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Wyandotte County Child Care Licensing Annual Report 2018

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Introduction

The Unified Government Public Health Department is contracted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to provide regulatory services for the Wyandotte County community. Kansas Regulations for Child Care has been reducing the predictable health and safety risks to children in out-of-home care since 1919. Child Care regulations support families in child care choices and high-quality child care. In addition, regulation promotes health and safety standards to prevent communicable diseases and to increase the number of children who are fully immunized.

The Child Care Licensing program at the Wyandotte County Health Department is made up of a team of four individuals; one administrative support staff, two full time surveyors and one working supervisor. Local surveyors provide consultation on early care and education. Consultation on best practices related to health and safety is provided by Child Care Licensing staff. Local surveyors inspect child care environments and work with providers to promote self-evaluation and professional growth. To encourage access to professional development, local surveyors coordinate training opportunities.

Types of Licensed Child Care Facilities

Facility Count Report	
Child Care Facility Count by County and Program Type	
County Name: Wyandotte	
Description	Program Count
Building Based School Age Program	20
Child Care Center	36
Child Care Resource and Referral Agency	1
Group Day Care Home	71
Licensed Day Care Home	44
Outdoor Summer Camp School Age Program	1
Preschool	2
County Total	175

Licensed Day Care Home

A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of ten (10) children under 16 years of age and includes children under eleven (11) years of age related to the provider.

Group Day Care Home

A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of twelve (12) children under 16 years of age and includes children under eleven (11) years of age related to the provider.

Child Care Centers

A child care facility in which care and educational activities are provided for 13 or more children two weeks to 16 years of age for more than three hours and less than 24 hours per day including day time, evening, and night-time care, or which provides before and after school care for school-age children.

Preschools

A child care facility which provides learning experiences for children who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten prescribed in K.S.A 72-1107(c) and any amendments thereto, and who are 30 months of age or older; which conducts sessions not exceeding three hours per session; which does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and which does not serve a meal. The term "preschool" shall include education preschools, Montessori schools, nursery schools, church-sponsored preschools, and cooperatives.

Day Care Referral Agency

An association, organization, individual or corporation receiving, caring for, and finding homes for children under 16 years of age who need day care.

