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Riverside

Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

Riverside County Office of Education - Early Care and Education

Contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency using the website information here to access the child care search tool or call 1-800-KIDS-793 (1-800-543-7793) for more information and support.

County Program Profile: Riverside

The QCC County Program Profile provides county data from the Common Data File (CDF) and the Annual Progress Report (APR). For counties that are a part of a consortium, the QCC County Program Profile provides a combined view of the CDF and APR. Both qualitative and quantitative data are presented to provide a local view of early learning and care climate.

QRIS :: Quality Start Riverside County



Riverside County's voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), Quality Start Riverside County (QS-RC), serves a variety of early care and education programs, from public preschool programs like the California State Preschool Program and Head Start, to privately owned programs, faith-based programs, and family child care home providers. Alternative programs such as libraries, home visitation programs, or family resource centers are also served through QS-RC.

Riverside County Office of Education (<https://www.rcoe.us/early-learning-services/early-care-education/>) and First 5 Riverside (<http://www.rccfc.org>) are the QS-RC administrators. QS-RC has rated more than 100 QRIS sites since July 2014. QS-RC utilizes the CA-QRIS Quality Continuum Framework Rating Matrix to identify and assign a quality rating-based upon tier levels of 1–5-by validating program assessments and documentation that focus on:

1. Child Development and School Readiness
2. Teachers and Teaching
3. Program and Environment

Early care and education programs providing services to children ages 0–5 and their families may be eligible to participate in QS-RC and receive access to training, coaching, technical assistance, and quality improvement support incentives and/or materials.

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Funding Streams

- California Department of Education
- Proposition 10

Partner Agencies

- Consortium for Early Learning Services
- Riverside County Office of Education
- California Baptist University
- University of California, Riverside
- County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
- Riverside University Health System – Department of Public Health

Process to Outreach/Onboard Programs and Providers

Quality Start Riverside County (QSRC) engages participating providers and educators to improve early learning quality and ensures all children have access to high-quality programs. Through an open enrollment process, providers watch the online orientation video, located on the QSRC website, and submit the QSRC Memorandum of Understanding. Once enrolled, providers are connected to a QSRC coach who will navigate them through the QSRC requirements to ensure success in the program.

Quality Improvement Program Support Strategies

As Quality Start Riverside County (QSRC) continues to grow, ongoing quality improvement support strategies, such as coaching, training, and quality packages, are provided to ensure all participating provider types are successful in the program.

Coaching: A QSRC Coach supports sites by providing individualized coaching, resources, and technical assistance to guide sites throughout the quality improvement journey through responsive mentorship. The coach works with providers to create a Quality Improvement Plan that is based on unique strengths and identifies areas of improvement during the rating and assessment cycle.

Training: Early Learning Educators have access to attend free QSRC trainings and professional development opportunities.

Quality Packages: Sites that are rated Tier 1, 2, or 3 earn a quality package based upon the quality needs of the site determined by the ERS assessment. Quality packages are developmentally appropriate materials and items to enhance a more effective early learning environment for children.

Local Approach to Offering Financial Incentives and Stipends

Quality Start Riverside County (QSRC) offers financial incentives to support providers to maintain or increase tier levels.

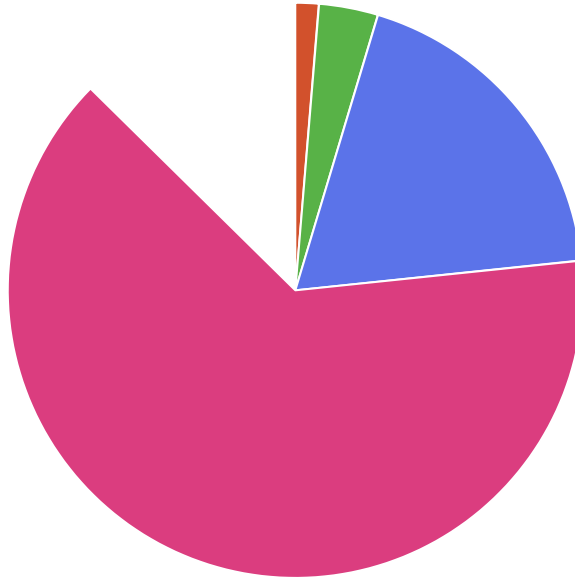
Educational Stipend Program: Stipends support early learning educators to obtain and expand their qualifications. The financial stipend incentivizes educators to complete college coursework and professional development hours.

