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 nonparental 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 2008, there were 628,842 children age 0-12 years:

- 234,168 children age 0-4 years
- 242,401 children age 5-9 years
- 152,273 children age 10-12 years

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Percentage of Oregon Children Under 18 by Race/Ethnicity\(^2\)

- White: 80.12%
- African-American: 2.39%
- Native American/Alaskan Native: 2.15%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 3.84%
- Other race: 5.33%
- Two or more races: 6.17%

16.83% of Oregon children under 18 are Hispanic (includes whites and other races)

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1 Population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
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 probably need nonparental care (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 the 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

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How Much Child Care Do We Have?

The following community resources exist for Oregon families.
- 75,647 slots in child care and education centers
- 36,090 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 Oregon Population Survey.
4 County data provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) using Child Care Division regulatory and local visible slots refer to care in child care centers and family care homes identified by the local CCR&R.
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 in Oregon
  $9,840
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon
  $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon
  $16,536
- Care of a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon
  59.5%

Percent of Family Income Spent on Child Care6

Affordability Benchmark: Families spend less than a tenth of their income on child care

- 30.7% of all Oregon families spend a tenth or more of their family income on child care
- 52.4% of families with below median incomes spend a tenth or more of their family income on child care

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care7

- 11,325 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (62.4% of eligible)
- 20,620 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

What is the Quality of Child Care Available?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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7 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services.


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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 have 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 2008, 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 2008, there were 2,252 children age 0-12 years:
- 825 children age 0-4 years
- 842 children age 5-9 years
- 585 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Baker County families.
- 264 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. Baker 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 Baker County $4,440
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 26.9%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 57 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (67% of eligible)
- 113 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in Baker County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral
1575 Dewey Avenue
Baker City, Oregon 97814
541.523.7838, or toll free 1.800.956.0324
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

¹2008 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
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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
- 48.7% of children under 13 have at least one parent who is not in the paid workforce
- 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 Type

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 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? ¹

In 2008, there were 11,012 children age 0-12 years:
- 3,965 children age 0-4 years
- 4,203 children age 5-9 years
- 2,844 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Benton County families.
- 1,900 slots in child care and education centers
- 561 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? 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 Benton County $9,704
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 58.7%

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

- 132 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (68.1% of eligible)
- 234 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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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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Benton County and Central Willamette Valley Region
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 2008, there were 63,095 children age 0-12 years:
- 23,002 children age 0-4 years
- 23,869 children age 5-9 years
- 16,224 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Clackamas County families.
- 8,201 slots in child care and education centers
- 2,499 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Clackamas County has 17 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 $9,908
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 59.9%

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

- 670 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (73.1% of eligible)
- 1,257 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&ref@clackesd.k12.or.us
Website: www.clackesd.k12.or.us

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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 Clackamas County serves Clackamas 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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Clackamas County and Northern Willamette Valley Region
Child Care and Education in Clatsop County

Clatsop County is located in northwest Oregon and has a growing population of nearly 37,000. The primary employment is minimum-wage and service related, resulting in many low income families. Jobs have been shrinking in Clatsop County. Those families that are still working face many difficulties in finding child care and paying for child care as income declines and costs of living expenses increase. There is a shortage of child care, especially for younger children. The second largest city in the county has no child care center. Families struggle to find care for their young children so they can work.

A Parent’s Story as told to their Child Care Resource and Referral
“I have your list but everyone I called have no available openings,” many parents report. Families needing child care often find providers programs full and must wait for slots in the community. Keeping in touch with the local CCRR helps families become aware of the newly enrolled providers as soon as possible, so they have an advantage. CCRR works in the community to recruit and train providers for the good of the workforce.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Clatsop County? 1
In 2008, there were 5,534 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,991 children age 0-4 years
- 2,114 children age 5-9 years
- 1,429 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Clatsop County families.
- 562 slots in child care and education centers
- 260 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Clatsop 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 Clatsop County $5,940
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 35.9%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 191 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 170 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 and 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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4Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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

