

Child Care

Parking Standards



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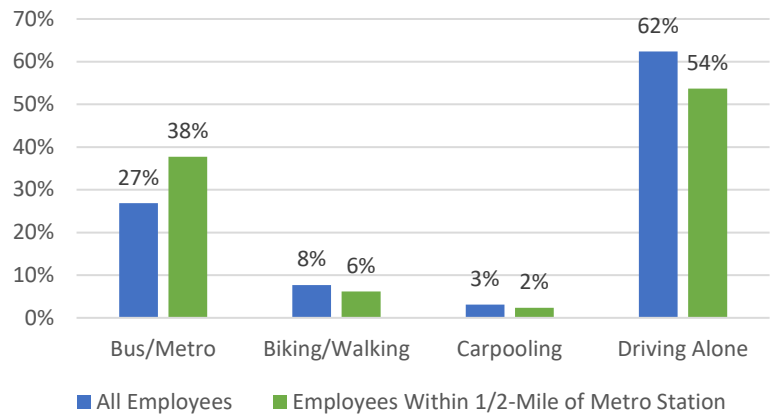
Center-based child care programs report having difficulty finding suitable space that will accommodate the Zoning Ordinance’s child care parking requirements. Many believe the parking requirement is too high.

Background Data

30% of Arlington’s center-based child care program directors stated that providing an adequate number of parking spaces was the biggest location-related challenge when establishing their business.

Program directors also stated that many of their employees are not driving alone to work, and therefore do not need a parking space. Employees who work within a 1/2-mile of a Metro station drive to work less than their non-transit accessible counterparts.

Employee Commute Patterns for Center-Based Child Care Programs



Source: Center-Based Child Care Program Survey, 2018

CCI Action Plan

Availability Action Step 2. Determine if there is a need to update Arlington County’s General Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and/or Residential/Commercial Permit Review process.

- Review and address opportunities to overcome obstacles/barriers to operating a child care business.

Existing Zoning Ordinance Regulations

Type	Standard
Center-Based Programs	One (1) parking space per employee
Family Day Care Homes	None; County staff typically requires one (1) parking space in Use Permit conditions for Family Day Care Homes with six (6) or more children.

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Parking Standards (cont.)

Other Jurisdictions' Parking Requirements

Standard	Jurisdiction	Parking Ratio	# of Parking Spaces (10,000 sq. ft. center)
# of Employees	Arlington County	1 space per employee	40
	Loudoun County	1.5 spaces per day shift employee	60
# of Children	Fairfax County	0.19 spaces per child for schools with enrollment of <99 children	32
		0.16 spaces per child for schools with enrollment of 100> children	
# of Children	Prince William County	1 per 5 children up to 40 children, then 1 per 10 children	24
	Montgomery County	3 spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of GFA	30
Gross Floor Area (GFA)	City of Alexandria	Within the enhanced transit area: • 0.25 spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of GFA	3
		Outside the enhanced transit area: • 0.75 spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of GFA	8
	City of Falls Church	1 space per 125 sq. ft. of GFA, plus 2 for employees	82
	Washington, D.C.	0.5 spaces per 1,000 sq. ft., with a minimum of 1 space required	5