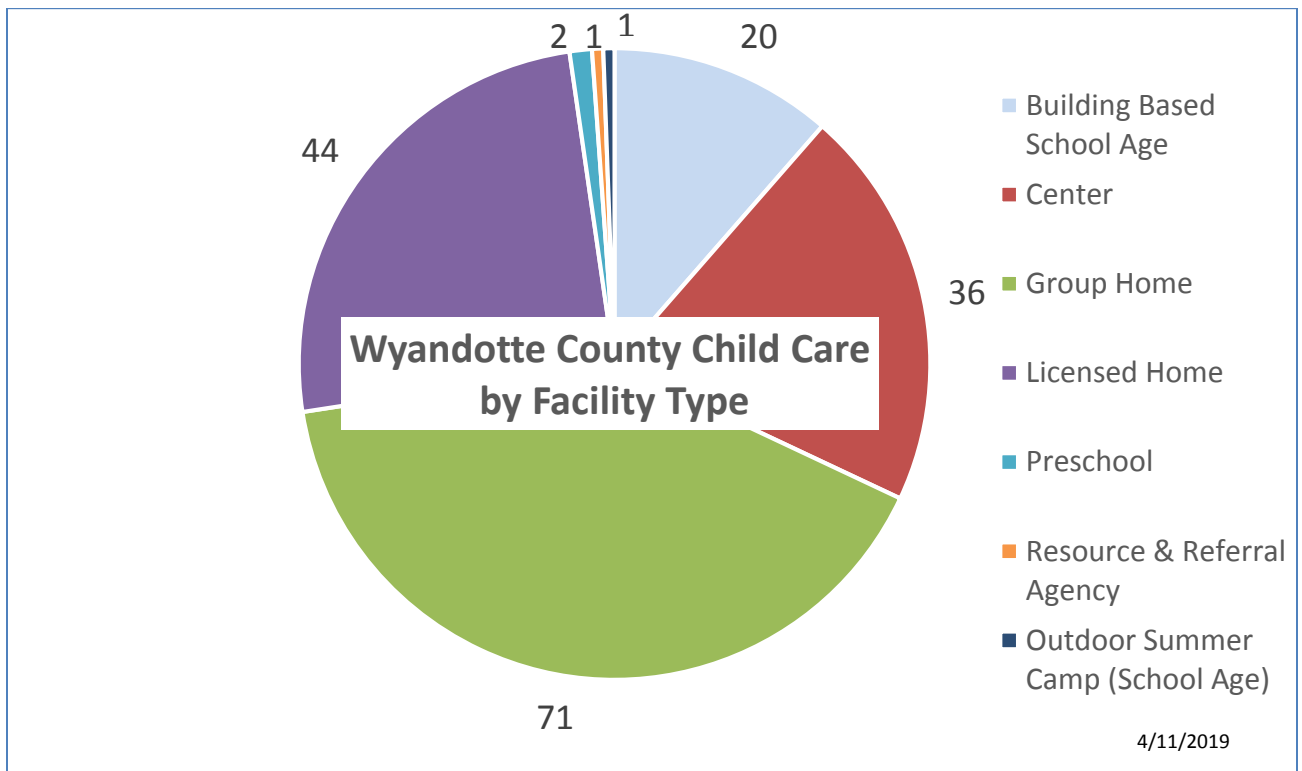
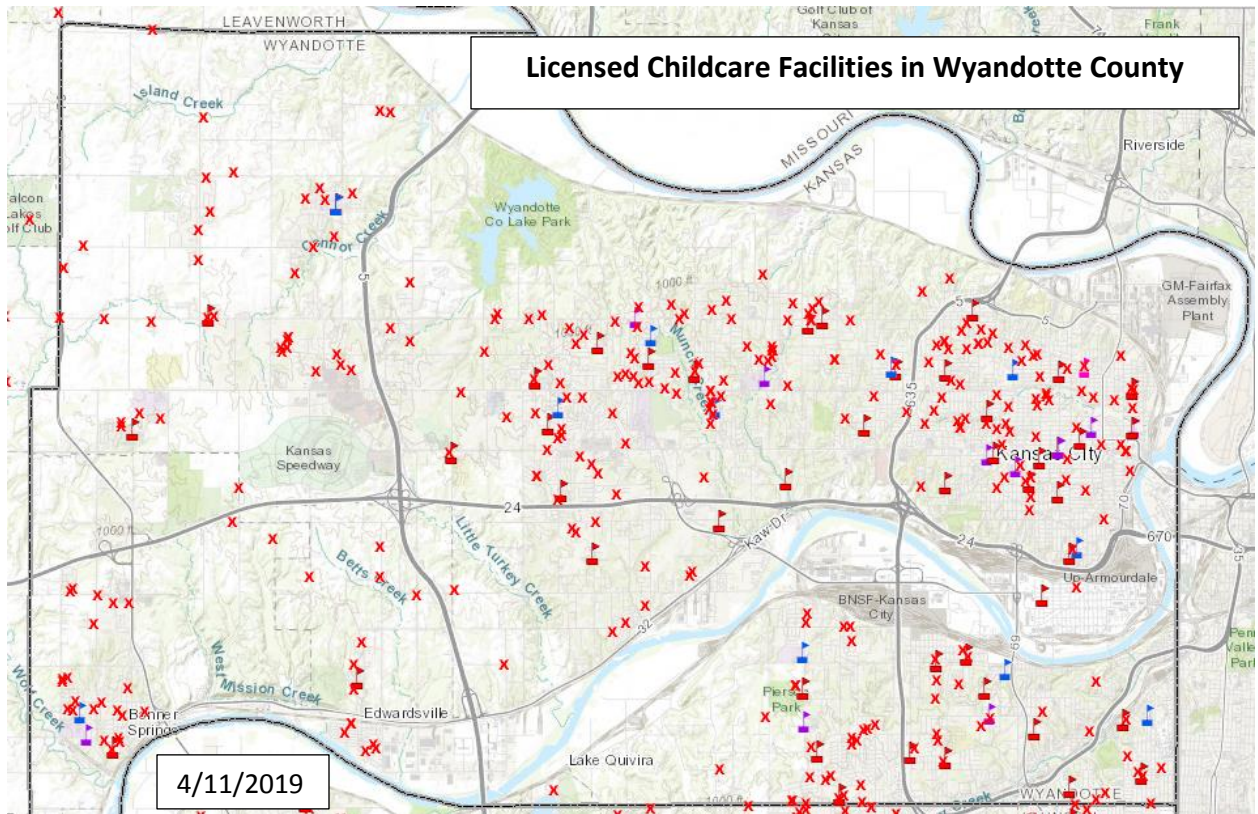
Building Based School-age Program