Quality Achievement Incentive: Sites that are a Tier 4 or 5 receive a financial incentive to support maintaining a high-quality early learning environment. Providers determine how funds support quality improvements.

Quality Tier-Layered Incentive: Sites that are Tiers 2–5 and serve children under the age of 6 in the Alternative Payment Program or First 5 Riverside Hybrid Alternative Payment Program earn a tier-layered incentive. Providers receive a percentage above the regional Market Ceiling Rate based upon the tier rating.

How Children Are Served by QCC

Number of children served by age groups
Total number of children served = 71,714



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QCC Settings

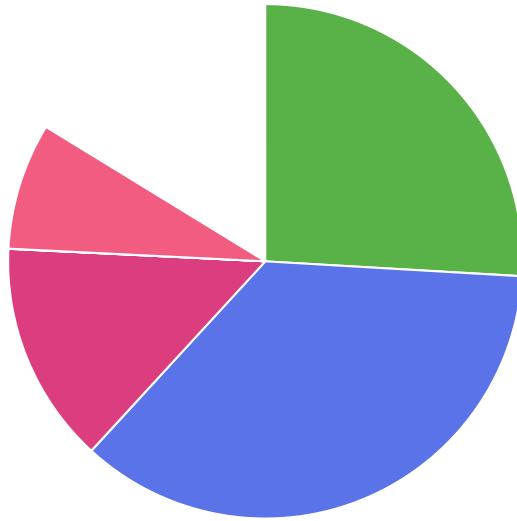
Early care and education (ECE) providers participating in QCC

A total of 530 early care and education (ECE) providers participated in QCC last year.



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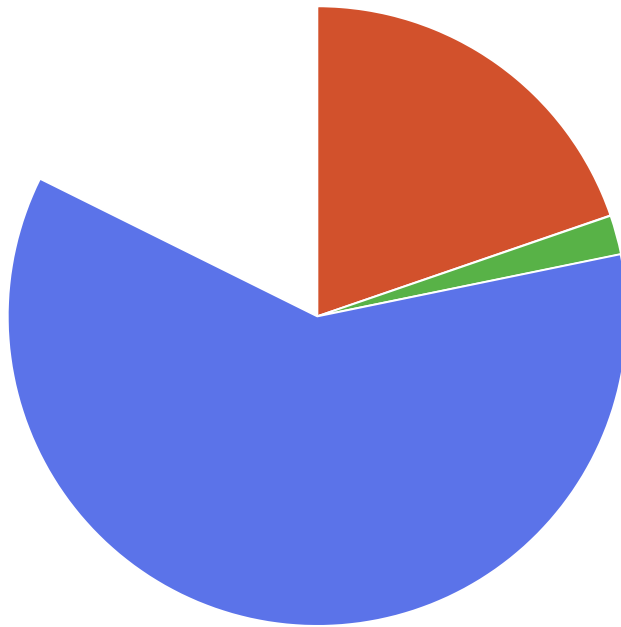
Alternative Settings



