Child Care and Education in Oregon

What happens to children in the early years matters. The foundation for success in school is built. A little over half of children under age 13 have a parent who is not in the paid workforce; almost half need some form of non-parenatal care while parents work. Children's success depends on both care and education. Oregon's child care and education system is increasingly important to our ability to have a strong workforce today as well as to ensure that we will have one in the future.

Every two years the Child Care Research Partnership takes a snapshot of how Oregon's child care and education system is doing. Child Care and Education in Oregon and Its Counties describes how the system is working through state and county profiles. The report links study findings to Oregon's principal child care benchmarks: affordability, availability and quality.

- **Affordability** emerges as the major issue. In most of the state the price of child care exceeds public college tuition. This is especially an issue for families in the lowest income group who spend 29% of their family income on child care.
- **Availability** of infant/toddler care and care for children with special needs is an issue throughout the state. Problems with availability of care are greatest in rural counties.
- **Low wages** and an absence of benefits result in a crisis-level shortage of persons willing to work in the child care industry. Low levels of training and high staff turnover threaten the quality of care available.

### How Many Children under 13 Live in Oregon?¹

In 2010, there were 628,573 children aged 0-12 years:

- 234,265 children age 0-4 years
- 242,941 children age 5-9 years
- 151,367 children age 10-12 years

### Percentage of Children under 18 by Race/Ethnicity²

- White, non-Hispanic: 66.1%
- Hispanic, any race: 20.8%
- African-American: 2.1%
- Native American: 1.3%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 4.0%
- Other race: 0.2%
- Two or more races: 5.5%

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¹ 2010 population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.
How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.6% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 45.3% of children under 13 have a single employed or two employed parents
- 54.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.6% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 25.6 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $530 a month on child care.

Percent of Children under 13 in Paid Care by Age and Group

Use of child care depends on age of children. Whether a family uses paid care and what type of care they use is related to the age of the child.

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Type of Care Used for Children in Paid Care by Age Group

How Much Child Care Do We Have?

The following community resources exist for Oregon families.

- 74,514 slots in child care and education centers
- 35,590 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Oregon currently has 18 visible slots per 100 children.

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3 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care are estimated through an analysis of the 2008 Oregon Population Survey.
4 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral programs (CCR&Rs) using Child Care Division regulatory data combined with slots in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&Rs.
How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is it Affordable?\(^5\)

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense in their child’s life however the cost of child care can be close to or even exceed the cost of college.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in a child care center \($10,392\)
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon \($6,790\)
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker \($17,472\)
- Care of a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker \(59.5\%\)

### Percent of Family Income Spent on Child Care\(^6\)

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### Affordability Benchmark

- By comparing child care prices and family incomes, we can see that child care prices rose 7% more than family incomes rose over the last 6 years, from 2004 to 2010. This makes it increasingly difficult for parents to purchase child care. The situation is even worse for single parents for whom child care prices increased 14% more than their incomes during this same time period.

### Number of Children whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care\(^7\)

- 11,918 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (66.6% of eligible)
- 20,442 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

### What is the Quality of Available Child Care?\(^8\)

- 19% of children have parents who report that their children do not always feel safe and secure
- 56% of children have parents who report that their children do not always get lots of individual attention
- 47% of caregivers are reported to be not always open to new information and learning
- 46% of children have parents who reported that their child’s arrangement was not just what the child needs

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\(^5\) State-level cost of toddler care in a child care center, using weighted monthly cost at the 50th percentile, provided by Grobe, D. and Weber, R., \textit{2010 Oregon Child Care Market Price Study}. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-11 academic year.

\(^6\) Percent of family income spent on child care and affordability measure from analysis of 2008 Oregon Population Survey.

\(^7\) 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.

\(^8\) Parent report of quality of their child care from analysis of 2008 Oregon Population Survey.

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Child Care and Education in Baker County

Situated in the Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon, Baker County has several rural communities. Most are separated by mountains. Child care professionals are continually involved in efforts to offer quality child care for their communities, striving for best practices in their programs and having strong early literacy and healthy child care supports. Most of the paid child care is part-time and economics contribute to lower child care prices. Baker County had no full-day child care centers in 2010, although most communities had part-day preschool programs. Licensed or exempt family child care homes are the child care options available to families.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“I think the Baker CCR&R has always made a difference with the programs being offered. In addition, they have always helped me get new educational materials that have improved my Day Care. I wouldn't be able to get the materials on my own.” – A family child care provider in Baker County

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Baker County? 1
In 2010, there were 2,198 children age 0-12 years:
- 833 children age 0-4 years
- 813 children age 5-9 years
- 552 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Baker County families.
- 196 slots in child care and education centers
- 286 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Baker County has 22 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Baker County $4,478
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 25.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 55 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (54.5% of eligible)
- 123 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

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1575 Dewey Avenue
Baker City, Oregon 97814
541.523.7838 or toll free 1.800.956.0324 x7
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

1 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
The northeastern region of Oregon includes Baker, Malheur, Union and Wallowa counties. This region borders Washington state and Idaho; the very easternmost part of the state is actually in a different time zone. The region is largely rural and predominantly dependent on agriculture, ranching, logging, and tourism for its economy; some mining also plays a role in the economy. All of these counties are covered by TecTeam’s Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, which also covers Grant and Harney counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care\(^1\)

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 84.3% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed.
- 54.8% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents).
- 45.2% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce.
- 48.7% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 27.5 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $255 a month on child care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Eastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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\(^1\) Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey.
Child Care and Education in Benton County

Corvallis is the largest city in Benton county and faces the same shortage of part time infant/toddler slots that many communities face. In the last few years it has faced the additional burden of corporate downsizing. The majority of Benton County families live in Corvallis and Philomath where the economy is built upon education, engineering and technology. The economies of other Benton County communities are based on natural resources. The supply of child care is predominantly in Corvallis with very limited options for families in the remainder of the county. There are a relatively large number of child care centers, with fewer family child care options than other cities its size. Affordability is a major county issue as child care rates are among the highest in the state.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

A Benton county provider who has been in business for several years called Family Connections, the CCR&R for Benton and said she was desperate for more children to care for. A long-time, successful provider whose slots traditionally fill quickly, she had four families withdraw because of job loss. Financially threatened, this provider was certainly experiencing the ripple effect of downsizing. R&R consultants offered technical assistance, showing her how by adjusting her working hours, adding more flexible opening and closing times and advertising part time options she could appeal to a larger group of prospective parents. By making some relatively simple changes the provider filled several of her openings.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Benton County?  
In 2010, there were 10,801 children age 0-12 years:
- 3,884 children age 0-4 years
- 4,163 children age 5-9 years
- 2,754 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?  
The following community resources exist for Benton County families.
- 1,870 slots in child care and education centers
- 549 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Benton County has 22 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?  
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Benton County: $10,497
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 60.1%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care
- 123 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (42.6% of eligible)
- 225 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Benton County, contact:
Family Connections
6500 SW Pacific Blvd.
Albany, OR 97321
541.917.4899 or toll free: 1.800.845.1363
Email: connect@linnbenton.edu
Website: www.linnbenton.edu/familyresources/familyconnections

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1 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.

Benton County and Central Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Central Willamette Valley Counties

The Central Willamette Valley region of Oregon includes Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. Three child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Connections serves Linn and Benton counties. The region is nestled into the heart of the Willamette Valley, where Marion county is the home of the state capitol in Salem, and Corvallis in Benton County and Eugene in Lane County are home to two of Oregon’s state universities.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 79.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 48.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 51.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 33.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 23.9 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $519 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Benton County and Central Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Clackamas County

Clackamas County, in north central Oregon, is one of the counties that make up the Portland, Oregon, metropolitan area. The county encompasses 1,879 square miles, with one-eighth being urban and the remainder rural. Clackamas County has experienced steady growth over time. Agriculture, timber, manufacturing and commerce have been the county's principal activities. In recent years, Clackamas County business districts and communities have grown at a strong rate. These businesses include industry leaders in metals, machinery, health care, high tech, logistics, forestry, food and beverage processing, renewable energy, nursery/agriculture, tourism and software development.