A child care facility that serves exclusively school-age children and youth.**

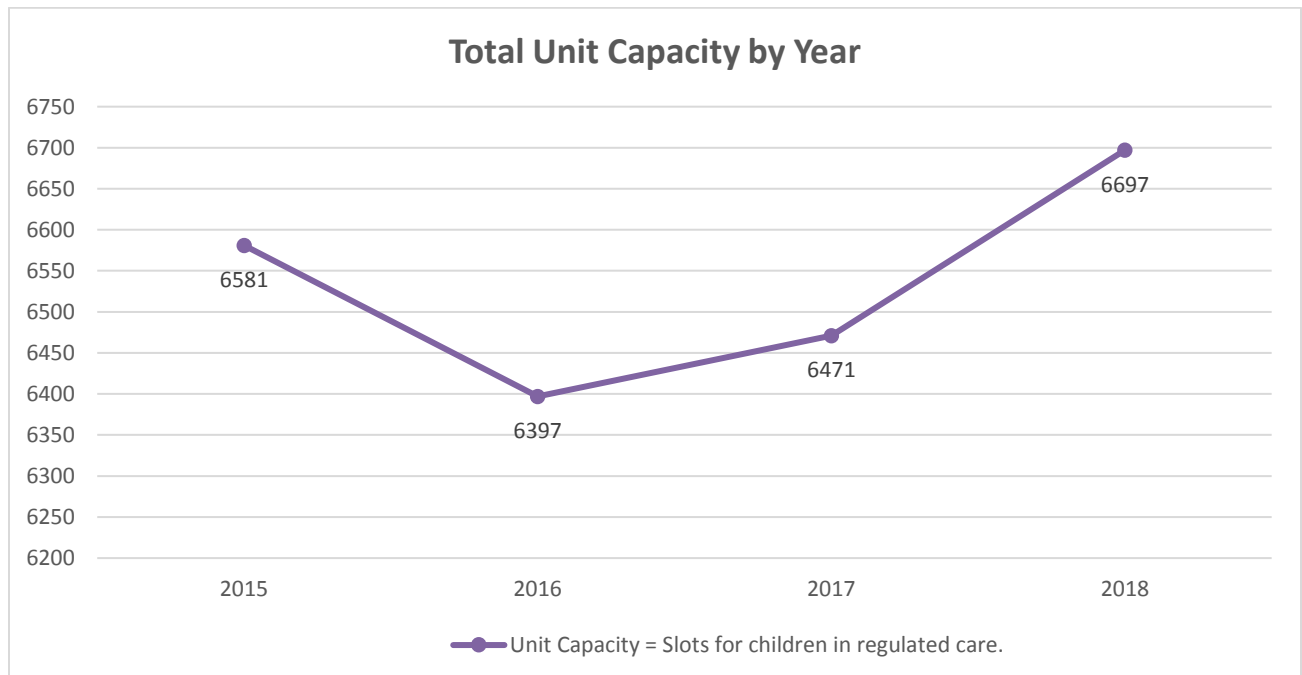
Outdoor Summer Camp

A program that operates only during the summer months and is conducted at an outdoor location for the duration of the program, but does not include any summer instructional camps.**