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 Oregon Population Survey, 2008. Clatsop County and North Coast Region
Columbia County is 676 square miles with a population of approximately 48,000. 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 2260. 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 2008, there were 7,936 children age 0-12 years:
- 2,865 children age 0-4 years
- 2,962 children age 5-9 years
- 2,109 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Columbia County families.
- 844 slots in child care and education centers
- 319 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Columbia 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 Columbia County $7,656
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 46.3%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 124 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (85.5% of eligible)
- 208 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: ccr@caowash.org
Website: www.communityaction4u.org

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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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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 2008, there were 8,485 children age 0-12 years:
- 2,925 children age 0-4 years
- 3,251 children age 5-9 years
- 2,309 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Coos County families.
- 779 slots in child care and education centers
- 442 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Coos 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 Coos County $7,200
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 43.5% ²

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 306 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (88.5% of eligible)
- 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 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/serv_resrc/careconnections

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Coos County and Southwestern Region  Page 1
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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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 2008, there were 4,516 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,664 children age 0-4 years
- 1,642 children age 5-9 years
- 1,210 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Crook County families.
- 221 slots in child care and education centers
- 204 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Crook 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 child care centers in Crook County $6,006
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker 36.3%

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

- 74 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (62.4% of eligible)
- 86 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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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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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 21,000. 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 2008, there were 2,349 children age 0-12 years:
- 827 children age 0-4 years
- 871 children age 5-9 years
- 651 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Curry County families:
- 172 slots in child care and education centers
- 115 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 $5,061
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 30.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 76 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 67 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
586 5th St, Suite 200
Brookings, OR
541.888.7957 or toll free 1.800.419.1371, x224
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Website: www.socc.edu/serv_resrc/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 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 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 2008, there were 25,997 children age 0-12 years:
- 9,518 children age 0-4 years
- 9,909 children age 5-9 years
- 6,570 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Deschutes County families.
- 2,602 slots in child care and education centers
- 1,966 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Deschutes 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 Deschutes County: $7,484
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 45.3%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 282 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (52.5% of eligible)
- 571 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:
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Redmond, OR 97756
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Website: www.neighborimpact.org/ccr.html

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Deschutes County and Central Region

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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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Child Care and Education in Douglas County

Douglas County is in Southern Oregon and encompasses 5,062 sq. miles, with a population of over 110,000 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 2008, there were 15,621 children age 0-12 years:
- 5,644 children age 0-4 years
- 5,912 children age 5-9 years
- 4,065 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Douglas County families.
- 1,365 slots in child care and education centers
- 1,145 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Douglas 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 Douglas County $6,598
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 39.9%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 354 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (79.3% of eligible)
- 755 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
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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

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 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 2008, there were 246 children age 0-12 years:
- 82 children age 0-4 years
- 97 children age 5-9 years
- 67 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Gilliam County families.
- 53 slots in child care and education centers
- 19 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Gilliam County has 29 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 $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 27.9%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 19 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 10 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
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The Dalles, OR 97058
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Email: ccp@cgcc.cc.or.us
Website: www.cgcc.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. 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 over 7,500 in 2008. 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 2008, there were 1,076 children age 0-12 years:
- 392 children age 0-4 years
- 387 children age 5-9 years
- 297 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Grant County families.
- 133 slots in child care and education centers
- 34 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Grant 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 Grant County $6,210
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 37.6%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 20 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (73.0% of eligible)
- 7 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
Email: CCRRassist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

12008 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
2County 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.
4Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties done by Oregon State University.
Grant County and Southeastern Region
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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Child Care and Education in Harney County

Harney County is a large, very sparsely populated county in Eastern Oregon. Its 2008 population is just over 7,700 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 2008, there were 1,131 children age 0-12 years:

- 408 children age 0-4 years
- 428 children age 5-9 years
- 295 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Harney County families.

- 46 slots in child care and education centers
- 81 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Harney County has 11 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 $5,049
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- 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 Care⁴

- 80 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 37 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 1.800.895.0641
Email: CCRRassist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

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Harney County and Southeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Southeastern Counties

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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.

- 85.0% 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 Oregon Population Survey, 2008.
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 2008, there were 3,986 children age 0-12 years:

- 1,504 children age 0-4 years
- 1,549 children age 5-9 years
- 933 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Hood River County families.