A Parent's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
“The person I spoke to was great. She gave me information on looking for quality child care for my son. With all of the options out there and many marketing strategies, she helped organize my search so that I could make an informed decision.”-- Parent of a toddler

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Clackamas County? ¹
In 2010, there were 63,136 children age 0-12 years:
- 24,132 children age 0-4 years
- 23,080 children age 5-9 years
- 15,924 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Clackamas County families.
- 7,393 slots in child care and education centers
- 2,829 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Clackamas County has 16 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Clackamas County $10,271
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 58.8%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 685 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (50.3% of eligible)
- 1,285 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Clackamas County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral of Clackamas County
13455 SE 97th Ave.
Clackamas, OR 97015
503.675.4100 or toll free 1.866.371.4373
Email: ccr@clackesd.k12.or.us
Website: www.clackesd.k12.or.us

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northern Willamette Valley Counties

The Northern Willamette Valley region consists of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties. It has the greatest population density in the state and has the majority of the state’s population. Three of its counties comprise the Portland metropolitan area, which has its own regional government. The area is home to several colleges and universities, including Portland State University. There are four child care resource and referral agencies that serve the region; Child Care Resource and Referral of Clackamas County serves Clackamas County.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care\(^1\)

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 74.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 39.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 60.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.0% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 26.7 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $693 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northern Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

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\(^1\) Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Clackamas County and Northern Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Clatsop County

Clatsop County is located on the northwest corner of Oregon on the beautiful and rugged coast, bounded on the north by the Columbia River and the west by the Pacific Ocean. Named for the Clatsop Indians, it is where the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent the winter of 1805-06 before starting their journey back east. While fishing and timber are still important to the county's economy, they contribute proportionally less to the county's employment and income than they used to. The principal industries are manufacturing, tourism and trade, with tourism being one of the major forces in the county’s current economy. With high numbers of parents working in the tourism industry, the need for child care during evenings and weekends is also high. To meet the needs of these families, the CCR&R has worked to increase both the availability and quality of child care in the county.

A Provider’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“As a new child care provider I was interested in taking care of children and didn’t see it as ‘starting a business’ until I attended a class offered by the CCR&R. I was amazed and very grateful for all the wonderful information I received. In addition to helpful information on proving quality care for children, I learned how important it is to get started out right with contracts and policies to help me work effectively with parents. Just knowing that the CCR&R is there to help me along the way gives me a sense of confidence in my ability to succeed.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Clatsop County? ¹

In 2010, there were 5,446 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,960 children age 0-4 years
- 2,088 children age 5-9 years
- 1,398 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Clatsop County families.
- 533 slots in child care and education centers
- 244 slots in family child care

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Clatsop County $6,540
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 37.4%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴

- 137 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (49.8% of eligible)
- 188 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Clatsop County, contact:

Family Care Connection for Clatsop, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties
29 SE Second Street
Newport, OR 97365
541.265.2558 or toll free 1.800.603.2728
Email: familycareconnection@oregonstate.edu
Website: extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/family _care

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² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
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⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s North Coast Counties

The North Coast region of Oregon includes Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln and Tillamook counties. Two child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Care Connection serves Clatsop County. The region is situated along the north coast and the western end of the Columbia River where it meets the ocean. Lincoln, Clatsop and Tillamook counties depend on tourism, fishing, dairy and agriculture. In Columbia County, industry also plays a large role in the economy.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care\(^1\)

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 75.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed.
- 47.4% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents).
- 52.6% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce.
- 32.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 31.6 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $455 a month on child care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the North Coast Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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\(^1\) Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Clatsop County and North Coast Region
Child Care and Education in Columbia County

Columbia County is 676 square miles with a population of slightly more than 49,000. It is located in the northwest corner of Oregon, bordered on the west by Clatsop County and on the south by Washington and Multnomah counties. It has the longest area bordering the Columbia River. Columbia is one of a growing number of rural counties with no hospital and no community college, making educational opportunities and health care difficult to obtain. Historically the major industries in the area have been agriculture and wood products, bringing with them extended work hours and rotating shifts. Recently, the south county has experienced a huge growth of residents who live in Columbia County and work in the Metro area. These families are expecting the services they were accustomed to in more urban areas.

A Provider's Story

The city of Vernonia is located 35 miles south of the Columbia River in Columbia County and has an approximate population of 2,260. A year ago during the December 2007 storm a flood devastated the area leaving one of the two regulated providers in the area to rebuild her home and child care business, having lost everything on the first floor of her home. This year the CCR&R, with the help of a special allocation from the United Way, was able to help her restock with new children's books, learning materials and supplies for her child care business.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Columbia County? 1

In 2010, there were 7,875 children age 0-12 years:

- 3,006 children age 0-4 years
- 2,838 children age 5-9 years
- 2,031 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Columbia County families.

- 639 slots in child care and education centers
- 347 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Columbia County has 13 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Columbia County: $8,562
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 49.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4

- 118 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 240 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Columbia County, contact:

Child Care Resource and Referral of Washington and Columbia Counties
1001 SW Baseline
Hillsboro, OR 97123
971.223.6100 or toll free 1.800.624.9516
Email: ccrr@caowash.org
Website: www.communityaction4u.org

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3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
The North Coast region of Oregon includes Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln and Tillamook counties. Two child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Care Connection serves Clatsop County. The region is situated along the north coast and the western end of the Columbia River where it meets the ocean. Lincoln, Clatsop and Tillamook counties depend on tourism, fishing, dairy and agriculture. In Columbia County, industry also plays a large role in the economy.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 75.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 47.4% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 52.6% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 31.6 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $455 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the North Coast Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Child Care and Education in Coos County

Coos County is located in southwestern Oregon with a population of over 63,000. Principal industries in Coos County have traditionally been lumber, fishing, agriculture and shipping as well as recreation. Over the past few years, though, employment in wood products and fishing have decreased while the retirement sector and tourism have added jobs in retail and services. Many new jobs are lower paid with evening and weekend shifts, so working parents have a hard time finding affordable child care. Rural areas have the greatest need. In addition, an increasing Latino population is driving the need for more child care providers who share the language and culture of working families.

A Provider's Story

Upon finding herself recently divorced and unemployed, one Coos County woman began offering care as an exempt provider. She met the Professional Development Mentor at the local CCR&R, CARE Connections, and things started to improve all around. She attended the trainings needed to become a licensed provider and became registered with the State. She participated in a Health and Safety program grant and received a financial incentive to improve her child care environment. She now receives reimbursements through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, is attending an Infant Toddler Training class supported by the Coos County Commission on Children and Families, and is caring for nine children in her home.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Coos County? ¹

In 2010, there were 8,241 children age 0-12 years:
- 2,805 children age 0-4 years
- 3,236 children age 5-9 years
- 2,200 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Coos County families.
- 687 slots in child care and education centers
- 563 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Coos County has 15 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Coos County: $6,600
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 37.8%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴

- 289 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 364 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Coos County, contact:
CARE Connections
1988 Newmark
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541.888.7957 or toll free 1.800.611.7555
Email: ccr&r@socc.edu
Website: www.socc.edu/careconnections

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southwestern Counties

The Southwestern region of Oregon includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties. It borders the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the California border on another side, and is home to some of the most scenic landscapes in the state. The region is predominantly rural, with the exceptions of Roseburg in Douglas County and Medford in Jackson County, with an economy rooted in agriculture, lumber, and, on the coast, fishing; tourism and recreation are playing increasingly larger roles in the economy of this region. The region is served by three different child care resource and referral agencies; CARE Connections serves Coos and Curry Counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.5% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 44.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 55.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 34.3% of children under 13 in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 22.2 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $277 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Type

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.5% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 44.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 55.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 34.3% of children under 13 in families that use paid care
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Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southwestern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.


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Child Care and Education in Crook County

Crook County is primarily rural with one city, Prineville, accounting for most of the population. Employment is primarily from manufacturing (largely wood products and tires), local and county government, health care, social services and ranching. Crook County's families have been hit very hard by the economic downturn due to the loss of Les Schwab Tires corporate offices and many wood product industry jobs. The county's unemployment rate has been among the highest in the state. Prior to the economic downturn, Crook County was one of the fastest growing counties in the state for three years. Crook County residents have a strong sense of community and are known for working together to address local challenges.

A Parent's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"I am a working single parent who receives ERDC to help pay for child care. I have two children ages 4 months and 22 months. I struggled for a long time to find quality childcare that I could afford. I called NeighborImpact’s Child Care Resources program and they helped me look at options and strategize a solution. The worker took lots of time to help me find providers who were flexible and open to various payment options. I really appreciated the individualized service and patience. I now have child care that I feel good about and can afford."

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Crook County? 1

In 2010, there were 4,565 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,816 children age 0-4 years
- 1,551 children age 5-9 years
- 1,198 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Crook County families.
- 255 slots in child care and education centers
- 193 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Crook County has 10 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Crook County $5,520
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker 31.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4

- 59 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (31.7% of eligible)
- 77 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Crook County, contact:

NeighborImpact Child Care Resources
2303 SW First Street, Suite A
Redmond, OR 97756
541.548.2380 or toll free 1.888.298.2672
Email: ccr@neighborimpact.org
Website: www.neighborimpact.org/ccr.html

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2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Central Counties

The Central Region of Oregon includes Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, all of which are served by NeighborImpact Child Care Resources. This region combines two predominantly rural counties – Crook and Jefferson – with one more urban county – Deschutes. Up until the recession, the Bend-Redmond area of Deschutes County had been the fastest growing region in the state. In the rural counties, the economy depends heavily on tourism, agriculture and wood mills; the economy in Deschutes County is somewhat more diverse.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care\(^1\)

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.8% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed.
- 63.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents).
- 36.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce.
- 29.7% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 20.0 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $338 a month on child care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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\(^1\) Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey.

