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70% of Oregon counties have fewer than 25% publicly funded regulated infant/toddler slots

There are 3 preschool-age children for a single child care slot in Oregon

Half of Oregon counties are child care deserts for preschool-age children

Only 10% of Oregon counties have fewer than 25% publicly funded regulated preschool-age slots

Without publicly funded slots, all except 3 counties would be child care deserts.

Definitions:
- **Infants & toddlers** are 0-2 year olds.
- **Preschool-age children** are 3-5 year olds.
- **Regulated child care** includes certified centers, registered family homes, certified family homes, and exempt providers who have publicly funded slots.
- **Publicly funded slots** include Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten, Early Head Start, Preschool Promise, Federal and Tribal Head Start, and Federal Migrant and Seasonal Head Start managed by Oregon Child Development Coalition.

*This report describes the supply of child care as of December 2022.

Reference: Oregon’s Child Care Deserts 2022 Mapping Supply by Age Group and Percentage of Publicly Funded Slot, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University.
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