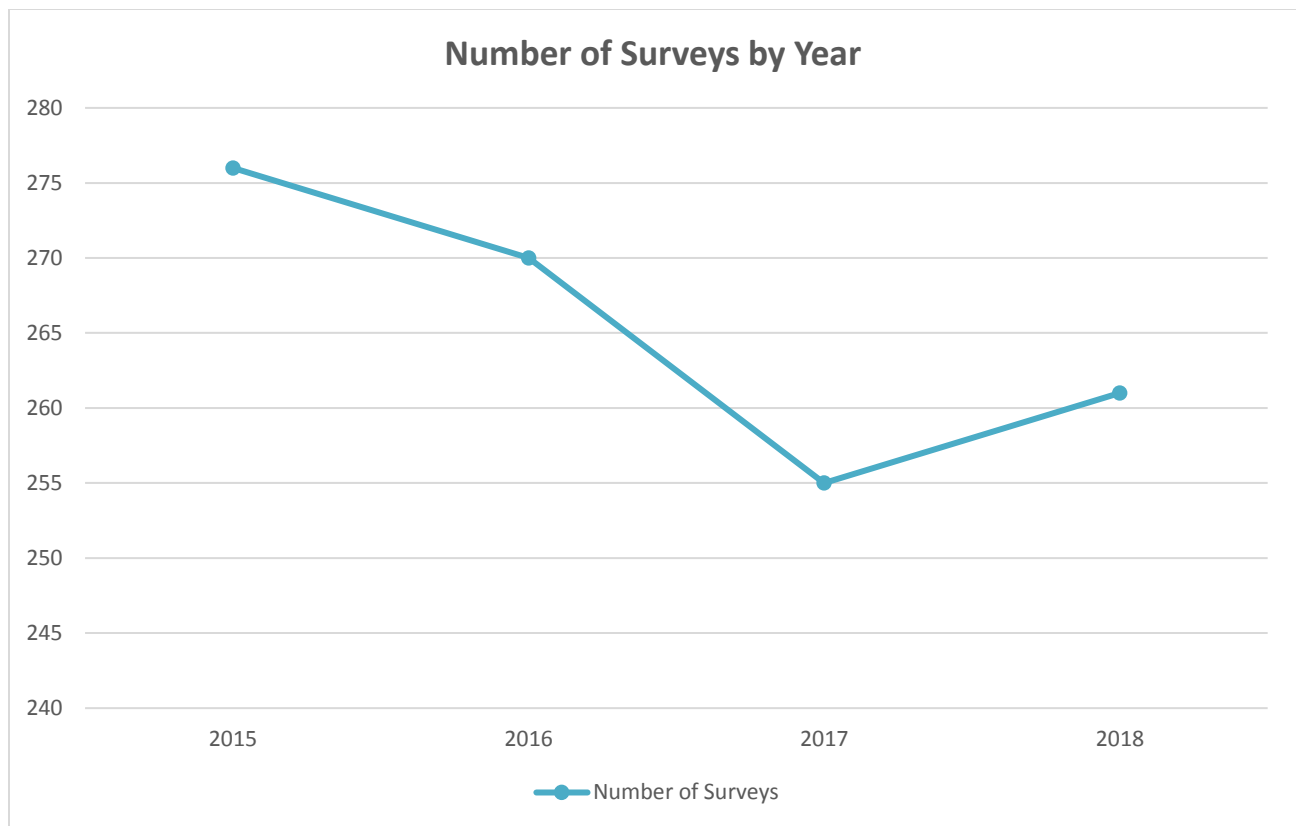
** A school age child is an individual who is of kindergarten age through the academic year to when the child is in the sixth grade.



The majority of child care facilities are group day care homes (71) with licensed day care homes being the second most popular facility type (44).

