

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROFILES

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A closer look at policy-relevant information related to Oregon's children, families, and the early care and education system.



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CHILDREN



14,349

Children under age 13 living in the county ₁

- 3,316 children 0-2 years old ₁
- 2,211 of children 3-4 years old ₁
- 8,822 of children 5-12 years old ₁

1/3

of children are Hispanic or Non-white ₂



Nearly **2/3** of children under age six have both parents employed or a single parent employed ₃



CHILD CARE & EDUCATION

1,671

Slots in centers and family child care homes for children ₄



- 1,092 slots in Child Care Centers ₄
- 579 slots in Family Child Care Homes ₄

37%

of 3-4 year olds are enrolled in preschool ₅



12% of children under age 13 have access to visible child care ₄



AFFORDABILITY

\$7,080

Median annual price of toddler care in a child care center ₇

\$7,680

Median annual price of public university tuition in Oregon ₆

The price of child care is just under the tuition at Oregon's public universities

32%

of a minimum wage worker's annual earnings would be needed to pay the price of child care for a toddler ₇



Annual median teacher wages range (median low - median high) ₈

\$22,880 - \$35,006

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