- 768 slots in child care and education centers
- 256 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Hood River County has 26 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 $5,601
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 33.9%

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

- 116 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (74.2% of eligible)
- 60 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.or.us

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4 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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. 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

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 202,000 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 2008, there were 32,411 children age 0-12 years:
- 12,123 children age 0-4 years
- 12,167 children age 5-9 years
- 8,121 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Jackson County families.
- 3,747 slots in child care and education centers
- 2,173 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Jackson 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 Jackson County: $7,720
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 46.7%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 618 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (73.4% of eligible)
- 1,229 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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4 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties done by Oregon State University.

Jackson County and Southwestern Region
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\(^1\)

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.

- 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

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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.

### Percent of Children by Family Income

- **Above $80,087**
- **$50,372 - $80,087**
- **$27,545 - $50,371**
- **Under $27,545**

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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 20.1% in 2007. The Native American population is highest in the state at 15.2%. 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 2008, there were 4,393 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,663 children age 0-4 years
- 1,675 children age 5-9 years
- 1,055 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
- 234 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Jefferson 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 Jefferson County $4,830
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- 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 Care  
- 250 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 64 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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4Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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

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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Jefferson County and Central Region
Child Care and Education in Josephine County

With a population of 82,000, 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?

In 2008, there were 11,751 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,277 children age 0-4 years
- 4,375 children age 5-9 years
- 3,099 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?

The following community resources exist for Josephine County families.
- 1,361 slots in child care and education centers
- 463 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Josephine County has 16 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 Josephine County $5,660
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 34.2%

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

- 255 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (64.4% of eligible)
- 481 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

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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.

- 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 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 agency 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 2008, there were 11,251 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,150 children age 0-4 years
- 4,324 children age 5-9 years
- 2,777 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Klamath County families.
- 1,473 slots in child care and education centers
- 597 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Klamath 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 Klamath County $5,628
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 34.0%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care ⁴
- 309 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (69.3% of eligible)
- 296 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

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Website: www.jobcouncil.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. 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 Oregon Population Survey, 2008. Klamath County and Southeastern Region
Situated in south central Oregon, Lake County boasts the beautiful scenery of the high desert. The county is sparsely populated, with a population of slightly more than 7,500 in 2008. 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 2008, there were 1,061 children age 0-12 years:
- 391 children age 0-4 years
- 395 children age 5-9 years
- 275 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Lake County families.
- 71 slots in child care and education centers
- 64 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Lake 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 Lake County: $5,210
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 31.5%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 57 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 14 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
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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12008 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
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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. 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\(^1\)

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.

- 85.0% 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

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Child Care and Education in Lane County

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? ¹
In 2008, there were 50,466 children age 0-12 years:
- 18,348 children age 0-4 years
- 19,427 children age 5-9 years
- 12,691 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Lane County families.
- 7,074 slots in child care and education centers
- 2,759 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?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 Lane County $8,709
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 52.7%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 883 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (63.2% of eligible)
- 2,364 children age 0-12 years receiving state assistance with part or all of their child care costs

For more information about child care in 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: LFC@lanecc.edu
Website: www.lanecc.edu/lfc

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⁴Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties done by Oregon State University.
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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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, instead consisting of many small communities scattered throughout the region with 38% of the population living in rural unincorporated areas. Due to the county being a “destination stop,” a high percentage of employment is tourism related. These jobs are typically low paying, require evening and weekend hours, and schedules that change weekly, all of which contributes to the difficulty that families face in finding and keeping child care. The need for infant and toddler care continues to be a critical unmet need.

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

“My professional success as a preschool teacher and childcare provider would not have been possible without the educational training and guidance I have received from the trainings offered by OSU Extension Service’s Family Care Connection. Having a limited income, it would not have been possible for me or my employees to acquire the educational credits required for licensing. These trainings were not only free, but an enriching educational experience that aided me in providing exceptional childcare for the families in our community. This support has helped me to grow both professionally and personally.”

