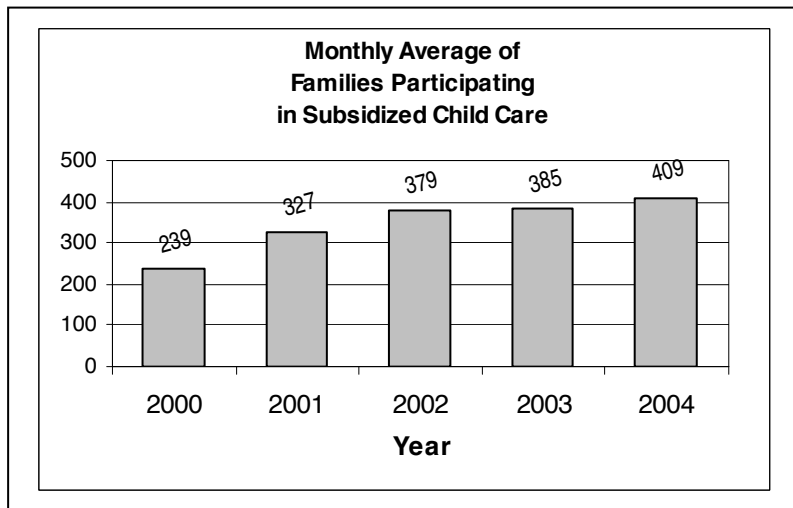


Wood County Participants in Subsidized Child Care



Key Facts

- In 2000, the average monthly number of Wood County families receiving the child care subsidy was 239. In 2004, the average monthly number of families was 409.
- The average State of Wisconsin share of child care costs per served family for June 2005 was \$739.84. The average family share of the child care cost was \$80.
- According to Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc., the average cost for full-time preschool child care in Wood County in March 2005 was \$110 per week.

Why is this Information Important?

Many low to moderate income families find it difficult to afford child care when working or furthering their education. A community with strong financial support for subsidized childcare enables parents to improve their financial situations, thus enhancing the quality of life for children and families.

Subsidized Child Care

Child care costs vary depending on the type of setting, age, number of children, and other factors. The Wisconsin Shares program enables low-income families to work, seek employment, or to attend educational and training programs by helping to finance child care expenses.

In 2000, 72% of children under the age of 6 had both parents in the workforce.

Sources: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc.; Wood County Department of Social Services; 2000 Census