Crook County and Central Region
Child Care and Education in Curry County

Curry County is located in the southwestern corner of Oregon with a population of over 22,000. Principal industries in Curry County have traditionally been lumber, agriculture, commercial and sport fishing, recreation, and tourism. Employment in wood products and fishing has decreased while the retirement sector and tourism have added jobs in retail and services. Many new jobs are lower paid with evening and weekend shifts, so working parents have a hard time finding affordable child care. Rural areas have the greatest need. In addition, an increasing Latino population is driving the need for more child care providers who share the language and culture of working families.

Providers’ Stories
Many local child care providers have learned that our CARE Connections’ CCR&R is the place to call when they have concerns about a child’s development or when they have a child with special needs in care. A provider reported that a child’s parents successfully set up an appointment for an assessment after we provided her with information about child development and Early Intervention services.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Curry County? ¹
In 2010, there were 2,234 children age 0-12 years:
- 817 children age 0-4 years
- 827 children age 5-9 years
- 590 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Curry County families.
- 148 slots in child care and education centers
- 112 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Curry County has 12 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Curry County $6,900
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 39.5%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 59 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 87 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Curry County, contact:
CARE Connections
Hanscam Center, 16399 Lower Harbor Rd
Harbor, OR
541.469.5306 x254 or toll free 1.800.611.7555
Email: ccr&r@socc.edu
Website: www.socc.edu/careconnections

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southwestern Counties

The Southwestern region of Oregon includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties. It borders the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the California border on another side, and is home to some of the most scenic landscapes in the state. The region is predominantly rural, with the exceptions of Roseburg in Douglas County and Medford in Jackson County, with an economy rooted in agriculture, lumber, and, on the coast, fishing; tourism and recreation are playing increasingly larger roles in the economy of this region. The region is served by three different child care resource and referral agencies; CARE Connections serves Coos and Curry Counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.5% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 44.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 55.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 34.3% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 22.2 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $277 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southwestern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Curry County and Southwestern Region
Child Care and Education in Deschutes County

Deschutes County is a mix of rural and urban communities with the city of Bend at its hub. It has been the fastest growing county in Oregon for many years running. As a source of employment, construction has led the way, along with recreation/leisure, health and social services, retail sales, and real estate. The need for more quality child care grew proportionally as the population grew; it also increased full employment. With the recent economic downturn, the housing market stalled, foreclosure rates and unemployment have risen. One long-standing child care center has closed and others are struggling with low enrollments. The quality of life in Deschutes County continues to be positively influenced by the surrounding natural beauty, low cost recreational opportunities, a strong library system, good schools, an active non-profit services sector and state-of-the-art health care.

A Provider’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"After attending an amazing CCR&R training on Story Time Skills and checking out story time kits to use in our center, we decided to create our own story time kits for families to check out and use at home. We are so grateful for the Story Time project provided by our child care resource and referral agency. They received a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to create this cool project and it is helping lots of children and families develop early literacy skills.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Deschutes County? ¹

In 2010, there were 26,216 children age 0-12 years:
- 9,812 children age 0-4 years
- 9,889 children age 5-9 years
- 6,515 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Deschutes County families.
- 3,302 slots in child care and education centers
- 1,844 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Deschutes County has 20 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Deschutes County $7,571
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker 43.3%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴

- 358 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (62.4% of eligible)
- 643 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Deschutes County, contact:

NeighborImpact Child Care Resources
2303 SW First Street, Suite A
Redmond, OR 97756
541.548.2380 or toll free 1.888.298.2672
Email: ccr@neighborimpact.org
Website: www.neighborimpact.org/ccr.html

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Central Counties

The Central Region of Oregon includes Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, all of which are served by NeighborImpact Child Care Resources. This region combines two predominantly rural counties – Crook and Jefferson – with one more urban county – Deschutes. Up until the recession, the Bend-Redmond area of Deschutes County had been the fastest growing region in the state. In the rural counties, the economy depends heavily on tourism, agriculture and wood mills; the economy in Deschutes County is somewhat more diverse.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.8% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 63.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 36.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 29.7% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 20.0 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $338 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Deschutes County and Central Region
Child Care and Education in Douglas County

Douglas County is in Southern Oregon and encompasses 5,062 sq. miles, with a population of over 107,000 people. The lumber and wood products industries comprise about 21 percent of the county’s total private sector employment, but employment in wood products is declining. Although employment in "other durable goods" manufacturing is growing, there is a net job loss. Douglas County has the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the state. Douglas County employees are piecing together the available part time jobs during this economic downturn. For child care providers, it means parents are looking for more non-traditional hours and days, part time hours and possible weekend care and late shift care. Family Connections of Lane and Douglas counties is recruiting child care providers and providing training to meet this new demand.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
“I received names of child care providers within 30 minutes of the parent consultation via email and I also received a copy of the referrals with educational material in the mail. The names and information on child care were very helpful, and I was able to find a child care provider within three days. My children LOVE her!”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Douglas County?¹
In 2010, there were 15,385 children age 0-12 years:
- 5,733 children age 0-4 years
- 5,731 children age 5-9 years
- 3,921 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Douglas County families.
- 1,196 slots in child care and education centers
- 961 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Douglas County has 14 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Douglas County $6,641
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 38.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 341 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (90.5% of eligible)
- 641 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Douglas County, contact:
Family Connections of Lane and Douglas Counties
4000 E 30th Avenue
Building 24
Eugene, OR 97405
541.463.3954 or toll free 1.800.222.3290
Email: CFE@lanecc.edu
Website: www.lanecc.edu/lfc

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southwestern Counties

The Southwestern region of Oregon includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties. It borders the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the California border on another side, and is home to some of the most scenic landscapes in the state. The region is predominantly rural, with the exceptions of Roseburg in Douglas County and Medford in Jackson County, with an economy rooted in agriculture, lumber, and, on the coast, fishing; tourism and recreation are playing increasingly larger roles in the economy of this region. The region is served by three different child care resource and referral agencies; Family Connections of Lane and Douglas Counties serves Douglas County.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.5% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 44.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 55.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 34.3% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 22.2 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $277 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Douglas County and Southwestern Region
Child Care and Education in Gilliam County

Situated in north central Oregon, Gilliam County is rural. Child care availability is lower than in much of the state. Child care is slightly more affordable but children live in families with low incomes. Large farms and wind turbines dominate the area, and one of the largest employers is Waste Management. With only one child care center and one certified family child care, finding child care is a challenge for working parents. They also rely on relatives and friends for child care. The loss of just one provider adversely affects the local supply and Gilliam County lost three registered family child care providers in the past year.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"Re-starting an existing child care [business] was hard work. It was great to have all of the assistance of the child care resource & referral staff. She trained my all new staff, twice, due to the turnover. We are now working on my professional development. This economy is so bad, I need all of the credentials I can get to compete and bring in more families." – A certified family child care provider in Arlington

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Gilliam County? ¹

In 2010, there were 235 children age 0-12 years:
- 76 children age 0-4 years
- 99 children age 5-9 years
- 60 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Gilliam County families.
- 38 slots in child care and education centers
- 16 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Gilliam County has 23 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in Gilliam County $4,620
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 26.4%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴

- 9 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 5 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Gilliam County, contact:

Child Care Partners
400 E Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058
541.506.6131 or toll free 1.800.755.1143
Email: ccpp@cgcc.cc.or.us
Website: www.cgcc.cc.or.us

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northeastern Counties

The Northeastern region of Oregon includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. This region borders the Columbia River. Most of the region is predominantly dependent on agriculture and logging for its economy; tourism also plays an important role in the economy, especially in Hood River, which is only an hour out of Portland, and in Umatilla, which, among other things, hosts the famous Pendleton Rodeo. This area is served by two child care resource and referral agencies. Gilliam County is served by Child Care Partners.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 81.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 60.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 39.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Gilliam County and Northeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Grant County

Situated in northeastern Oregon, Grant County is a sparsely populated rural county with a population of just under 7,500 in 2010. Agriculture, timber, and cattle ranching are its economic mainstays, but the profitability of all of these has declined in recent years. Grant County has had the second highest unemployment rate in Oregon for more than 30 years. The county is composed of small communities that are struggling economically. Children live in families with low incomes. Grant County has a large percentage of children in centers, such as Head Start centers, and in certified family child care homes.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"Because of classes I have taken through CCR&R, I was able to recognize a problem with a child, then figure out a way to talk with the parent about my concerns."

