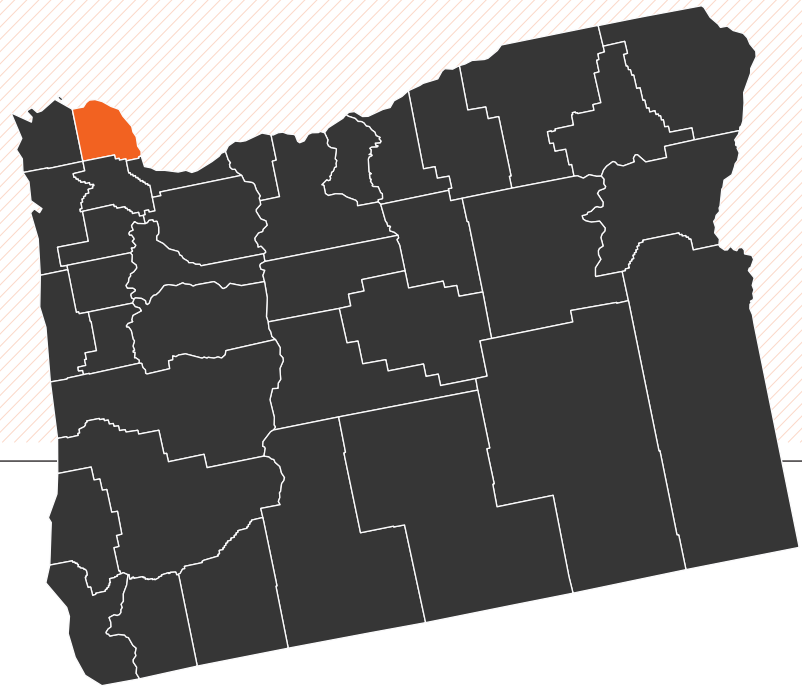


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IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

2016

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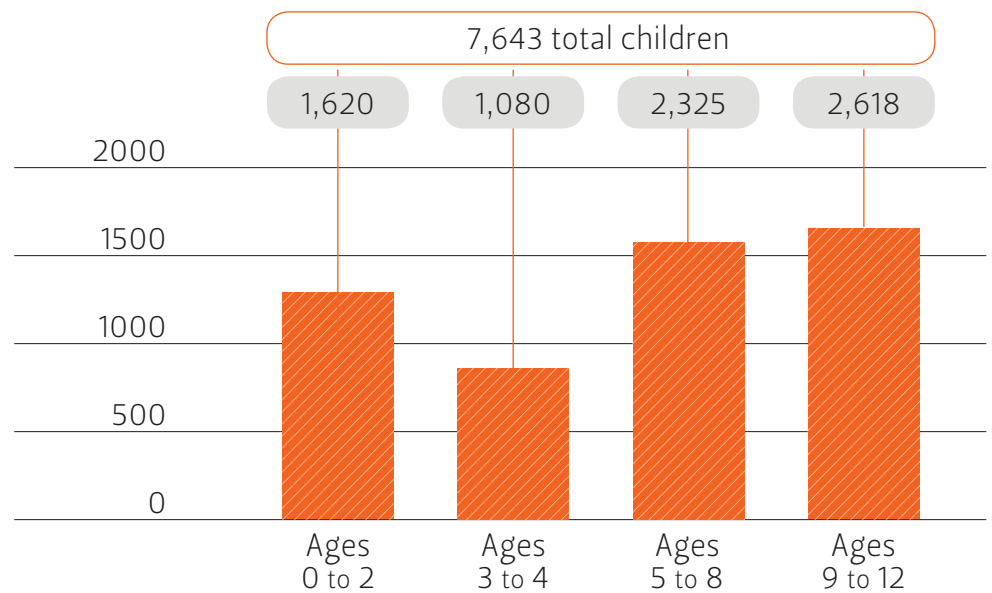
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CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION IN OREGON

Growing awareness of the importance of the early years in a child's life increases the need to know more about Oregon's young children, their families, and the child care and education that exists to support them.

HOW MANY CHILDREN UNDER 13 LIVE IN COLUMBIA COUNTY?