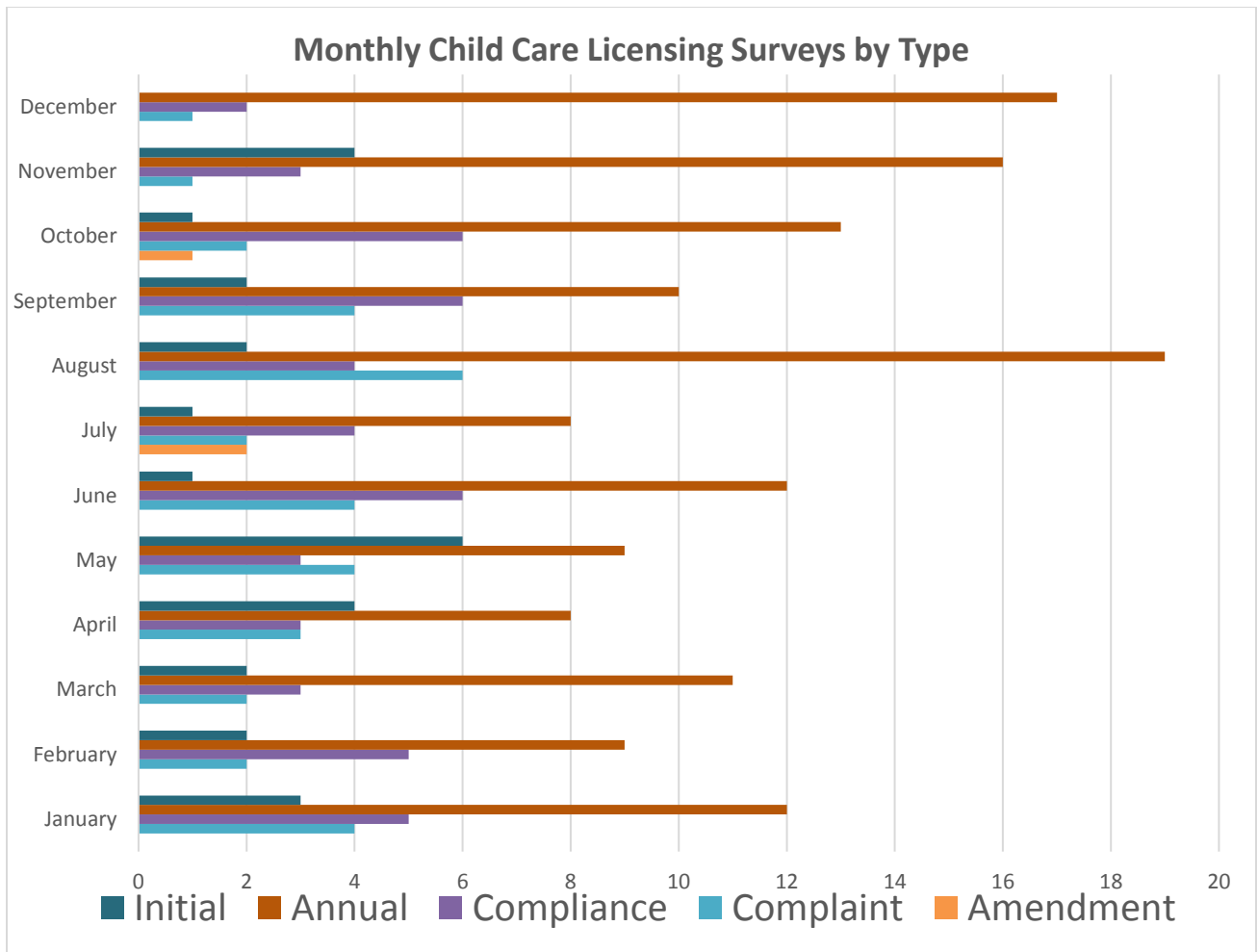


The number of licensed child care facilities in Wyandotte decreased for the year 2018, however, there was an increase in overall capacity for children from 2017 to 2018. The majority of the capacity increase occurred in school age facilities.

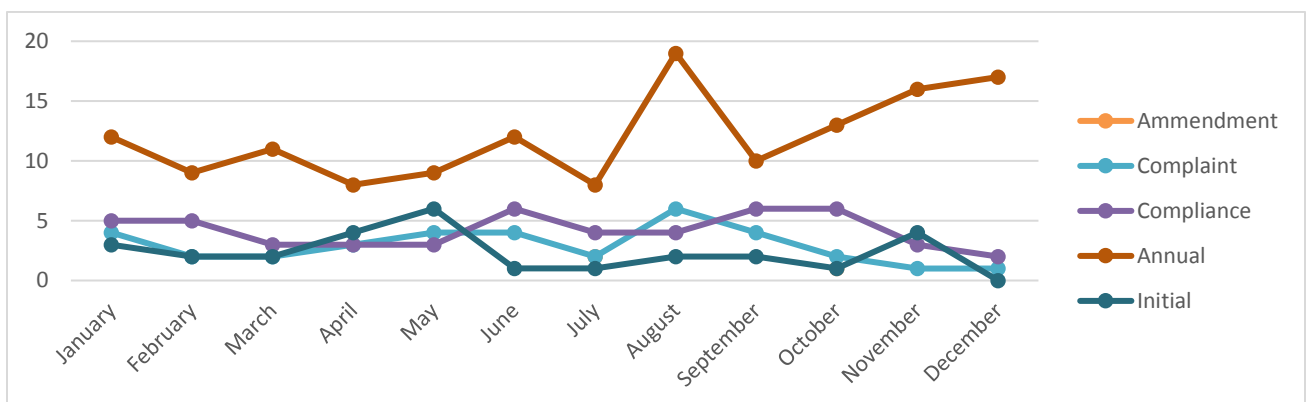


Child Care Licensing surveyors do onsite inspections to check adherence to regulations. These inspections are called “surveys.” The adherence to regulation is referred to as “compliance.” There has been an overall decrease in the number of surveys completed in the years 2015 through 2017, and an increase in surveys from 2017 to 2018.