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Grant County?¹
In 2010, there were 1,042 children age 0-12 years:
- 420 children age 0-4 years
- 352 children age 5-9 years
- 270 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Grant County families.
- 121 slots in child care and education centers
- 24 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Grant County has 14 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Grant County $6,210
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 35.5%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 15 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (31.9% of eligible)
- 8 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Grant County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral
118 Washington Street
Canyon City, OR 97820
541.575.0251 or toll free 1.800.956.0324 x7
Email: CCRRassist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southeastern Counties

The Southeastern Region of Oregon includes Grant, Harney, Klamath and Lake counties. This region borders the state of California. It is very rural with the exception of the Medford area and is predominantly dependent on agriculture, logging, and tourism for its economy. The economy has been severely impacted by declines in the timber industry and water shortages have equally severely impacted the agricultural economy. The four counties are served by two different child care resource and referral agencies. Grant County is served by TecTeam’s Child Care Resource and Referral.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.0% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 54.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 45.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 23.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 30.1 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $257 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Grant County and Southeastern Region
Harney County is a large, very sparsely populated county in Eastern Oregon. Its 2010 population is just under 7,500 and it has few, widely separated communities. Despite the low population numbers, there is nonetheless an insufficient number of quality child care providers to serve the needs of the community. There are few providers who have open child care slots, and even fewer who offer extended hour care, which is badly needed in the county.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"Finding part time and seasonal child care is difficult. Licensed providers are already full and can’t take more children, even part time."

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Harney County? ¹
In 2010, there were 1,085 children age 0-12 years:
- 395 children age 0-4 years
- 423 children age 5-9 years
- 267 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Harney County families.
- 171 slots in child care and education centers
- 55 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Harney County has 21 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Harney County $4,408
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 25.2%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 73 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 23 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Grant County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral
90 W Washington
Burns, OR 97720
541.573.6676 or toll free 1.800.956.0234 x7
Email: CCRRassist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southeastern Counties

The Southeastern Region of Oregon includes Grant, Harney, Klamath and Lake counties. This region borders the state of California. It is very rural with the exception of the Medford area and is predominantly dependent on agriculture, logging, and tourism for its economy. The economy has been severely impacted by declines in the timber industry and water shortages have equally severely impacted the agricultural economy. The four counties are served by two different child care resource and referral agencies. Harney County is served by TecTeam’s Child Care Resource and Referral

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.0% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 54.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 45.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 23.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 30.1 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $257 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Harney County and Southeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Hood River County

Oregon’s highest mountain peak is located in the southern tip of Hood River County. The mighty Columbia River flows at the northern boundary providing kite boarding, windsurfing and other water sports. Fields of apple and pear trees and vineyards provide residents with both seasonal and year-round employment. Citizens work in a variety of electrical, manufacturing and retail jobs; education and a variety of technology enterprises are also important to the economy. Thirty-three percent of the population is Hispanic. Tourists and summer residents flock to the area to participate in many popular recreational venues.

Several businesses are lowering hours and/or closing.

A Parent’s Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral

A working mother of three children all under 4 years of age called for care. As a single mother, she was looking for care during a Monday through Sunday rotating shift any time between 7:00am and 6:00pm hours with her schedule assigned one week ahead. It was an impossible care situation, but we were able to help her patch something together.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Hood River County? ¹

In 2010, there were 3,930 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,445 children age 0-4 years
- 1,583 children age 5-9 years
- 902 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Hood River County families.
- 737 slots in child care and education centers
- 257 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Hood River County has 25 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Hood River County $6,180
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 35.4%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 127 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 77 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Hood River County, contact:
Child Care Partners
400 E Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058
541.506.6131 or toll free 1.800.755.1143
Email: ccp@cgcc.cc.or.us
Website: www.cgcc.cc.or.us

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
The Northeastern region of Oregon includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. This region borders the Columbia River. Most of the region is predominantly dependent on agriculture and logging for its economy; tourism also plays an important role in the economy, especially in Hood River, which is only an hour out of Portland, and in Umatilla, which, among other things, hosts the famous Pendleton Rodeo. This area is served by two child care resource and referral agencies. Hood River County is served by Child Care Partners.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care\(^1\)

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.
- 81.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 60.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 39.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Child Care and Education in Jackson County

With a population of more than 203,000 people, Jackson County is a blend of urban and rural with all the benefits and challenges of both. Currently, the unemployment rate is among the highest in the state; this has caused a surplus of child care due to decreasing demand. The local child care resource and referral agency is focusing its efforts on supporting current providers in offering quality care during these difficult times, and is also in their fifth year of partnering with Rogue Community College in offering financially-supported ECE classes providers may use towards a CDA.

A Parent’s Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral

A parent called needing care for her daughter with Downs Syndrome, explaining she had not needed care for a while and wanted to know what the going rate was. She was surprised to learn providers may not charge a higher rate solely on a child’s special needs. Her prior experience had led her to assume they could. A little later that day we received a call from a provider asking what the special needs rates were. She was discussing care with a parent who then recommended the provider call us with the question. The provider was relieved to get the correct information about this and reported she was very excited to be working with this family and child. With simple, straightforward information, the search for child care that might have been a challenge was a quick success for everyone involved.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Jackson County? ¹

In 2010, there were 32,529 children age 0-12 years:
- 12,675 children age 0-4 years
- 11,943 children age 5-9 years
- 7,911 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Jackson County families.
- 3,961 slots in child care and education centers
- 2,100 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Jackson County has 19 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Jackson County $7,935
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 45.4%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 759 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (89.2% of eligible)
- 1,121 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Jackson County, contact:
Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon
673 Market Street
Medford, OR 97504
541.776.1234 or toll free 1.800.866.9034
Email: CCRNReferral@jobcouncil.org
Website: www.jobcouncil.org

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³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
The Southwestern region of Oregon includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties. It borders the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the California border on another side, and is home to some of the most scenic landscapes in the state. The region is predominantly rural, with the exceptions of Roseburg in Douglas County and Medford in Jackson County, with an economy rooted in agriculture, lumber, and, on the coast, fishing; tourism and recreation are playing increasingly larger roles in the economy of this region. The region is served by three different child care resource agencies; the Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon serves Jackson and Josephine Counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.5% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed.
- 44.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents).
- 55.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce.
- 34.3% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 22.2 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $277 a month on child care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southwestern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Child Care and Education in Jefferson County

Located in north Central Oregon, Jefferson County is predominately rural; its economy is primarily from federal, state and local government, manufacturing, agriculture and retail. Madras is the county's major city. Jefferson County has the most culturally diverse population in Central Oregon, with large Hispanic and Native American (Warm Springs Reservation) populations. The Hispanic population has increased from 6.6% in 1980 to 19.3% in 2010. The Native American population is highest in the state at 15.5%. The economic downturn has hit this county hard. In February 2009, Jefferson County experienced the third highest unemployment rate (14.4% seasonally adjusted) in the state.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“I was a registered family child care provider in Madras for several years. I wanted to expand my business to be able to care for more children but I did not have the extra time or money to attend necessary classes to become certified. I read in the Child Care Resources Spanish language Provider Newsletter that they were offering a “Super Saturday” in my community where Spanish speaking providers could complete all trainings required for certification in one day. I was able to attend the Super Saturday and obtained certification through the Child Care Division. I am now able to serve more families and the quality of my business and care has increased.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Jefferson County?  

In 2010, there were 4,399 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,670 children age 0-4 years
- 1,698 children age 5-9 years
- 1,031 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?  
The following community resources exist for Jefferson County families.
- 537 slots in child care and education centers
- 262 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Jefferson County has 19 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?  

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Jefferson County $4,830
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 27.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care

- 244 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 129 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Jefferson County, contact:
NeighborImpact Child Care Resources
2303 SW First Street, Suite A
Redmond, OR 97756
541.548.2380 or toll free 1.888.298.2672
Email: ccr@neighborimpact.org
Website: www.neighborimpact.org/ccr.html

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2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
The Central Region of Oregon includes Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, all of which are served by NeighborImpact Child Care Resources. This region combines two predominantly rural counties – Crook and Jefferson – with one more urban county – Deschutes. Up until the recession, the Bend-Redmond area of Deschutes County had been the fastest growing region in the state. In the rural counties, the economy depends heavily on tourism, agriculture and wood mills; the economy in Deschutes County is somewhat more diverse.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.8% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 63.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 36.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 29.7% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 20.0 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $338 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Jefferson County and Central Region
Child Care and Education in Josephine County

With a population of 83,600, Josephine County is a rural county and has been very hard hit with the current economic downturn. Fortunately the local child care resource and referral agency (CCR&R) and the local county Commission on Children and Families have a common vision of increasing social/emotional well being in young children and supporting current providers in the pursuit of quality child care. The CCR&R is also in their fifth year of collaboration with Rogue Community College in offering financially-supported ECE classes providers may use towards a CDA.