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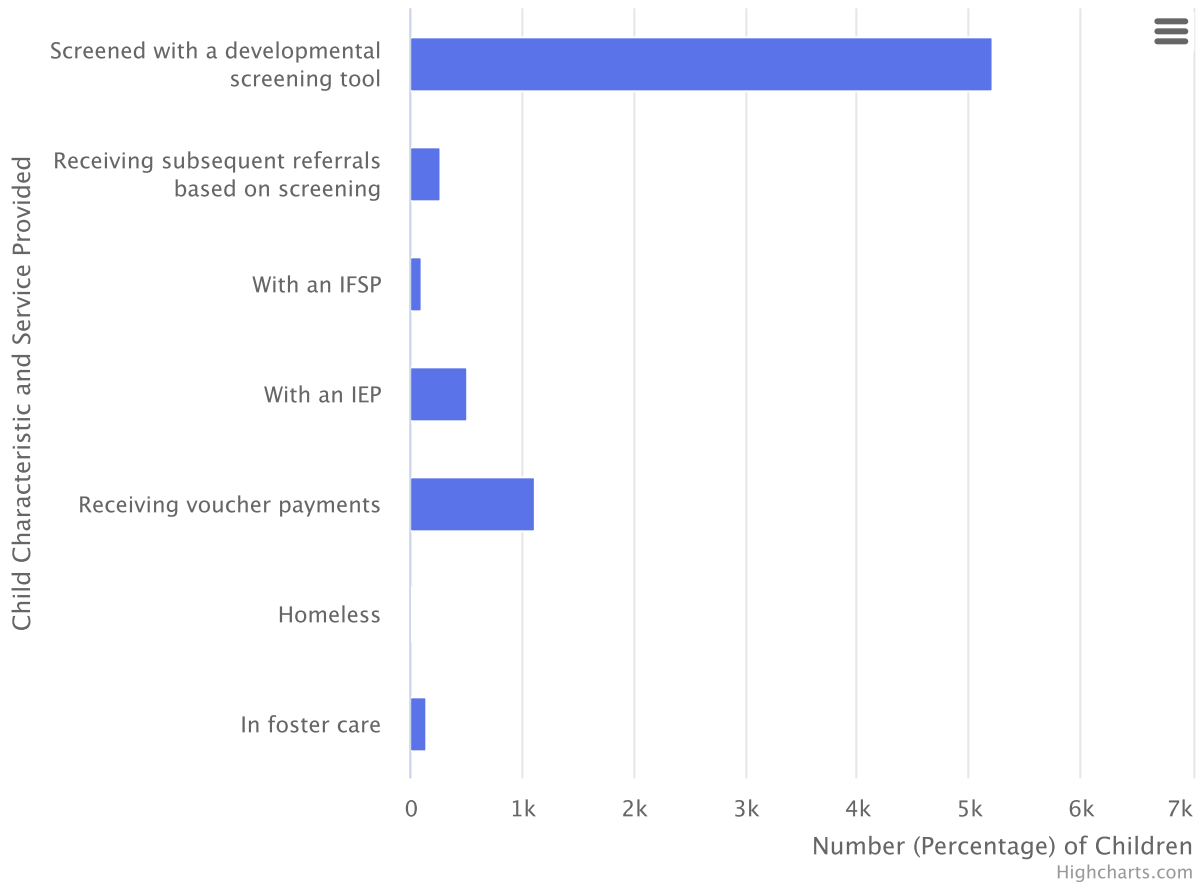
Children Served by Setting

A total of 71,714 children are served by sites participating in QCC.