Surveyors perform five unique types of surveys. Initial surveys occur when opening a new facility, in the case of a move, or in the case of a change in program type. Annual surveys occur each year at or near the facility’s renewal period. Compliance visits are required to verify correction of an existing non-compliance cited on a previous survey. Complaint surveys are required to investigate the report of regulatory concerns and violations within a specific facility. Amendment surveys are done at the request of the facility to allow changes to the license.

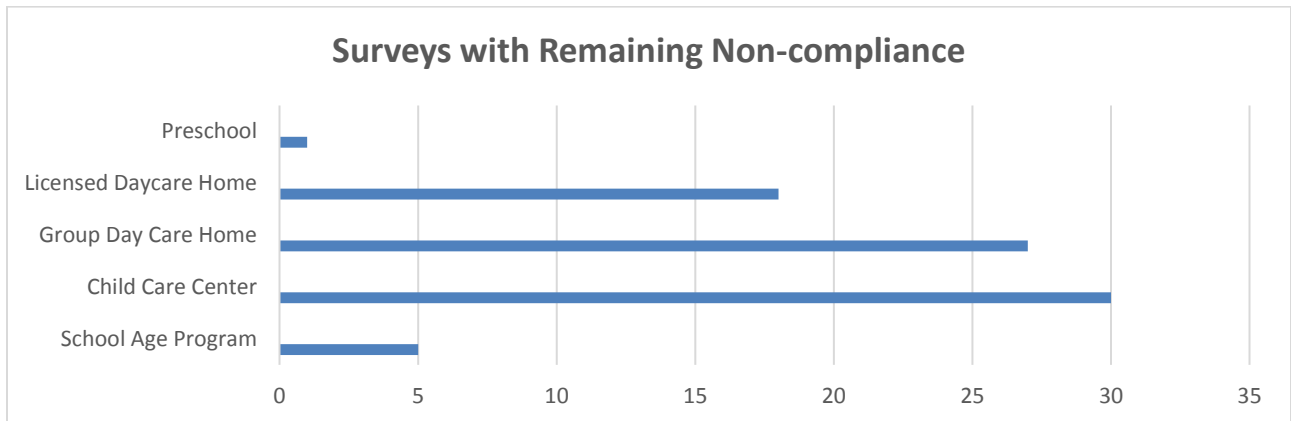


The total number of annual surveys for one month is highest for August, however, October through December had the most annual inspections per 3-month period.

