

# FACILITIES PROVIDING CARE TO CHILDREN ON SUBSIDY

## INTEGRATION OF OREGON'S SUBSIDIZED CHILDREN

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In some states, children receiving subsidies are clustered in a limited number of facilities. That is, in those states, some facilities care totally or primarily for children whose care is subsidized by the State's Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) program. Integration of children from all income groups in early learning programs is more likely to meet the needs of all children, especially those from low-income families. Since the subsidy program provides parents with a voucher with which to purchase care, we focus on facilities that charge tuition to at least some parents (i.e., the priced child care market<sup>1</sup>).

**To assess the extent to which subsidized children are integrated in Oregon child care and education facilities, we ask two questions based on current estimates, as well as trends over time:**

1. *What percent of licensed<sup>2</sup> facilities that charge parents a fee care for at least one child receiving a subsidy?*
2. *What percent of licensed facilities have more than 50% of the facility's desired capacity filled by children on subsidy?*

**In 2024, we found that:**

- **Nearly 67% of all licensed facilities that charge a fee serve at least one child on subsidy.** 58% of small home-based providers, 73% of centers, and 71% of large home-based providers serve at least one child on subsidy.
- **Over the last 14 years, the number of small home-based facilities serving children on subsidy has decreased by over half.** In contrast, the number of large home-based facilities has doubled and centers have increased by 48%.
- **The vast majority of Oregon children receiving subsidies are in facilities in which they are typically integrated with children from families not receiving subsidies.** Only 7% of centers, 20% of small-home based facilities, and 28% of large home-based facilities have over half of their desired capacity filled by children using subsidy.

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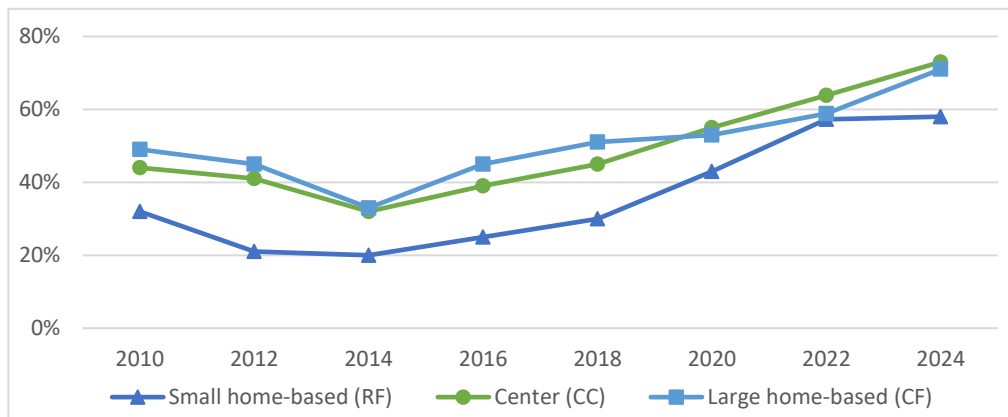
<sup>1</sup> **Data Source:** For this analysis, we use the datasets created every two years to conduct the biennial market price study. We use datasets for the years 2010 to 2024. Over a three-month period in each of the data collection years, the Child Care Resource and Referral agencies or 211 updated data on each child care and education facility's prices and desired capacity. Facilities that reported to charge a fee or tuition to parents are considered part of the priced market and make up the analytic sample. For more on the sample, see the [2024 Market Price Study](#). These market price data are merged with child care subsidy data from the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to determine if a facility cared for a child on subsidy and, if so, the number of children on subsidy in that facility. Having both the number of subsidized children and the desired capacity, we estimate the percentage of capacity filled with subsidized children. Data is current as of December 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Licensed or regulated facility types include Registered Family homes (small home-based), Certified Centers (centers), and Certified Family homes (large home-based).

# FACILITIES PROVIDING CARE FOR AT LEAST ONE CHILD ON SUBSIDY BY TYPE OF CARE, 2010-2024

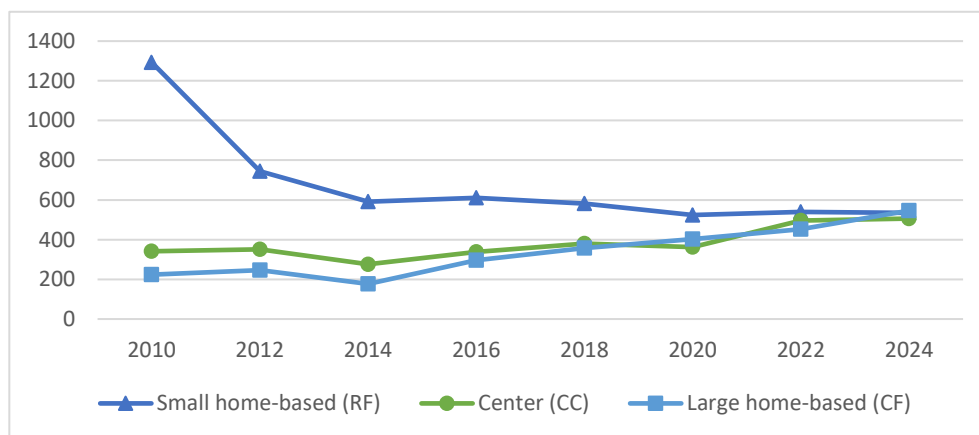
Over the past 14 years, the percentage of facilities that care for at least one child on CCDF subsidy varies by type of care. In 2024, more than half of facilities in all three types of care serve at least one child on subsidy. From 2010 to 2018, large home-based facilities were slightly more likely to care for a child on subsidy, with center facilities slightly more likely from 2020 through 2024. Small home-based facilities continue to be the least likely to serve at least one child on subsidy. In 2024, 73% of centers, 71% of large home-based providers, and 58% of small home-based providers serve at least one child on subsidy.