A Parent and Provider's Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral
A local family with a bilingual heritage have their son in child care while they work. The parents and provider have seen the child's communication skills deteriorate since he left Head Start. This normally happy-go-lucky boy has a disability that strongly affects his ability to form words. Head Start had been teaching him sign language but he does not have access to it in kindergarten. He is losing his best tool to communicate about his needs and is resorting more and more to hitting his teachers, family and other children to get his needs met. The CCR&R helped the child care provider who cares for this child obtain a special “high needs” reimbursement rate. With this rate, she plans to hire an instructor to teach the staff and all the children sign language. The provider is thinking of other ways to support the one child by enhancing the program for every child. Now, this happy, high energy child has the opportunity to become tri-lingual.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Josephine County? 1
In 2010, there were 11,614 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,483 children age 0-4 years
- 4,182 children age 5-9 years
- 2,949 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Josephine County families.
- 1,241 slots in child care and education centers
- 424 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Josephine County has 14 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Josephine County $5,699
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 32.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 312 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (87.2% of eligible)
- 394 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

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Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon
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Email: CCRNReferral@jobcouncil.org
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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southwestern Counties

The Southwestern region of Oregon includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties. It borders the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the California border on another side, and is home to some of the most scenic landscapes in the state. The region is predominantly rural, with the exceptions of Roseburg in Douglas County and Medford in Jackson County, with an economy rooted in agriculture, lumber, and, on the coast, fishing; tourism and recreation are playing increasingly larger roles in the economy of this region. The region is served by three different child care resource agencies; the Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon serves Jackson and Josephine Counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 77.5% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 44.3% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 55.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 34.3% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 22.2 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $277 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southwestern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Josephine County and Southwestern Region
Child Care and Education in Klamath County

Situated in south central Oregon and bordering California, Klamath County is the fourth largest county in Oregon. The economy is primarily based on agriculture and cattle ranching. The economy has suffered from the loss of higher-wage timber jobs and a growth of lower-paid service sector jobs. More parents are working extra hours or taking second jobs to make ends meet. The child care industry has felt the effects too; some providers have opted for better paying occupations. To improve child care supply and quality, the child care resource & referral program has been offering training, mentoring and equipment to new and existing providers.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
“Fifteen years ago, I was a teen mom looking for good child care that I knew my daughter needed to grow and develop. It was difficult to find in Klamath Falls. Now I am a caseworker who helps mothers find good child care. It hasn’t really changed. They are having the same problems I had fifteen years ago. Good child care is still hard to find.” – A social service worker in Klamath County

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Klamath County?¹
In 2010, there were 11,157 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,173 children age 0-4 years
- 4,286 children age 5-9 years
- 2,698 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Klamath County families.
- 1,299 slots in child care and education centers
- 360 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Klamath County has 15 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Klamath County $6,740
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 38.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 353 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (93.6% of eligible)
- 337 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Klamath County, contact:
Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon
673 Market Street
Medford, OR 97504
541.776.1234 or toll free 1.800.866.9034
Email: CCRNReferral@jobcouncil.org
Website: www.jobcouncil.org

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
The Southeastern Region of Oregon includes Grant, Harney, Klamath and Lake counties. This region borders the state of California. It is very rural with the exception of the Medford area and is predominantly dependent on agriculture, logging, and tourism for its economy. The economy has been severely impacted by declines in the timber industry and water shortages have equally severely impacted the agricultural economy. The four counties are served by two different child care resource and referral agencies. Klamath County is served by Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.0% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 54.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 45.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 23.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 30.1 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $257 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Klamath County and Southeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Lake County

Situated in south central Oregon, Lake County boasts the beautiful scenery of the high desert. The county is sparsely populated, with a population of almost 7,900 in 2010. Primary sources of employment in Lake County are cattle ranching, agriculture (hay), and wood products manufacturing. Water shortages and irrigation restrictions have negatively impacted agriculture in recent years and the wood products industry has been in decline for some time.

A Community Partner's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"Although we have a small population, it is still difficult to find child care in this county, especially licensed care. Our providers have trouble finding the trainings and support that they need to become registered and to maintain their registration."

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Lake County?¹
In 2010, there were 1,032 children age 0-12 years:
- 387 children age 0-4 years
- 397 children age 5-9 years
- 248 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Lake County families.
- 39 slots in child care and education centers
- 50 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Lake County has 9 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in Lake County $5,100
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 29.2%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 37 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 16 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Lake County, contact:
Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon
673 Market Street
Medford, OR 97504
541.776.1234 or toll free 1.800.866.9034
Email: CCRNReferral@jobcouncil.org
Website: www.jobcouncil.org

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² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southeastern Counties

The Southeastern Region of Oregon includes Grant, Harney, Klamath and Lake counties. This region borders the state of California. It is very rural with the exception of the Medford area and is predominantly dependent on agriculture, logging, and tourism for its economy. The economy has been severely impacted by declines in the timber industry and water shortages have equally severely impacted the agricultural economy. The four counties are served by two different child care resource and referral agencies. Lake County is served by Child Care Resource Network of Southern Oregon.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 85.0% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 54.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 45.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 23.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 30.1 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $257 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Southeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Lane County is one of only two Oregon counties to expand from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascade mountain range. The county's 4,620 square miles extends from the Oregon coast to the Three Sisters mountains. In between is the Willamette Valley. The bustling Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area provides an urban center for the county, the largest between Portland and Sacramento. The principal industries of Lane County are agriculture, higher education, high technology, forest products, recreation, RV manufacturing and tourism. In recent years, the county’s population has become increasingly diversified, especially with regard to the Latino and Hispanic populations.

**A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral**

“I’ve been doing child care for almost 10 years now and I love the trainings at Family Connections. The trainings are offered at a variety of times which makes it nice for me because I work full time and it can be difficult to go to classes. The class information is also very good. Several of my long time families were referred to me by Family Connections and that’s another great benefit of the CCR&R.”

**How Many Children Under 13 Live in Lane County?**

In 2010, there were 49,910 children age 0-12 years:
- 18,359 children age 0-4 years
- 19,043 children age 5-9 years
- 12,508 children age 10-12 years

**How Much Child Care Do We Have?**

The following community resources exist for Lane County families.
- 7,028 slots in child care and education centers
- 2,666 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Lane County has 19 per 100 children.

**How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?**

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Lane County: $9,088
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 52.0%

**Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care**

- 910 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (62.9% of eligible)
- 2,337 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Lane County, contact:

Family Connections of Lane and Douglas Counties
4000 E 30th Avenue
Building 24
Eugene, OR 97405
541.463.3954 or Toll Free 1.800.222.3290
Email: CFE@lanecc.edu
Website: www.lanecc.edu/lfc

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2. 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3. 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4. 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Central Willamette Valley Counties

The Central Willamette Valley region of Oregon includes Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. Three child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Connections of Lane and Douglas Counties serves Lane county. The region is nestled into the heart of the Willamette Valley, where Marion county is the home of the state capitol in Salem, and Corvallis in Benton County and Eugene in Lane County are home to two of Oregon’s state universities.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 79.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 48.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 51.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 33.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 23.9 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $519 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Lane County and Central Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Lincoln County

Lincoln County is one of the most popular visitor destinations on the Oregon Coast. Stretching more than 60 miles along the Pacific Ocean, Lincoln County boasts a variety of natural wonders from the coast to the low range of mountains called the Coast Range. The county has no major metropolitan area and consists of many small communities scattered throughout the region. Until 2009, the central coast region of the county did not have a licensed child care center that accepted infants and toddlers. The CCR&R was instrumental in the effort to open such a center in Toledo, which has grown steadily since opening day. However, infant/toddler care is still a high need in the Newport area, as is care during non-traditional hours, which is needed by parents who work in the tourism and service related industries.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“I was helping my daughter find child care for my grandbaby and called Family Care Connection, the CCR&R for Lincoln County. The people I spoke with were wonderful and so was the information I received. They understood what I wanted and were very friendly and helpful. I received the information quickly and passed it on to my grandbaby’s mother. They are a wonderful resource. I am thankful for all for the wonderful work they are doing for our community.” - A thankful grandparent.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Lincoln County? ¹

In 2010, there were 5,624 children age 0-12 years:
- 2,017 children age 0-4 years
- 2,179 children age 5-9 years
- 1,428 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Lincoln County families.
- 777 slots in child care and education centers
- 267 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Lincoln County has 19 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Lincoln County $6,471
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 37.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 189 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (57.8% of eligible)
- 198 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Lincoln County, contact:
Family Care Connection for Clatsop, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties
29 SE Second Street
Newport, OR 97365
541.265.2558 or toll free 1.800.603.2728
Email: familycareconnection@oregonstate.edu
Website: extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/family_care

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.

Lincoln County and North Coast Region
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s North Coast Counties

The North Coast region of Oregon includes Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln and Tillamook counties. Two child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Care Connection for Clatsop, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties serves three of these counties, including Lincoln County. The region is situated along the north coast and the western end of the Columbia River where it meets the ocean. Lincoln, Clatsop and Tillamook counties depend on tourism, fishing, dairy and agriculture. In Columbia County, industry also plays a large role in the economy.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 75.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 47.4% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 52.6% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 31.6 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $455 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the North Coast Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Lincoln County and North Coast Region
Child Care and Education in Linn County

Albany is the county seat and also the largest city in Linn County. Much of the county is rural. Albany is underserved in terms of child care centers, especially those which offer infant/toddler care. There are no centers operating in Lebanon and only one in Sweet Home. The greater Albany Public School District and the Community After School Program (CAP) have a longstanding partnership that offers state licensed and fairly comprehensive out-of-school-time programming in Albany. Business closures and downsizing threaten this popular program because families are not able to pay the child care fees even though they are offered on a sliding scale.