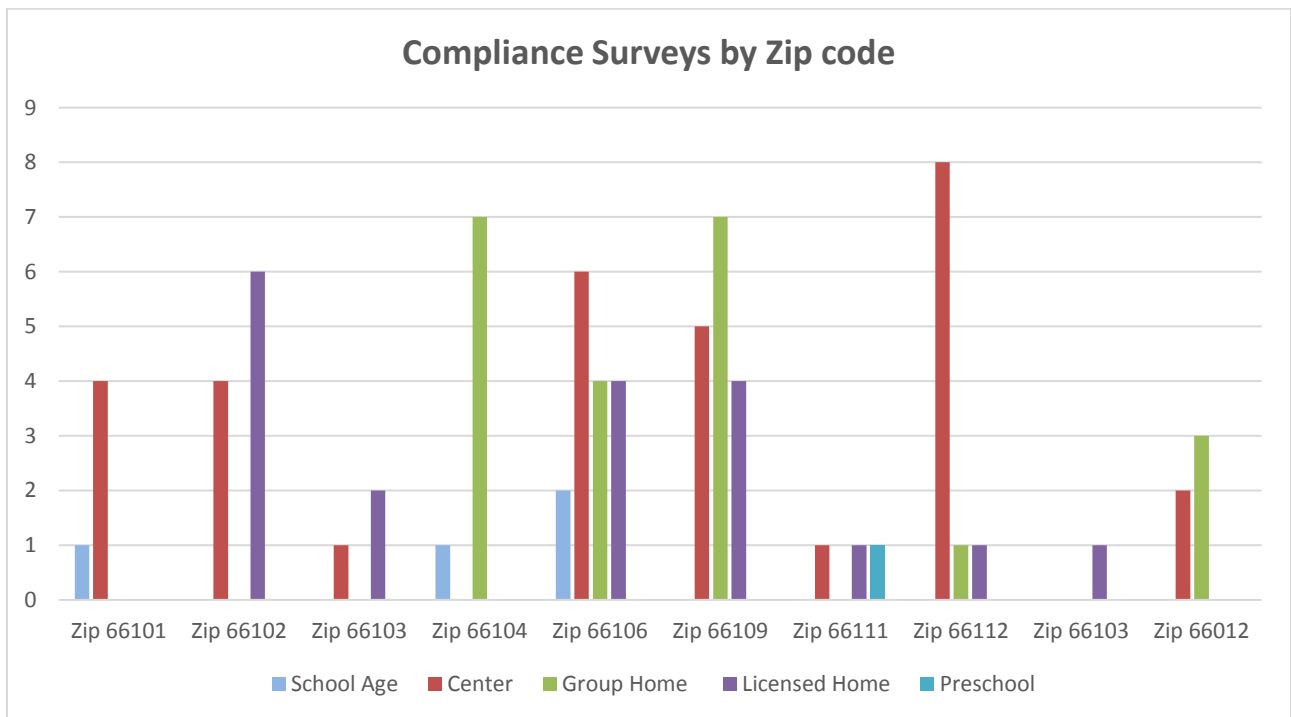


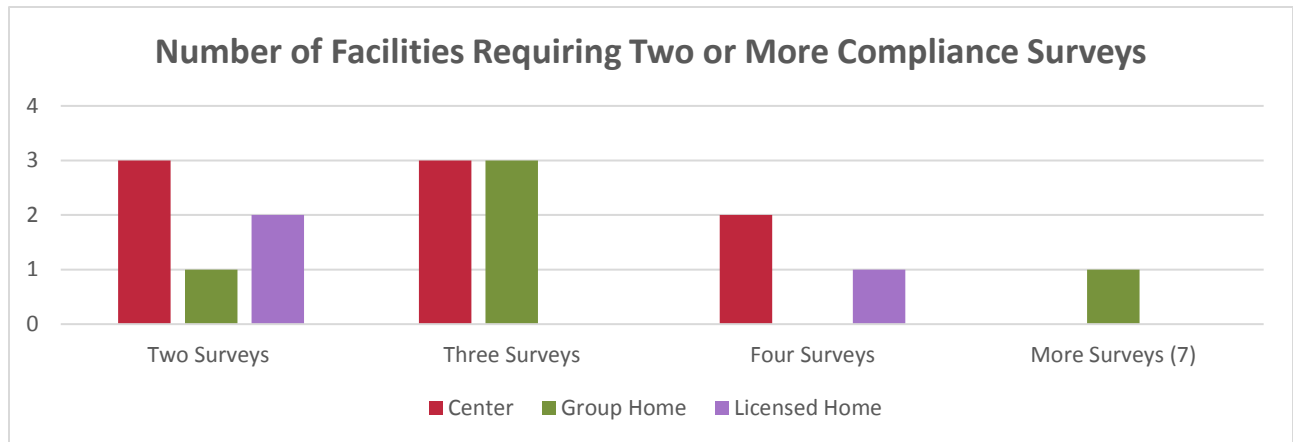
Compliance surveys rise and plateau in the two months immediately following the month with the highest annual surveys (August.) This reflects non-compliance at the time of the annual surveys. August also has the highest number of complaint surveys.

Facilities are expected to operate within compliance of regulations at all times. Surveys where the facility is non-compliant require the facility staff to make corrections to become compliant. Surveyors must verify compliance. When corrections are not made prior the survey being closed or when compliance cannot be determined by the surveyors, the facility is considered as "Remaining Non-compliance," and an additional compliance survey may be required. In other words, corrections are needed.