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Lincoln County? ¹
In 2008, there were 5,769 children age 0-12 years:
- 2,069 children age 0-4 years
- 2,209 children age 5-9 years
- 1,491 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²
The following community resources exist for Lincoln County families:
- 658 slots in child care and education centers
- 236 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Lincoln 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 Lincoln County $5,830
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 35.3%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care⁴
- 201 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (81.8% of eligible)
- 190 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 and 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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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 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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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 2008, there were 19,231 children age 0-12 years:
- 7,145 children age 0-4 years
- 7,345 children age 5-9 years
- 4,741 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Linn County families.
- 1,571 slots in child care and education centers
- 1,195 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 $6,932
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 41.9%

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

- 310 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (51.4% of eligible)
- 763 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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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
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 2008 was just over 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 2008, there were 5,678 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,962 children age 0-4 years
- 2,292 children age 5-9 years
- 1,424 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Malheur County families.
- 674 slots in child care and education centers
- 279 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Malheur County has 17 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 $4,623
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- 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

- 266 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (93.4% of eligible)
- 182 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 1.800.694.4558
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

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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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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 2008, there were 59,597 children age 0-12 years:

- 22,392 children age 0-4 years
- 23,215 children age 5-9 years
- 13,990 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Marion County families.

- 5,538 slots in child care and education centers
- 3,682 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Marion 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 Marion County: $6,812
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 41.2%

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

- 1,220 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (61.1% of eligible)
- 2,541 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 Information Service
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

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Marion 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; 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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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 has a population of over 12,000. 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 2008, there were 2,516 children age 0-12 years:
- 948 children age 0-4 years
- 928 children age 5-9 years
- 640 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
- 66 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 $4,840
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 29.3%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 65 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (91.2% of eligible)
- 42 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 2008 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
2 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.
4 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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 Care¹

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 Multnomah County

Home to Oregon’s largest and most diverse population, Multnomah County is geographically the smallest Oregon county. It contains approximately 20% of the state’s population due to the high density found in Portland and the surrounding areas. Many of the children under the age of thirteen are in paid child care. This includes full day child care, part day preschool, and care provided by family, friends, or neighbors. A wide range of services are available to meet the needs of families, including: extended hour care, infant/toddler care, and care for children with special needs.

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 2008, there were 116,754 children age 0-12 years:

- 44,858 children age 0-4 years
- 45,813 children age 5-9 years
- 26,083 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Multnomah County families.

- 15,845 slots in child care and education centers
- 6,997 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Multnomah 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 Multnomah County $10,254
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 62.0%

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

- 2,204 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (45.4% of eligible)
- 4,734 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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2County 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.
4Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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 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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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 2008, there were 11,206 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,278 children age 0-4 years
- 4,202 children age 5-9 years
- 2,726 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2
The following community resources exist for Polk County families.
- 758 slots in child care and education centers
- 774 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Polk 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 Polk County $6,600
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 39.9%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care 4
- 191 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (57.4% of eligible)
- 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 Polk County, contact:
Child Care Information Service
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

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2County 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.
4Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties done by Oregon State University.
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 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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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 2008, there were 240 children age 0-12 years:
- 79 children age 0-4 years
- 90 children age 5-9 years
- 71 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Sherman County families.
- 79 slots in child care and education centers
- 38 slots in family child care
- Oregon’s goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Sherman County has 49 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: $7,226
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 43.7%

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

- 10 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 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.or.us

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2 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.
4 Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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 Oregon Population Survey, 2008. Sherman County and Northeastern Region
Child Care and Education in Tillamook County

Tillamook is jokingly known for "cheese, trees and mud up to your knees." This county is situated on the northern coast of Oregon. The word Tillamook means "land of many waters" and Tillamook County boasts of the pristine beauty of several rivers as well as a ruggedly beautiful coastline. It is a rural area with a population of just over 25,000. As the leisure and hospitality industries have grown, many out-of-county home owners have made the beautiful coastline their second home, driving up the cost of housing for families who live and work in the small coastal communities of Tillamook County. This has also created job growth in the lower income service industries. Family income levels are low and the cost of living remains high, so families cannot afford the going rates for child care which are some of the lowest in the state of Oregon.

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

“I wish I had known about you before my baby was born.” A frustrated parent came to the R&R after becoming discouraged with the exempt care he felt was less than the quality he wanted for his infant son. CCR&R staff met with him one on one to explain the types of care available and some quality indicators in looking for child care. The parent also received an individualized referral list that he could use to help find a new provider. Later that day his wife called with appreciation about the service and the information that we shared and they felt so much better about the situation. They felt they had the information to try again with a new provider.

How Many Children Under 13 Live in Tillamook County? 1

In 2008, there were 3,254 children age 0-12 years:

- 1,141 children age 0-4 years
- 1,245 children age 5-9 years
- 868 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? 2

The following community resources exist for Tillamook County families.

