



# Child Care Needs in Iowa



# 236,256

## children under age 6 in Iowa

Data source: Woods and Poole Population Estimates for calendar year 2014



# 76%

## of households with children under age 6 in Iowa have all available parents in the labor force

*Iowa ranks #1 among the 50 states. The national average is 65%*

Data source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 - 2014 American Community Survey

## Children under the age of 6 are in child care settings an average of 36 hours each week



# 36 Hours

Data source: Laughlin, L. (April 2013). Who's Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements: Spring 2011. United States Census Bureau.

# 21%

## of a child's time in the first 2,000 days is spent in child care

