker ...
- Dept. of Public Health and Human Services Web Site
- Community agency referral
- School
- Internet Search
- Employer
- Other (please specify)

16. Please enter any other comments/concerns you may have regarding child care or issues related to Covid-19.