

Youth Center. FAC: 7417

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1.1. **Description.** Youth Centers may be established to accommodate the youth activities, youth support, and school age (before and after school) programs for youth members of military and DoD civilian families.

1.2. **Requirements Determination.** This facility provides spaces for before and after school care, informal recreation, indoor sports, lessons, meetings, parties, video and television watching, and other youth functions. Separate areas for the before and after school program and teen center may be provided. Contact MAJCOM Director of Services for current criteria and guidelines.

1.3. **Scope Determination.** Space allowances are given in Table 1 for programs without before and after school programs located in the Youth Center. Space allowances for before and after school programs are given in Table 2. However, these tables only reflect the actual usage space for the youth/children. Incorporate additional area for administration workspaces, office storage, corridors, restrooms, etc. More detailed and complete information and space requirements are found in UFC 4-740-06, *Youth Centers*.

1.4. **Design Consideration.** See UFC 4-740-06.

Table 1. Space Allowances for Youth Centers – Youth Population¹

Youth Population ²	Gross Area ^{3,4}	
	m ²	ft ²
Up to 250	Accommodate in other facilities	
251 to 600	622	6,700
601 to 1,200	836	9,000
1,201 to 2,400	1,050	11,340
2,401 to 7,200	1,720	18,500
For each additional 600, add	215	2,310

NOTES:

1. Environmental adjustment factor: This table provides maximum allowances when no such facilities are provided by the local community. Consider facilities provided by the local community in justifications for youth centers.
2. Establish youth population by obtaining the number of youth 6-18 years of age of the active duty assigned to the installation from AF/A1 or AF/A1S.
3. Mechanical equipment room space as required should be added to the gross areas shown when determining a single gross area for each facility.

4. Shows maximum authorized scope only, not the scope that may be approved. Base the scope used for programming, budgeting, and design on need as documented by a professional, in-depth market survey. The scope is also influenced by the Services NAF construction prioritization system, which encourages economy in scope and composite facilities. The scope may also be influenced by architectural programming studies. Contact MAJCOM Director of Services for current criteria and guidelines.

Table 2. Space Allowances for Youth Centers – School Age Program Enrollment¹.

School Age Program Enrollment ²	Gross Area ^{3,4,5,6}	
	m ²	ft ²
0-12	Accommodate in other facilities	
13-24	39-78	420-840
25-36	78.1-117	841-1260
37-48	117-156	1261-1680
49-60	156-195	1681-2100
61-72	195-234	2101-2520
73-84	234-273	2521-2940
85-96	273-312	2941-3360
97-108	312-351	3361-3780
For each additional group of 12 children	39	420

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5. If the before and after school program is housed in a separate facility and has enrollment over 48 children, make provisions for administrative space.
6. If the before and after school program space is going to double function for part-day pre-school, ensure each room has an exterior exit and toilets in or near the room.