A Parent’s Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral

A parent called the CCR&R emotionally distraught because she was being forced to move her child from a provider both she and the child were very fond of because she had lost her well paying job due to downsizing. She was forced to accept a lower paying job to support her family. As a result, she had to apply for the Employment Related Daycare (ERDC) subsidy offered by the State to help her pay for child care. With her lower pay rate, she was not able to afford her current child care provider, so she had to look for new care. This disrupted both her peace of mind and the bond her child had formed with his provider. The CCR&R was able to listen to her concerns, help her locate new care with a provider familiar with the ERDC program and help the mother understand how the ERDC program works.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Linn County? 1

In 2010, there were 19,230 children age 0-12 years:
- 7,258 children age 0-4 years
- 7,241 children age 5-9 years
- 4,731 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Linn County families.
- 1,631 slots in child care and education centers
- 1,062 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Linn County has 14 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Linn County $7,110
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 40.7%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4

- 304 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (35.5% of eligible)
- 695 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Linn County, contact:

Family Connections
6500 SW Pacific Blvd
Albany, OR 97321
541.917.4899 or Toll Free: 1.800.845.1363
Email: connect@linnbenton.edu
Website: www.linnbenton.edu/familyresources/familyconnections

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1 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Central Willamette Valley Counties

The Central Willamette Valley region of Oregon includes Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. Three child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Connections serves Linn and Benton counties. The region is nestled into the heart of the Willamette Valley, where Marion county is the home of the state capitol in Salem, and Corvallis in Benton County and Eugene in Lane County are home to two of Oregon’s state universities.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 79.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 48.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 51.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 33.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 23.9 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $519 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in Central Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Linn County and Central Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Malheur County

Malheur County is located on the Oregon-Idaho border and the convergence of four rivers. Its economy is based primarily on agriculture. Families come from diverse cultures, with many families speaking Spanish. Its population in 2010 was slightly more than 31,000. Child care centers and family child care offer a variety of child care options. Many resources and supports are offered to child care programs. Treasure Valley Community College offers an early childhood degree. A high percentage of employees work part-time, odd hours and weekends.

A Parent's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
“A variety of child care settings allows me to find the best fit for my child. I like the cultural diversity and the exposure to a second language.”

How Many Children under 13 Live in Malheur County? ¹
In 2010, there were 5,465 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,768 children age 0-4 years
- 2,288 children age 5-9 years
- 1,409 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Malheur County families.
- 809 slots in child care and education centers
- 316 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Malheur County has 21 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Malheur County $4,290
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 24.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 262 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 175 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Malheur County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral
375 SW 2nd Avenue
Ontario, OR 97914
541.889.7864 or toll free 1.800.956.0234 x7
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
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Malheur County and Eastern Region
The northeastern region of Oregon includes Baker, Malheur, Union, and Wallowa counties. This region borders Washington state and Idaho; the very easternmost part of the state is actually in a different time zone. The region is largely rural and predominantly dependent on agriculture, ranching, logging, and tourism for its economy; some mining also plays a role in the economy. All of these counties are covered by TecTeam’s Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, which also covers Grant and Harney counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 84.3% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed.
- 54.8% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents).
- 45.2% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce.
- 31.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 27.5 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $255 a month on child care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Eastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Malheur County and Eastern Region
Child Care and Education in Marion County

A majority of the requests for child care in the area are for infants and toddlers, but the number of available slots is very low. Currently, the percentage of children under age five is increasing dramatically. One of the main difficulties that families have is paying for these slots, especially if they have more than one child under age five. The county has seen a big increase in the number of low income families accessing the state subsidy and/or turning to family, friends and neighbors for help. Child care is more readily available than in nearby counties due to the larger cities and more developed areas. Child care providers in this area are, on the average, connected to each other and the resources available to them.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“I received the best information possible for my situation. The names of providers I was given for a child with disabilities was extremely helpful. I did find the process this time around (5th time finding child care) educational and life changing. It has given me many tools to pass on to others in my same situation, as well as, just how few individuals there are that understand the specific needs of children with special needs.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Marion County?¹

In 2010, there were 59,691 children age 0-12 years:
- 22,099 children age 0-4 years
- 23,413 children age 5-9 years
- 14,179 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Marion County families.
- 5,156 slots in child care and education centers
- 3,859 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Marion County has 15 slots per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Marion County: $7,282
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 41.7%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 1,226 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (58.1% of eligible)
- 2,423 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Marion County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral of Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
2475 Center Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
503.585.2491 or toll free 1.800.289.5533
Email: ccis@mwvcaa.org
Website: www.mwvcaa.org/ccis

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Central Willamette Valley Counties

The Central Willamette Valley region of Oregon includes Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. Three child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Child Care Information Services serves Marion County. The region is nestled into the heart of the Willamette Valley, where Marion County is the home of the state capitol in Salem, and Corvallis in Benton County and Eugene in Lane County are home to two of Oregon’s state universities.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 79.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 48.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 51.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 33.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 23.9 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $519 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Marion County and Central Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Morrow County

Morrow County, situated in rural eastern Oregon, had been experiencing a growth spurt which has slowed with the recession. The economy includes agriculture, livestock, food processing, utilities and recreation. One of its cities, Boardman, has a coal-fired power generation plant. The county had a population of just over 11,000 in 2010. The workforce population has grown in this county, and the availability of quality child care has not kept pace.

A Parent's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
“As a single parent it was comforting to call CCR&R and gain their support in finding a provider I felt comfortable with and one that could accommodate both my child's needs and my evening schedule.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Morrow County? ¹
In 2010, there were 2,505 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,019 children age 0-4 years
- 855 children age 5-9 years
- 631 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Morrow County families.
- 161 slots in child care and education centers
- 55 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Morrow County has 9 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Morrow County $5,188
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 29.7%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 69 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 40 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Morrow County, contact:
Child Care Resource and Referral
110 NE 4th Street
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.564.6878 or toll free 1.800.559.5878
Email: ccrr@umchs.org
Website: www.umchs.org

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northeastern Counties

The Northeastern region of Oregon includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. This region borders the Columbia River. Most of the region is predominantly dependent on agriculture and logging for its economy; tourism also plays an important role in the economy, especially in Hood River, which is only an hour out of Portland, and in Umatilla, which, among other things, hosts the famous Pendleton Rodeo. This area is served by two child care resource and referral agencies. Morrow County is served by UMCHS Child Care Resource and Referral.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 81.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 60.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 39.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Morrow County and Northeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Multnomah County

Multnomah County is geographically the smallest Oregon County. It is the most populous county in the state housing 20% of the state’s population. Portland, the county seat, is the largest city in Oregon. There are 272,098 households in the county, 26.5% of these households have children under the age of 18 living in them. 8.20% of these families live below the poverty line. The racial makeup of the county is 79% White, 6% Asian, 6% Black or African American, 1% Native American, 0.35% Pacific Islander, 4% from other races, and 4% from two or more races. 83% spoke English in 2000 census with 6.3% speaking Spanish, 1.7% speaking Vietnamese and 1.3% speaking Russian as their first language. Due to these diverse needs, child care is supported in the predominant languages so that families are able to access the child care of their choosing.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“*In this tough economy, it’s nice to know the CCR&R is available. After losing my job and having to move my children to a new neighborhood, the staff not only helped my family find excellent child care, but was also able to refer us to resources that helped ease the financial stress.*”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Multnomah County? 1

In 2010, there were 117,604 children age 0-12 years:
- 43,373 children age 0-4 years
- 47,767 children age 5-9 years
- 26,464 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Multnomah County families:
- 15,709 slots in child care and education centers
- 6,797 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Multnomah County has 19 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Multnomah County $10,271
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 58.8%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4

- 2,421 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (63.9% of eligible)
- 4,377 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Multnomah County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral of Multnomah County
1006 SE Grand, Suite 100B
Portland, OR 97214
503.548.4400 or toll free 1.866.227.5529
Email: info@ccrr-mc.org
Website: www.ccrr-mc.org

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1 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.