- 353 slots in child care and education centers
- 202 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Tillamook County has 17 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 Tillamook County: $6,474
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 39.2%

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

- 56 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (50.8% of eligible)
- 101 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 and 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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4Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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 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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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. 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?¹

In 2008, there were 13,059 children age 0-12 years:
- 4,789 children age 0-4 years
- 5,005 children age 5-9 years
- 3,265 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Umatilla County families.
- 1,502 slots in child care and education centers
- 794 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?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 Umatilla County: $6,360
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 38.5%

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

- 414 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (100% of eligible)
- 456 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: ccrr@umchs.org
Website: www.umchs.org

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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. 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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Child Care and Education in Union County

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. La Grande has two child care centers and one after school center. Preschools are available in most communities. All programs have access to resources and support from the Healthy Child Care Project and Story Time Express. 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 2008, there were 4,151 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,544 children age 0-4 years
- 1,624 children age 5-9 years
- 983 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?²

The following community resources exist for Union County families.
- 456 slots in child care and education centers
- 593 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Union 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 Union County $4,571
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- 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 Care⁴

- 110 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (98.0% 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
1916 Island Avenue
LaGrande, OR 97850
541.963.7942 or toll free 1.800.956.0324
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 2008, there were 888 children age 0-12 years:
- 317 children age 0-4 years
- 323 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 Wallowa County families.
- 77 slots in child care and education centers
- 95 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Wallowa 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 Wallowa County $4,771
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 28.9%

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

For more information about child care in Wallowa County, contact:
Child Care Resource & Referral
104 Litch St
Enterprise, OR 97828
541.426.3149 or toll free 1.800.956.0324
Email: CCRRAssist@tecteam.org
Website: www.trainingemployment.org

¹2008 county population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.
²County 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.
⁴Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties done by Oregon State University.

Wallowa County and Eastern Region
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

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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 2008, there were 4,093 children age 0-12 years:
- 1,490 children age 0-4 years
- 1,565 children age 5-9 years
- 1,038 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²
The following community resources exist for Wasco County families.
- 736 slots in child care and education centers
- 272 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 $5,032
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 30.4%

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)
- 137 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.or.us

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⁴Head Start data provided by Head Start Collaboration Project, Oregon Department of Education. Subsidy data provided by Department of Human Services with the analysis of numbers by counties 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. 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 2008, there were 101,352 children age 0-12 years:
- 38,419 children age 0-4 years
- 39,833 children age 5-9 years
- 23,100 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have? ²

The following community resources exist for Washington County families.
- 13,483 slots in child care and education centers
- 5,467 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Washington 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 Washington County: $11,397
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon: $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon: 68.9%

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

- 952 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (48.2% of eligible)
- 1,934 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 of Washington and Columbia Counties
1001 SW Baseline
Hillsboro, OR 97123
503.648.6646 or toll free 1.800.624.9516
Email: ccr@caowash.org
Website: www.communityaction4u.org

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Washington 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 Washington and Columbia Counties serves Washington 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.

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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 2008, there were 182 children age 0-12 years:
- 64 children age 0-4 years
- 66 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.
- 23 slots in child care and education centers
- 6 slots in family child care
- Oregon's goal is to have 25 visible slots for every 100 children. Wheeler 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 Wheeler County $4,632
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- 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 Care 4

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

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Website: www.cgcc.or.us

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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northeasterm Counties

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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.

- 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.

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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 childcare.

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?  
In 2008, there were 16,303 children age 0-12 years:
- 6,109 children age 0-4 years
- 6,247 children age 5-9 years
- 3,947 children age 10-12 years

How Much Child Care Do We Have?  
The following community resources exist for Yamhill County families.
- 1,560 slots in child care and education centers
- 946 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?  
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 $8,056
- Average annual cost of college tuition in Oregon $5,948
- Annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon $16,536
- Cost of care for a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a minimum wage worker in Oregon 59.5%

Number of Children Whose Families are Getting Help in Paying for Child Care  
- 259 children age 3-4 years enrolled in Head Start (58.8% of eligible)
- 499 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 Information Service  
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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Child Care and Education in Oregon’s Northern Willamette Valley Counties

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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

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