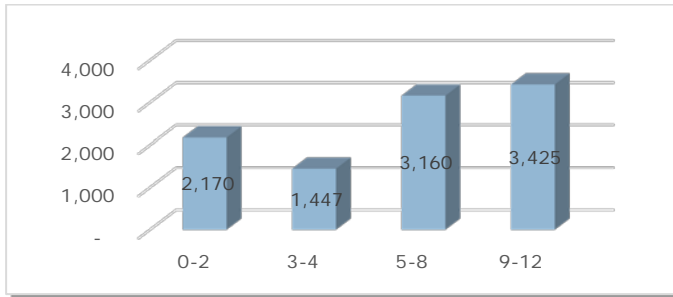


# Child Care and Education in Benton County

## How many children under 13 live in Benton County?<sup>1</sup>



In 2014, there were **10,202** children aged 0-12 years:

- **2,170** children age 0-2
- **1,447** children age 3-4
- **3,160** children 5-8
- **3,425** children 9-12



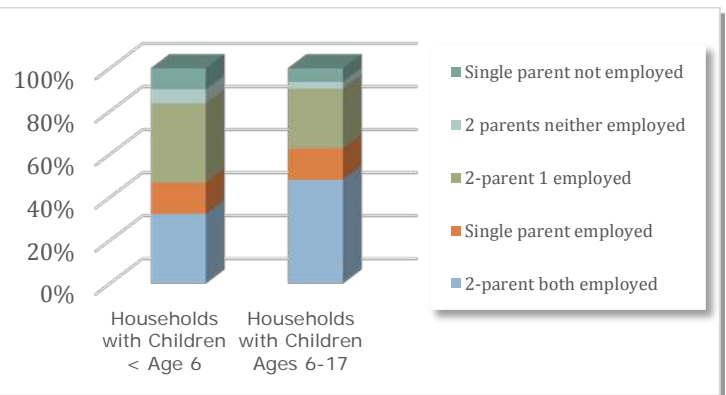
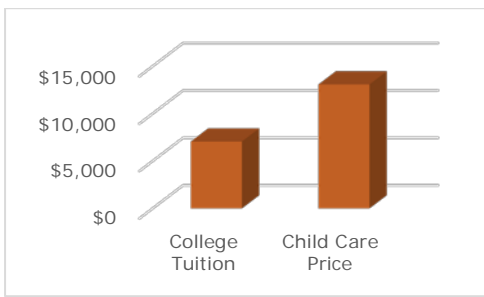
## How much child care and education do we need?<sup>2</sup>

### How much child care do we have?<sup>3</sup>

The following community resources exist for families in Benton County:

- **1,908** slots in child care centers
- **349** slots in family child care homes

Benton County currently has **22** visible slots per 100 children



**47%** of families in Benton County with children under 6 are likely to need child care due to parental employment.

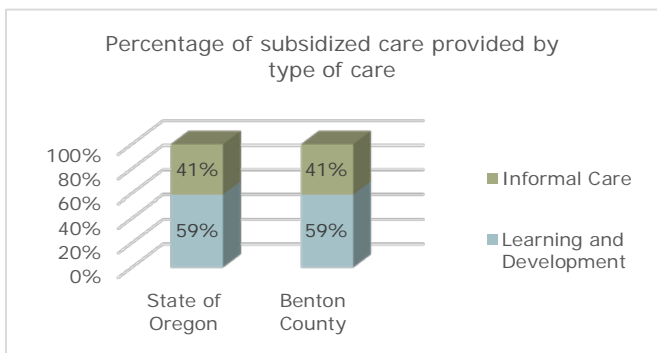
### How much does child care cost?<sup>4&5</sup>

The price of child care in Benton County exceeds the cost of college tuition at Oregon's public universities.

- Median annual price of child care in Benton County **\$13,080**
- Average annual price of public university tuition in Oregon **\$7,061**
- Care of a toddler as a percent of the annual income of a **69%** minimum wage worker

In 2014, child care workers earned a median salary between **\$19,240** and **\$26,790**<sup>6</sup>

### Number of children whose families receive subsidies from the Department of Human Services to help pay for child care<sup>7</sup>



On average, families of **151** Benton County children per month received a subsidy to help pay for child care in 2014

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<sup>1</sup> 2013 population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University. <sup>2</sup> US Census, ACS, B23009, 2013 3-year estimate for Oregon. <sup>3</sup> Price of child care for a toddler based on the median price of child care in a Baker County family child care home in Oregon as of March, 2014, OCCRP, OSU. <sup>4</sup> 2014 county-level cost of child care from Grobe, D. & Weber, R. 2014 Oregon Child Care Market Price Study. Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, OSU. <sup>5</sup> Average annual tuition from an OUS undergraduate student during 2014-2015 academic year from Oregon University System website. <sup>6</sup> Subsidy data for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 provided by the Department of Human Services. Analysis by OCCRP, OSU.