Multnomah County and Northern Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northern Willamette Valley Counties

The Northern Willamette Valley region consists of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties. It has the greatest population density in the state and has the majority of the state’s population. Three of its counties comprise the Portland metropolitan area, which has its own regional government. The area is home to several colleges and universities, including Portland State University. There are four child care resource and referral agencies that serve the region; Child Care Resource and Referral of Multnomah County serves Multnomah County.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 74.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 39.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 60.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.0% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 26.7 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $693 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northern Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Multnomah County and Northern Willamette Valley Region.
Child Care and Education in Polk County

This county is predominantly rural. Its economy is based on agriculture and timber, with grass seed and Christmas trees being two of the most common crops. There are a number of commuters as well, working in Salem, often in state government. There is no major city and some of the towns are very small. Child care in Polk County is limited. It is not uncommon in certain areas for there to only be one to two registered child care providers available in these small towns. Even in the larger towns, there are not a lot of options for child care.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“I am moving to Oregon from out of state and was at the end of what I knew to do in finding child care when I stumbled upon the Child Care Referral Service number. The representative that assisted me with finding a child care service was rapid in responding both by phone and email, and by rapid I mean in a matter of an hour I had [phone] numbers [of providers], plus a handful of important information about what to ask, how and where to get more information about the child care service I was interested in. I could not have done this by myself out of the phone book. I am very thankful for this service and the sincerity of the people that assisted me.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Polk County? ¹
In 2010, there were 11,296 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,478 children age 0-4 years
- 4,150 children age 5-9 years
- 2,668 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Polk County families.
- 903 slots in child care and education centers
- 887 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Polk County has 16 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Polk County $5,335
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 30.5%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 139 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (50.9% of eligible)
- 431 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Polk County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral of Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
2475 Center Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
503.585.2491 or toll free 1.800.289.5533
Email: ccis@mwvcaa.org
Website: www.mwvcaa.org/ccis

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.

Polk County and Central Willamette Valley Region
The Central Willamette Valley region of Oregon includes Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. Three child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Child Care Information Services serves Polk County. The region is nestled into the heart of the Willamette Valley, where Marion County is the home of the state capital in Salem, and Corvallis in Benton County and Eugene in Lane County are home to two of Oregon’s state universities.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 79.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 48.2% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 51.8% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 33.1% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 23.9 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $519 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Central Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Polk County and Central Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Sherman County

Situated in north central Oregon, Sherman County is rural. In some areas of the county registered child care is not available. Child care is slightly more affordable than in some areas of the state, but children live in families with less income. Large farms and wind turbines dominate the area. Sherman County’s unemployment rate is among Oregon’s highest. Many jobs are seasonal with odd hours. For many families, child care is a challenge. As unemployment increases, work for our one registered family child care provider and two certified family providers decreases, making budgets harder to keep. Only some working parents use paid care, many more are relying on their relatives and neighbors.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“The child care resource and referral staff in Sherman County is terrific. When I could not find the kind of child care that I wanted, she helped me and a group of parents to start our own child care facility. It was a great deal of work to get started and she was so much help.” – A certified family child care home provider in Moro

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Sherman County?¹

In 2010, there were 227 children age 0-12 years:
- 80 children age 0-4 years
- 81 children age 5-9 years
- 66 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Sherman County families.
- 72 slots in child care and education centers
- 28 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Sherman County has 44 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Sherman County $8,384
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 48.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴

- 17 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 8 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Sherman County, contact:

Child Care Partners
400 E.Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058
541.506.6131 or toll free 1.800.755.1143
Email: ccp@cgcc.cc.or.us
Website: www.cgcc.cc.or.us

¹ 2010 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2011-2012 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northeastern Counties

The Northeastern region of Oregon includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. This region borders the Columbia River. Most of the region is predominantly dependent on agriculture and logging for its economy; tourism also plays an important role in the economy, especially in Hood River, which is only an hour out of Portland, and in Umatilla, which, among other things, hosts the famous Pendleton Rodeo. This area is served by two child care resource and referral agencies. Sherman County is served by Child Care Partners.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 81.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 60.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 39.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Sherman County and Northeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Tillamook County

Tillamook County is the land of cheese, trees and ocean breeze. Located on the Northern Oregon Coast and tucked between the Coastal Range Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, its geographic isolation created a close-knit community whose hallmark has been self-reliance. Dairy farming is the one of the county's largest agricultural occupations and the Tillamook Cheese Factory is the county's largest private employer. The Tillamook State Forest is a key to the economy providing revenue and jobs through timber harvesting and processing, along with a wide variety of recreational activities. The County's scenic coastline, which includes four bays and nine rivers, contributes to a growing tourist industry. Almost one-third of child care providers in Tillamook County, enrolled with the CCR&R, have been doing child care for more than ten years. The CCR&R has been working to help these providers with their professional development goals, and by offering new research-based trainings.

A Provider’s Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral

“The CCR&R has helped me by offering trainings that increased my ability to meet some specific needs of the children I care for, and encouraged me to pass that important information along to parents. I enjoy the opportunity to be with other child care providers in a relaxed setting where we can learn and have fun together. It keeps me motivated to continue doing child care and to keep learning.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Tillamook County? ¹
In 2010, there were 3,106 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,070 children age 0-4 years
- 1,253 children age 5-9 years
- 783 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Tillamook County families.
- 380 slots in child care and education centers
- 189 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Tillamook County has 18 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Tillamook County $6,474
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 37.1%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 69 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (45.7% of eligible)
- 148 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Tillamook County, contact:
Family Care Connection for Clatsop, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties
29 SE Second Street
Newport, OR 97365
541.265.2558 or toll free 1.800.603.2728
Email: familycareconnection@oregonstate.edu
Website: extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/family care

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² 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
³ 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
⁴ 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s North Coast Counties

The North Coast region of Oregon includes Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln and Tillamook counties. Two child care resource and referral agencies serve this region; Family Care Connection for Clatsop, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties serves three of these counties, including Tillamook County. The region is situated along the north coast and the western end of the Columbia River where it meets the ocean. Lincoln, Clatsop and Tillamook counties depend on tourism, fishing, dairy and agriculture. In Columbia County, industry also plays a large role in the economy.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 75.2% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 47.4% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 52.6% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 31.6 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $455 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the North Coast Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Tillamook County and North Coast Region
Child Care and Education in Umatilla County

Umatilla County, situated in rural eastern Oregon, has recently experienced tremendous growth in industry, services and residential housing. This has slowed somewhat with the recession and the population actually decreased somewhat in 2008, then increased very slightly in 2010. Still, child care has not caught up with the county’s growth spurt, and there is a lack of quality child care in the county. It is particularly difficult to find care during non-business hours and weekends, yet a significant number of families are employed in industries requiring odd hour shifts.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“Through the CCR&R I was able to obtain the training and information to help expand my knowledge of how to be creative in meeting the needs of the children in my care and how to be more supportive of their families.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Umatilla County?  
In 2010, there were 12,765 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,723 children age 0-4 years
- 4,846 children age 5-9 years
- 3,196 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?  
The following community resources exist for Umatilla County families.
- 1,450 slots in child care and education centers
- 811 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Umatilla County has 18 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?  
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Umatilla County $6,360
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 36.4%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care  
- 423 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 496 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Umatilla County, contact:
Child Care Resource and Referral
110 NE 4th Street
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.564.6878 or toll free 1.800.559.5878
Email: ccr@umchs.org
Website: www.umchs.org

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2 2010 county data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local data. Visible slots refer to care available in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
3 2010 county-level cost of toddler care provided by local CCR&R. Oregon minimum wage as of January 2010. Average annual tuition for a full-time undergraduate student of Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon during the 2010-2011 academic year.
4 2010 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. 2010 subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis done by Oregon State University.
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northeastern Counties

The Northeastern region of Oregon includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. This region borders the Columbia River. Most of the region is predominantly dependent on agriculture and logging for its economy; tourism also plays an important role in the economy, especially in Hood River, which is only an hour out of Portland, and in Umatilla, which, among other things, hosts the famous Pendleton Rodeo. This area is served by two child care resource and referral agencies. Umatilla County is served by UMCHS Child Care Resource and Referral.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 81.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 60.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 39.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Umatilla County and Northeastern Region
Situated in northeastern Oregon, Union County has several rural communities that are closely linked geographically and economically. Most of the paid child care is done in family child care settings. LaGrande has two child care centers and one after school center. Preschools are available in most communities. Much paid child care is part time due to many part-time or seasonal jobs.

A Parent's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
"CCR&R offers such a valued service as we were able to refer such competent providers. CCR&R bent over backwards to help get my provider the High Need rate, and (CCR&R) offers other services which have proved invaluable such as car seats, sand and water table, and picture boards which will be so helpful for my son now and in the future. Thank you for caring so much and for all that you do for my son and I." – Parent of a special needs child

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Union County?¹
In 2010, there were 4,178 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,551 children age 0-4 years
- 1,648 children age 5-9 years
- 979 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Union County families.
- 461 slots in child care and education centers
- 489 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Union County has 23 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable?³
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Union County $4,888
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 28.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 110 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (62.9% of eligible)
- 183 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Union County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral
1901 Adams Avenue, Suite 3
LaGrande, OR 97850
541.963.7942, x7 or toll free 1.800.956.0324 x7
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Eastern Counties

The northeastern region of Oregon includes Baker, Malheur, Union and Wallowa counties. This region borders Washington state and Idaho; the very easternmost part of the state is actually in a different time zone. The region is largely rural and predominantly dependent on agriculture, ranching, logging, and tourism for its economy; some mining also plays a role in the economy. All of these counties are covered by TecTeam’s Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, which also covers Grant and Harney counties.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 84.3% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed.
- 54.8% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents).
- 45.2% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce.
- 31.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 27.5 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $255 a month on child care.