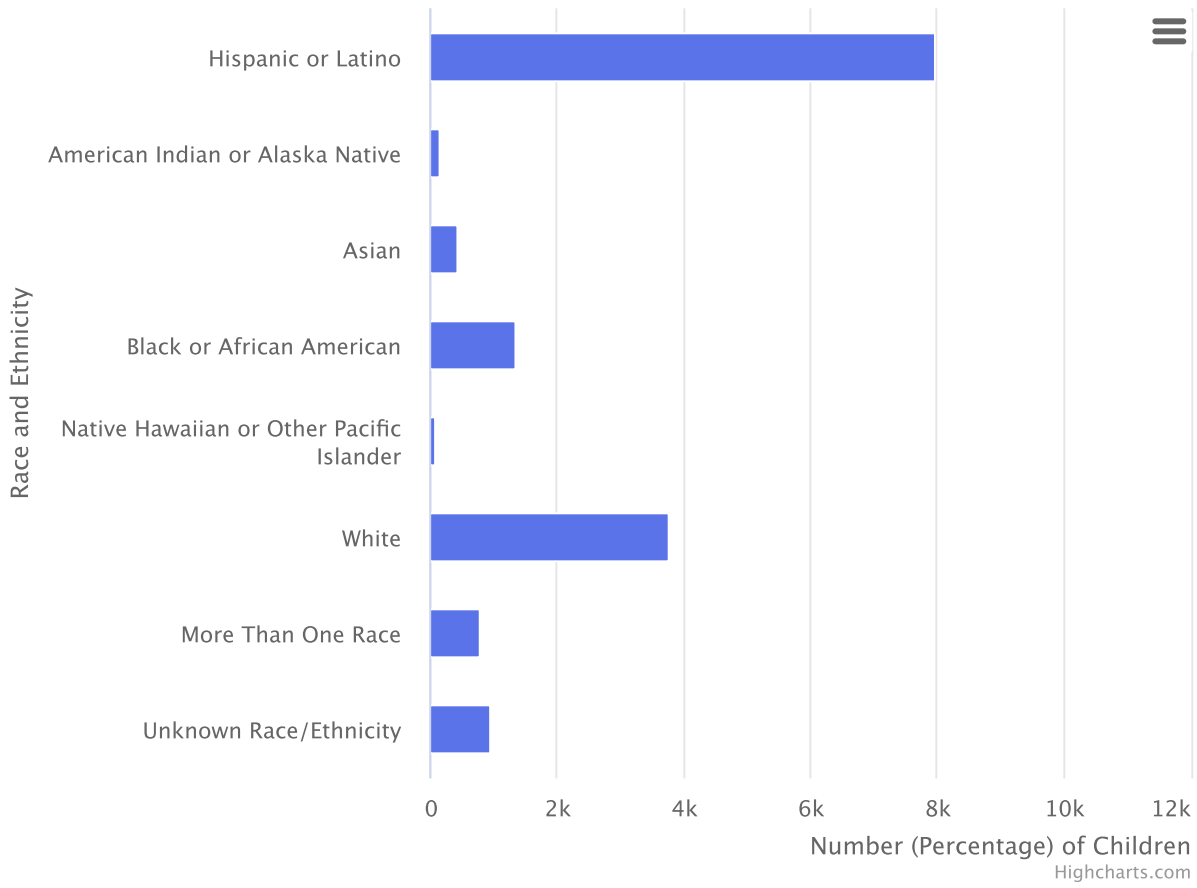


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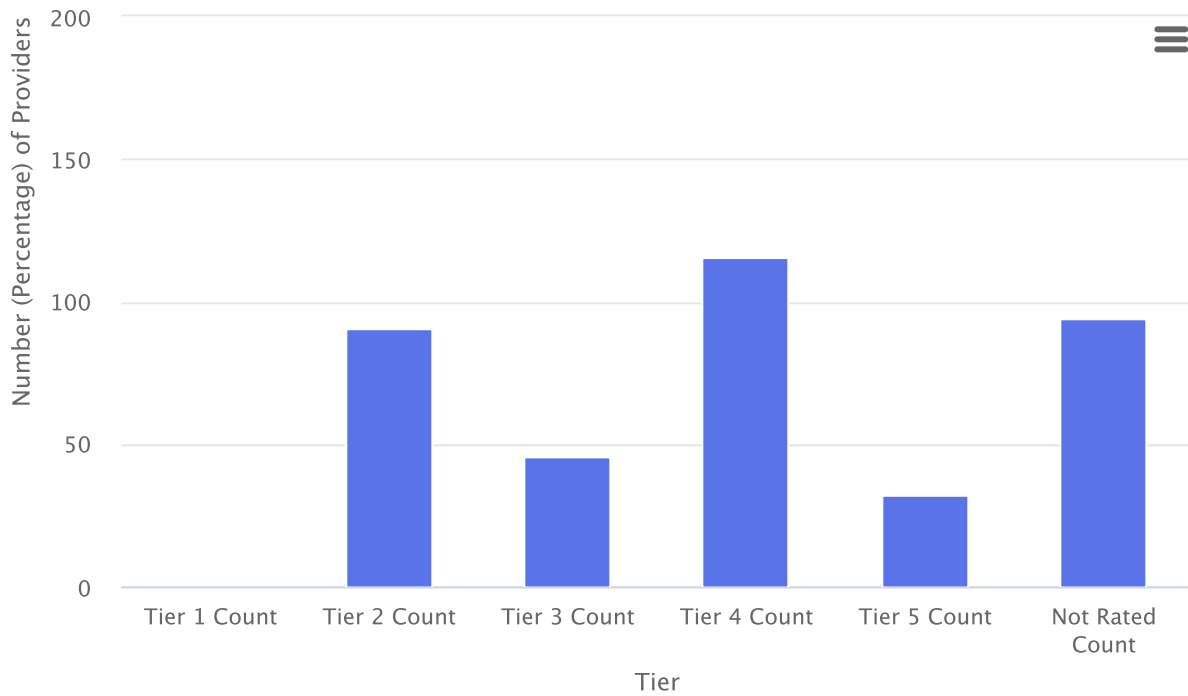
Overall Child Characteristics and Services Provided



