

**Capacity, Serious Injuries, Substantiated Instances of Child Abuse, and Child Fatalities by Child Care Type<sup>1</sup>**  
**FFY 2025**  
**October 01, 2024—September 30, 2025**

Program Type	Licensed Centers	Licensed Drop-In Centers	Licensed Family Homes	Licensed Group Homes	License-Exempt Authorized Child Care Professionals	Licensed-Exempt Boys & Girls Clubs	Licensed-Exempt TDOE Centers
Total Capacity <sup>2</sup>	185,081	564	1,177	3,468	0	3,141	42,774
Total Serious Injury Incidents <sup>3</sup>	902	2	2	7	0	0	47
Substantiated Instances of Child Abuse <sup>4</sup>	37	0	1	1	0	0	0
Child Fatalities <sup>5</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> This report has been posted to the website of the Tennessee Lead Agency for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS), as required at [45 CFR § 98.33\(a\)\(5\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> Licensed child care providers and license-exempt child care providers participating in the Child Care Payment Assistance/Certificate Program as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> Child care providers are required to report any incidents involving a child in its care, including on- and off-site activities, where treatment by a medical professional was necessary. Figures are self-reported by child care providers to TDHS and do not include instances where a medical professional examines a child but determines that either no injury occurred, or treatment was not necessary.

<sup>4</sup> During the reporting period, the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (TDCS) investigated and substantiated 42 allegations of child abuse, 39 at child care providers licensed by the Lead Agency and 3 at unlicensed child care providers determined to be operating illegally. Substantiated allegations of child abuse investigated by TDCS are subject to due process, and this report may be revised depending on the final outcome of these cases.

<sup>5</sup> During the reporting period, TDHS investigated two (2) child fatalities at unlicensed child care providers determined to be operating illegally.