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Eastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Child Care and Education in Wallowa County

Situated in the northeastern corner of Oregon, Wallowa County is composed of small rural communities that struggle economically. Tourism is a major industry, and most paid child care is part-time or seasonal. Child care rates are lower, but children also live in families with low incomes. There are no child care centers except for part time preschools, so licensed or exempt family child cares home are pretty much the available options. Child care providers receive strong early literacy support through Training Wheels and the Wallowa County Child Care Support Project. The following statistics highlight the child care dynamics in Wallowa County.

A Provider’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“Being in such an isolated area, with so many really low-income families, the classes and incentives offered through CCR&R keep me encouraged to stay in child care and motivated to do my best. I appreciate the support.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Wallowa County? ¹

In 2010, there were 859 children age 0-12 years:
- 334 children age 0-4 years
- 293 children age 5-9 years
- 232 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Wallowa County families.
- 92 slots in child care and education centers
- 82 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Wallowa County has 20 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.

- Average annual cost of toddler care in Wallowa County $2,788
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 16.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴

- 33 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (97.1% of eligible)
- 35 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

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Child Care Resource & Referral
104 Litch St
Enterprise, OR 97828
541.426.3149 or toll free 1.800.956.0324 x7
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

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How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

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- 84.3% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 54.8% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 45.2% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 31.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 27.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $255 a month on child care

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Wallowa County and Eastern Region
Child Care and Education in Wasco County

Wasco County is a large rural area with five small communities and a large Native American Reservation. Its plains and rolling hills host agriculture: wheat ranches, cherry orchards, viniculture, and power generation. Thirteen percent of the population is Hispanic this percentage increases during harvest. It is the end of the Oregon Trail, highlighted with the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. White water, the Columbia River at its north border, and trails draw tourists. Light industry, Google, Columbia Gorge Community College, and a host of small businesses provide residents with employment. Currently small businesses are cutting hours and/or closing. There is no public child care center making family child care and informal care the only choice.

A Parent’s Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral
A father, who cares for his two school age daughters, lost his job the Friday prior to spring break. He called for referrals so that he was able to attend the mandatory JOBS program in order to receive benefits, including job search.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Wasco County? 1
In 2010, there were 4,069 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,513 children age 0-4 years
- 1,519 children age 5-9 years
- 1,037 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Wasco County families.
- 671 slots in child care and education centers
- 347 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Wasco County has 25 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3
People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Wasco County: $4,711
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 27.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 153 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 160 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Wasco County, contact:
Child Care Partners
400 E Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058
541.506.6131 or toll free 1.800.755.1143
Email: ccp@cgcc.cc.or.us
Website: www.cgcc.cc.or.us

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northeastern Counties

The Northeastern region of Oregon includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. This region borders the Columbia River. Most of the region is predominantly dependent on agriculture and logging for its economy; tourism also plays an important role in the economy, especially in Hood River, which is only an hour out of Portland, and in Umatilla, which, among other things, hosts the famous Pendleton Rodeo. This area is served by two child care resource and referral agencies. Wasco County is served by Child Care Partners.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed:

- 81.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 60.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 39.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northeastern Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Child Care and Education in Washington County

The number of child care providers continues to grow in Washington County. However, with the economic downturn, the number of parent calls has decreased and providers have seen the need to become more flexible with their business hours and fees. With the implementation of the Quality Indicators project in Oregon, many providers in Washington County are being encouraged to work towards higher steps on the Oregon Registry. Child Care Resource & Referral hosts a cohort of family child care providers who are working towards accreditation with the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) and provides a monthly cohort for those providers working to achieve the Child Development Associate credential (CDA).

A Parent’s Story as told by their Child Care Resource and Referral

A single dad called looking for care for a 4 year old and two school-aged children. He needed a provider connected to the children’s elementary school. His job requires him to be available for all shifts. Receiving a call like this in the past would have been a very difficult referral to do. However, the economic times being as they are, the referral specialist was able to give the dad the names of 4 providers advertising 24 hour care and a drop-in center open until 10 pm.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Washington County? ¹

In 2010, there were 102,515 children age 0-12 years:
- 37,908 children age 0-4 years
- 40,896 children age 5-9 years
- 23,711 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Washington County families.
- 13,328 slots in child care and education centers
- 5,285 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Washington County has 18 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Washington County $11,880
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 68.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴

- 1,129 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (66.4% of eligible)
- 2,247 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Washington County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral in Washington and Columbia Counties
1001 SW Baseline
Hillsboro, OR 97123
503.648.6646 or toll free 1.800.624.9516
Email: ccrr@caowash.org
Website: www.communityaction4u.org

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northern Willamette Valley Counties

The Northern Willamette Valley region consists of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties. It has the greatest population density in the state and has the majority of the state’s population. Three of its counties comprise the Portland metropolitan area, which has its own regional government. The area is home to several colleges and universities, including Portland State University. There are four child care resource and referral agencies that serve the region; Child Care Resource and Referral of Washington and Columbia Counties serves Washington County.

How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 74.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 39.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 60.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.0% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 26.7 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $693 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northern Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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Child Care and Education in Wheeler County

Situated in Central Oregon, Wheeler County is rural. The pockets of population have distances of up to one hour between them. Registered child care is not available in parts of Wheeler County. Child care is more affordable but children live in families with less income. Wheeler County's unemployment rate is among Oregon's highest. With such a small population in a large, rural geographic area, there are few services and supports for families. In rural areas especially, families will rely on one another for what they need, including child care. Although, there are two child care centers meeting a specific need in two communities and one newly registered family child care, only some working parents use paid care; many more rely on their relatives and neighbors, which increases the challenge of maintaining a child care business.

A Provider's Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

"I absolutely feel that what our child care resource & referral agency brings to us is very beneficial and necessary. I felt very comfortable and loved the personal touch of training coming into my home." – A family child care provider in Spray

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Wheeler County? ¹

In 2010, there were 182 children age 0-12 years:
- 72 children age 0-4 years
- 58 children age 5-9 years
- 52 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Wheeler County families.
- 19 slots in child care and education centers
- 9 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Wheeler County has 15 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? ³

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in Wheeler County: $5,790
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 33.1%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 9 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 1 child age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

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Child Care Partners
400 E.Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058
541.506.6131 or toll free 1.800.755.1143
Email: ccp@cgcc.cc.or.us
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How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

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- 44.2% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care.
- Families use an average of 35.5 hours of paid care per week.
- Families spend an average of $550 a month on child care.

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Child Care and Education in Yamhill County

Agricultural employment is abundant in this county; it is in grass seed farms and vineyards that most of this work is available. The number of people in this county who are below the poverty level and who have children under 5 years old is very high as compared to Marion and Polk Counties (which are served by the same child care resource and referral agency). Many families are turning to DHS to help offset the costs of child care.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral

“I had actually contacted this service several months ago as my husband and I wanted more information on costs of child care in order to know whether we were financially ready to start a family. Now that we recently found out that we are expecting, I immediately knew where to go to get more information. I really appreciate all of the information that was sent to me initially and am looking forward to using this information now.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Yamhill County? 1

In 2010, there were 16,227 children age 0-12 years:
- 6,121 children age 0-4 years
- 6,232 children age 5-9 years
- 3,874 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Yamhill County families.
- 1,484 slots in child care and education centers
- 965 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Yamhill County has 15 per 100 children.

How Much Does Child Care Cost? Is It Affordable? 3

People often think of college tuition as the largest expense they will face in raising their child, however the cost of child care can be close to, or even exceed, the cost of college tuition.
- Average annual cost of toddler care in child care centers in Yamhill County: $7,395
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $6,790
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $17,472
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 42.3%

How much does child care cost compared to college tuition?

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Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4

- 302 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (33.1% of eligible)
- 504 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Yamhill County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral of Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
2475 Center Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
503.391.2784 or toll free 1.800.289.5533
Email: ccis@mwvcaa.org
Website: www.mwvcaa.org/ccis

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How Many Families Use Paid Care and How Many Children Under 13 are in Paid Care

Use of child care depends on age of children, marital status of parents, and employment status of parents. Use of paid care is highest when parents are employed.

- 74.9% of children under 13 are in families headed by two parents where one or both are employed
- 39.6% of children probably need nonparental care (have a single employed or two employed parents)
- 60.4% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 32.0% of children under 13 are in families that use paid care
- Families use an average of 26.7 hours of paid care per week
- Families spend an average of $693 a month on child care

Percent of Children by Family Income

Family incomes vary by region as shown by the percent of children in each income group in the chart on the right. This chart compares the income distribution in the Northern Willamette Valley Region to that of the state. Family incomes in a region are associated with the number of child care options. Where incomes are lower, families are likely to have fewer child care options and have more difficulty paying for care.

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1 Percentages of children by family type and use of paid care from analysis of Oregon Progress Board's 2008 Oregon Population Survey. Yamhill County and Northern Willamette Valley Region