

¹ Median earnings in the past 12 months for each county in SDA 12 from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates (Table S2001).

² If fewer than three responses were received, salary statistics were not reported.

³ N is the number of staff members for whom an hourly wage was reported.

⁴ **Educational Administrators, Preschool and Child Care Center/Programs** (SOC 11-9031) "Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic and nonacademic activities of preschool or child care centers or programs."

⁵ **Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education** (SOC 25-2012) "Teach elemental natural and social science, personal hygiene, music, and literature to children from 4 to 6-years old. Promote physical, mental, and social development. May be required to hold state certification."

⁶ **Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education** (SOC 25-2011) "Instruct children (normally up to 5 years of age) in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development facility."

⁷ **Child Care Worker** (SOC 39-9011) "Attend to children in schools, businesses, private households, and child care institutions. Perform a variety of tasks such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play."

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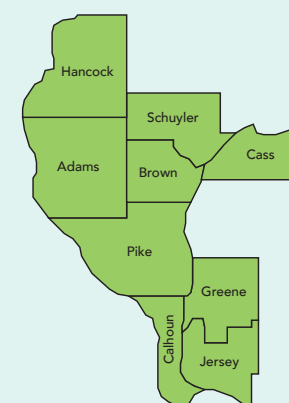


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CHILD CARE SALARY PROFILES



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Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Pike, & Schuyler Counties

MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE

Illinois Salary & Staffing Survey wages compared to American Community Survey wages

	FY 2025 Illinois Salary & Staffing Survey Child Care Occupations	2024 American Community Survey ¹ All Occupations
ADAMS	\$37,440	\$41,754
BROWN	\$35,651	\$42,922
CALHOUN	-	\$35,647
CASS	\$35,297	\$42,344
GREENE	\$36,400	\$37,744
HANCOCK	\$39,374	\$42,111
JERSEY	\$37,960	\$42,112
PIKE	\$41,454	\$39,718
SCHUYLER	\$38,480	\$37,266
SDA 12	\$37,440	\$40,179

CHILD CARE STAFF RECEIVING BENEFITS / 2025

Results were suppressed due to 5 or fewer responses.



The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) reported median yearly wages for 2024 for four early care and education occupations (Educational Administrators of Preschools/Child Care Programs⁴, Kindergarten Teachers⁵, Preschool Teachers⁶, and Child Care Workers⁷); in four of the nine counties in this report –Adams, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler.

Although the specific occupational definitions differed from IDES descriptions and the Illinois Salary & Staffing Survey descriptions, salaries were rather consistent with one another in that wages within IDES’s preschool teacher and child care worker categories and the Illinois Salary & Staffing Survey child care staff categories were within the same range; however, it should be noted that the IDES’s definition of child care worker includes a provider working in either a center or family child care home which is differentiated by the *Illinois Salary & Staffing Survey*.

KEY POINTS FROM THE ILLINOIS SALARY & STAFFING SURVEY OF LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES: FY 2025

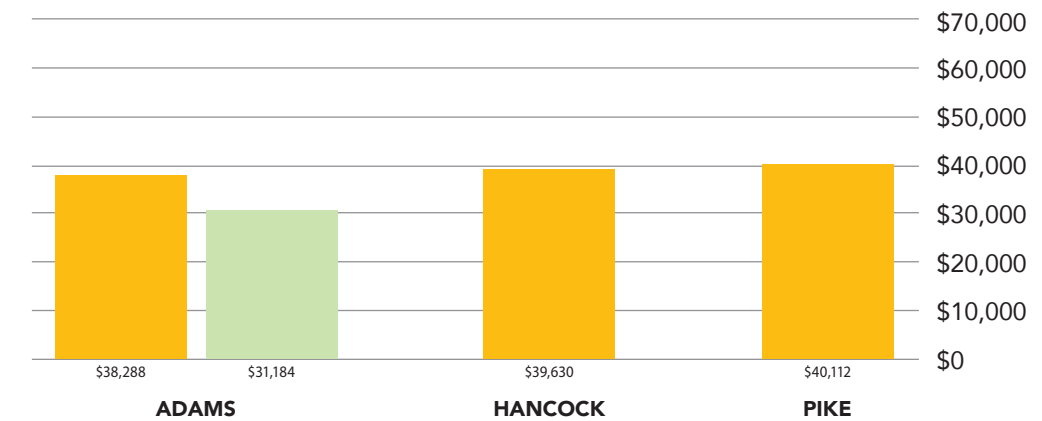
The median full-time, full-year salary of child care staff range from \$33,602 for assistant teachers to \$50,000 for administrative directors..

Teachers, 64.3% of whom have an associate’s degree or higher, have a median annual salary of approximately \$37,960.

A little over half (61.5%) of surveyed family child care practitioners net between \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually.

The median annual salaries of all child care providers in this report are below the median earnings of persons living and working in each county, excluding Pike and Schuyler.¹ While individuals serving in administrative capacities in child care centers are most likely to receive wages above the county’s median wage (\$50,000 for administrative directors), the majority of family child care providers (\$38,700) and child care center teachers (\$38,480) are earning below the median wage for employed persons in their county with child care center assistant teachers (\$33,602) earning the least.

MEDIAN YEARLY WAGES / 2024



Legend: Educational Administrator (teal), Kindergarten Teacher (orange), Preschool Teacher (yellow), Child Care Worker (light green)

Source: The Illinois Department of Employment Security, <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/wagedata/wage.htm>

MEDIAN CHILD CARE CENTER HOURLY WAGES BY POSITION / 2025

	Administrative Director		Director/Teacher		Teacher		Assistant Teacher		School-Age Worker		School-Age Assistant	
	Median ²	N ³	Median ²	N ³	Median ²	N ³	Median ²	N ³	Median ²	N ³	Median ²	N ³
ADAMS	\$24.04	5		1	\$18.48	126	\$15.92	101		-		1
BROWN	\$22.01	3		-	\$18.53	16	\$15.34	19		-		-
CALHOUN		-		-		-		-		-		-
CASS		1		-	\$16.49	4		-		-		-
GREENE		1		-	\$16.75	10		1		-		-
HANCOCK		2		2	\$18.93	9	\$17.00	7		1		-
JERSEY	\$40.00	4		-	\$18.25	21	\$17.00	9		2	\$15.00	4
PIKE		1		-	\$19.93	5	\$17.67	4		-		-
SCHUYLER		2		-	\$18.50	11	\$17.25	3		-		-
SDA 12	\$23.00	19	\$28.54	3	\$18.41	202	\$15.92	144	\$18.88	3	\$15.00	5

Source: Illinois Salary & Staffing Survey of Licensed, Child Care Facilities: FY 2025

MEDIAN YEARLY WAGES FOR NURSING ASSISTANTS / 2024 (IDES)

ADAMS COUNTY
\$37,145

PIKE COUNTY
\$43,603

SCHUYLER COUNTY
\$39,023

In Adams County, nursing assistants make more than child care workers.

Nursing assistants make more than preschool teachers in Pike County.