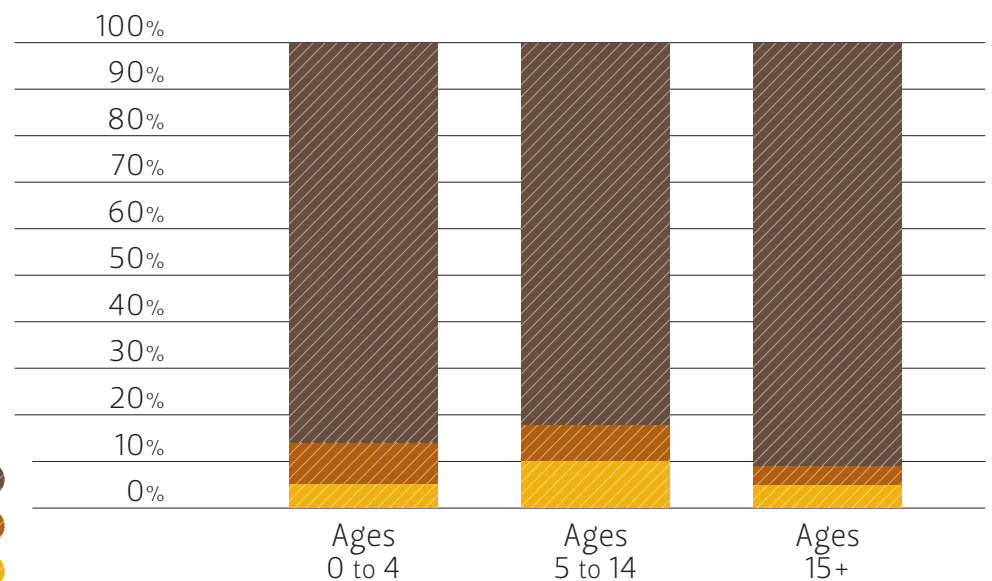
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ABOUT 15% OF COLUMBIA CO. CHILDREN ARE HISPANIC OR NONWHITE

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- White; Non-Hispanic =
- Hispanic; Any Race =
- Non-White; Non-Hispanic =



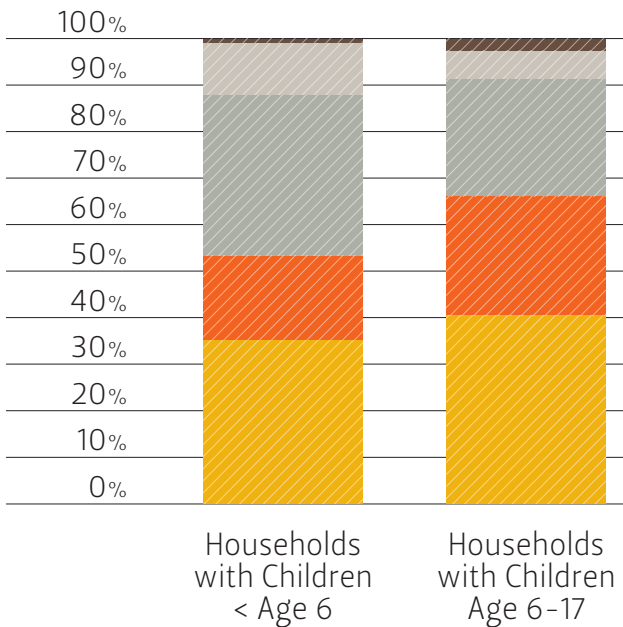
1 2016 population estimates from the Center for Population Research at Portland State University.

2 U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), Tables B01001A-1, 2011-2015 five-year estimate.

CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HOW MUCH CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION DO WE NEED?

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- = 2 Parents; Neither Employed
- = Single Parent; Not Employed
- = 2 Parents; 1 Employed
- = Single Parent; Employed
- = 2 Parents; Both Employed

about **3/5** children have both parents employed or a single parent employed

HOW MUCH CHILD CARE DO WE HAVE RIGHT NOW?

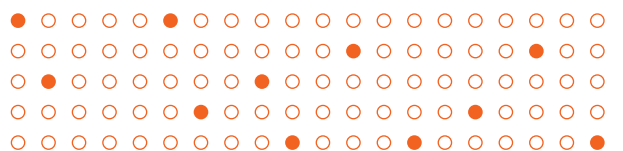
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7,643
children currently under age 13 living in Columbia County

855
slots in centers and family child care homes for children currently under age 13 living in Columbia Co.

660 slots in Child Care Centers
195 slots in Family Child Care Homes

COLUMBIA COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS **11 VISIBLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN**



3 U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), B23008, 2011-2015 five-year estimate.

4 Estimated Supply of Child Care in Oregon as of March 2016. Analysis by Oregon Child Care Research Partnership (OCCRP), Oregon State University (OSU). 2

PRESCHOOL USAGE IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

Participation of 3- and 4-year-old children in preschool has been found to help them in kindergarten. This is especially true for children furthest from opportunity. ⁵



 = **42%** children enrolled in preschool in Columbia County

 = **58%** children not enrolled in preschool in Columbia County

HOW AFFORDABLE IS CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION IN COLUMBIA COUNTY?

⁶



\$9,960

median annual price of toddler care in a child care center in Columbia County



\$7,282

median annual price of public university tuition in Oregon



49%

of a Columbia County minimum wage worker's annual earnings would be needed to pay the prices of child care for a toddler

The price of child care **can exceed** the tuition at _____ Oregon's public universities

⁷

COLUMBIA CO. CARE CENTER TEACHER EARNINGS

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⁵ U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), B14003, 2011-2015 five-year average.

⁶ Average annual tuition for an OUS undergraduate student during 2016-2017 academic year from Oregon universities' websites.

⁷ Grobe, D. & Weber, R.. 2016 Oregon Child Care Market Price Study. Oregon Child Care Research Partnership (OCCRP), Oregon State University (OSU).

⁸ Structural Indicators: 2016 Oregon Child Care Research Partnership (OCCRP), Oregon State University (OSU).



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