Children’s Races and Ethnicities



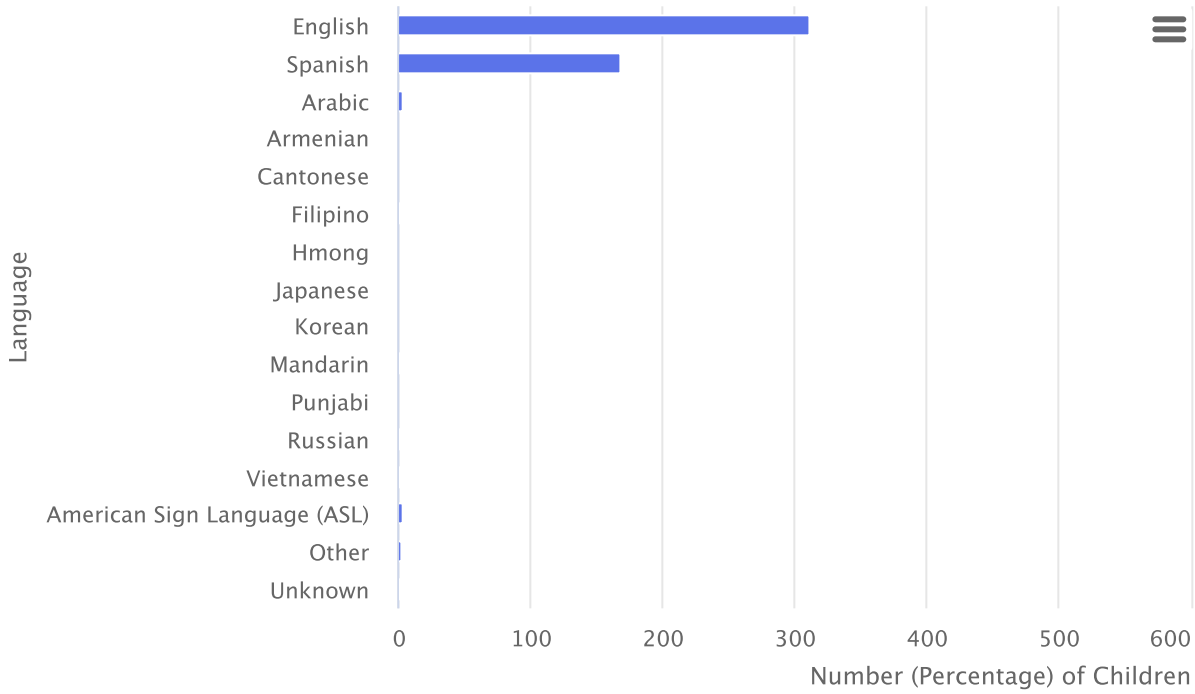
QCC Tier Rating Distribution



Footnote 1: Providers receive tier ratings based on how well they meet program standards and guidance, which follow three core areas (1) Child Development and School Readiness, (2) Teacher Qualifications and Teacher Interactions, and (3) Program Leadership and Learning Environment. Tier ratings help providers identify areas for improvement and find ways to sustain success.

