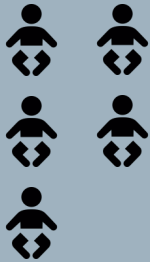


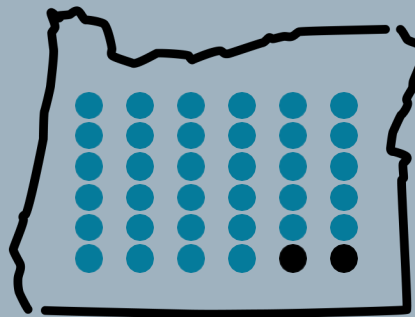
# Across Oregon, there is inadequate regulated child care supply - especially for infants & toddlers

Public funding plays a major role in creating Oregon's child care supply - especially for preschoolers

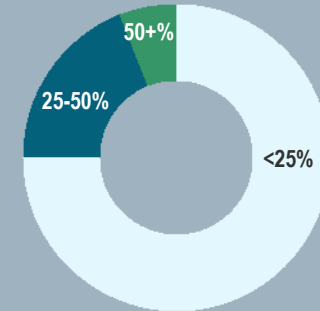


There are 5 infants & toddlers for a single child care slot in Oregon

A child care desert is a community with 3 or more children for a single child care slot.



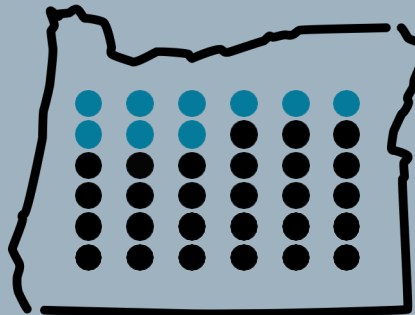
Almost all Oregon counties are child care deserts for infants & toddlers



75% of Oregon counties have fewer than 25% publicly funded regulated infant/toddler slots

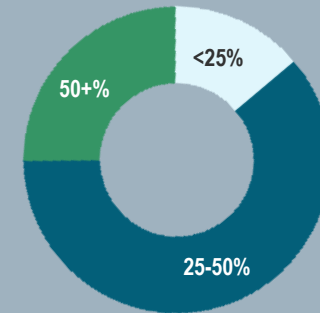


There are 3 preschool-age children for a single child care slot in Oregon



Nine Oregon counties are child care deserts for preschool-age children

Without publicly funded slots, 28 counties would be preschool child care deserts.



Only 14% of Oregon counties have fewer than 25% publicly funded regulated preschool-age slots

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 2024.

Reference: Oregon's Child Care Deserts 2024 Mapping Supply by Age Group and Percentage of Publicly Funded Slot, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University.

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