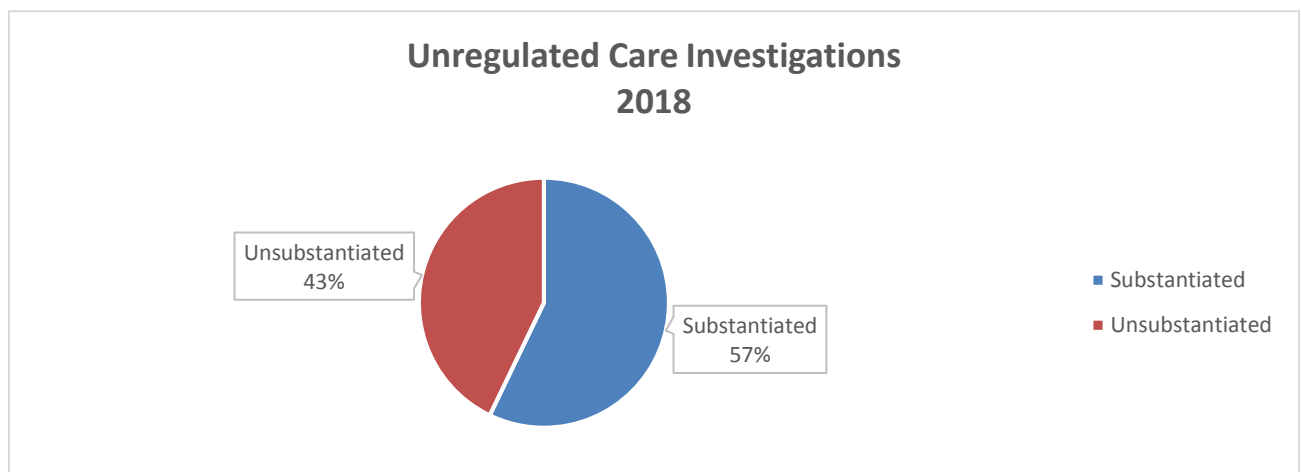
Child care centers have the highest numbers of remaining non-compliance, but account for the 3rd highest number of facilities. Group day care homes have the 2nd highest number of remaining non-compliance and account for the most facilities by type.



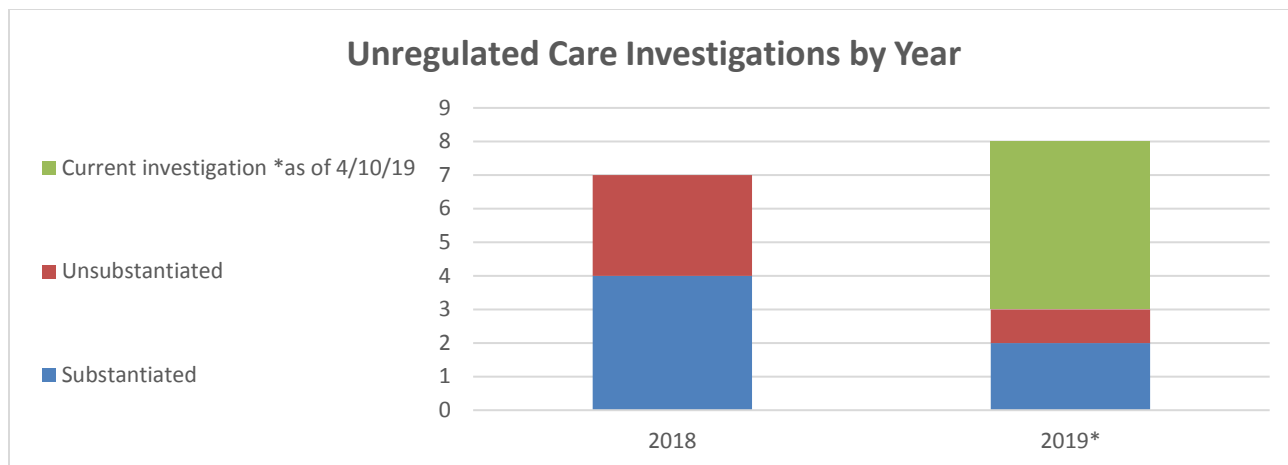


Most of the compliance surveys were to verify compliance on the same sixteen facilities, totaling 49 compliance surveys among them.

“Unregulated Care” is also frequently referred to as Illegal Care. Individuals are required to hold a license when providing child care services. A license is not required when child care is provided for children in their own home, when child care is provided for children who are close relatives of the child care provider, when child care is arranged between friends or neighbors on an irregular basis, or when child care is provided for not more than two children unrelated to the child care provider for not more than 20 care hours a week. The total hours shall be determined by adding the hours each child is cared for during the week.



Investigations into Unregulated Care will receive an end result of “substantiated” findings or “unsubstantiated” findings. Substantiated findings mean the individual or agency has been cited for providing child care without the necessary license. An unsubstantiated finding means either the individual or agency was not providing child care without the necessary license or the evidence was not available to substantiate the findings.



In 2018, four out of the seven unregulated care investigations were substantiated. Currently, there are five ongoing investigations that have not concluded and a slight increase in overall investigations compared to 2018.