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Language Spoken with Children

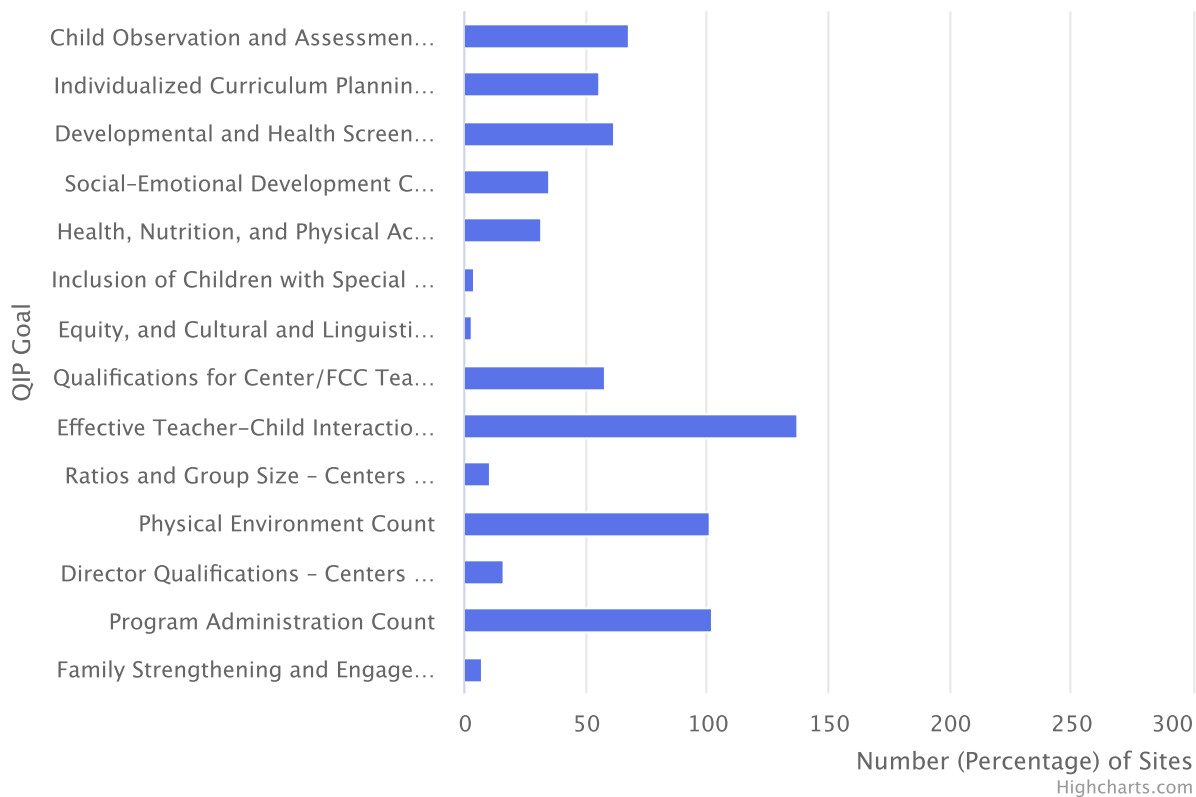


Footnote 1: QCC providers aim to develop and support children's early language skills. Providers at the QCC settings reported using the following languages for instruction with children. Many sites provide instruction in more than one language, thus, the percentages may add up to more than 100%.

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Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) Goals

QCC supports quality improvement for early learning and care programs. The table below shows the most common QIP goals for this region.



Testimonial

The QRIS has helped me better understand how to rearrange the classroom environment to meet the needs of the children. It also helped me be more intentional with my teaching strategies in my lesson plans by incorporating the frameworks and foundations, asking the children more open-ended questions, and by engaging them in conversations regarding the topic being discussed.

Lead Teacher

Success Story

A Family Child Care Home Provider shared: Participating in Quality Start Riverside County is life changing. The coaching support, the financial incentives, and the free training—all drastically benefit me and the children.

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