

# 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

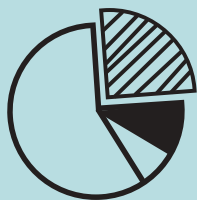


**181**

Children under age 13 living in the county <sub>1</sub>

- 46 children 0-2 years old <sub>1</sub>
- 31 of children 3-4 years old <sub>1</sub>
- 104 of children 5-12 years old <sub>1</sub>

There are **no** children that are Hispanic or Non-white <sub>2</sub>



Nearly **3/4** of children under age six have both parents employed or a single parent employed <sub>3</sub>



## CHILD CARE & EDUCATION

**47**

Slots in centers and family child care homes for children <sub>4</sub>



- 37 slots in Child Care Centers <sub>4</sub>
- 10 slots in Family Child Care Homes <sub>4</sub>

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[INSUFFICIENT DATA] of 3-4 year olds are enrolled in preschool <sub>5</sub>



**26%** of children under age 13 have access to visible child care <sub>4</sub>



## AFFORDABILITY

**\$6,516**

Median annual price of toddler care in a child care center <sub>7</sub>

**\$7,680**

Median annual price of public university tuition in Oregon <sub>6</sub>

*The price of child care is over half the tuition at Oregon's public universities*

**31%** of a minimum wage worker's annual earnings would be needed to pay the price of child care for a toddler <sub>7</sub>



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Annual median teacher wages range (median low - median high) <sub>8</sub>

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