**Graph 1. Percent of Regulated Facilities with at Least One Child on CCDF Subsidy**



When examining the number of facilities that care for at least one child on subsidy, the picture looks slightly different (see below). Small home-based facilities have experienced the largest decrease in the number of facilities that care for a child on subsidy than any other type of facilities, yet it is important to note that this parallels the overall decrease in the number of small home-based providers over the last 14 years<sup>3</sup>. In 2024, 534 small home-based facilities cared for at least one child on a subsidy compared to almost 1,300 in 2010. The number of center and large home-based facilities has increased over time with 506 centers and 546 large home-based facilities with at least one child on subsidy in 2024 (versus 380 centers and 357 large home-based facilities in 2010).

**Graph 2. Number of Regulated Facilities with at Least One Child on CCDF Subsidy**



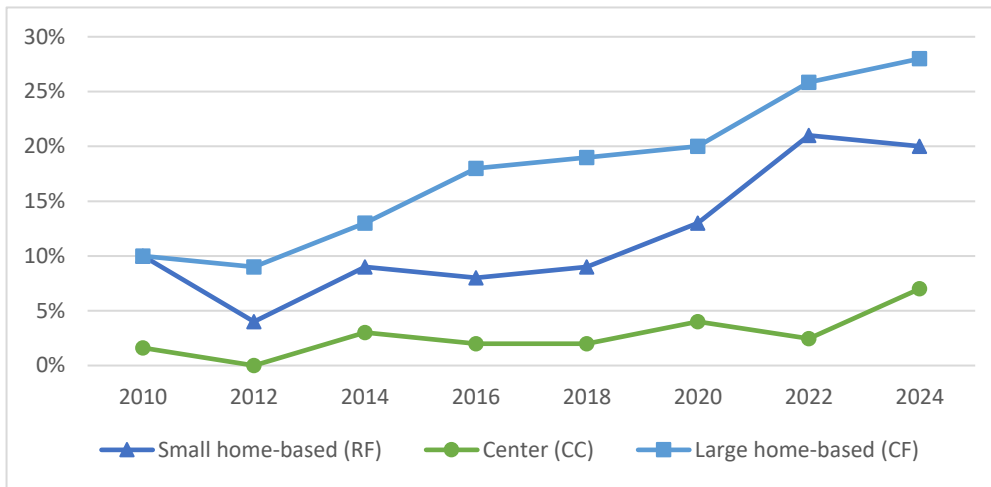
<sup>3</sup> The number of small home-based facilities who charge parents a fee declined from 4,045 to 922 from 2010 to 2024; whereas, the number of large home-based facilities increased from 454 to 772 and number of centers that charge a fee has remained relatively stable overtime (around 700-800).

# PERCENT OF FACILITIES' DESIRED CAPACITY FILLED WITH SUBSIDIZED CHILDREN, 2010-2024

Estimating the percent of a facility's desired capacity filled with subsidy children addresses the question of whether children from low-income families receiving subsidies are segregated into facilities serving only children on subsidy. That is, do these children make up a large portion of the children in a facility?

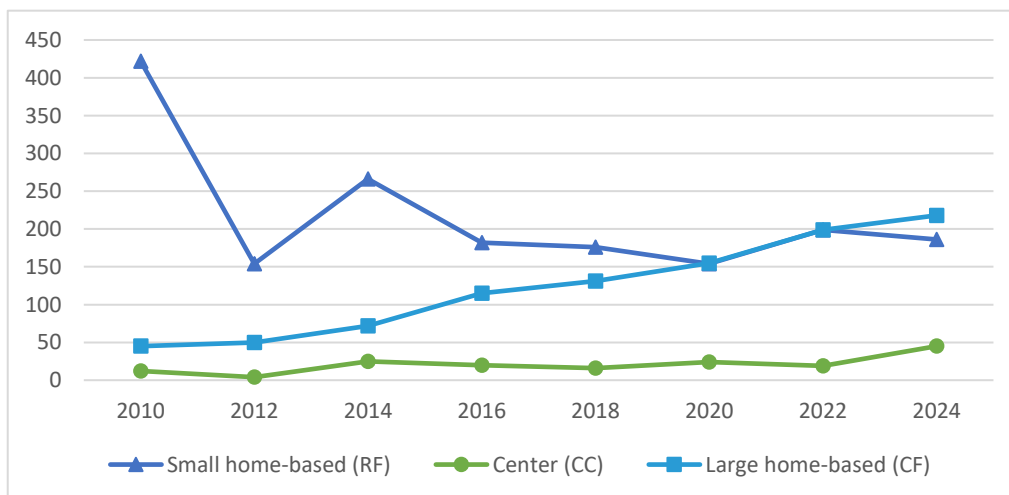
Only a small percentage of facilities have more than 50% of the facility's desired capacity filled by subsidized children. In 2024, having 50% or more of desired capacity filled with subsidized children was the case for 7% of centers, 20% of small home-based facilities, and 28% of large home-based providers.

**Graph 3. Percent of Regulated Programs Serving a Majority of Children on CCDF Subsidy**



The number of facilities where subsidized children fill over 50% of desired capacity has changed over the past 14 years. The figure below illustrates that the number of small home-based facilities with 50% or more subsidized children decreased by 13 facilities between 2022 and 2024, continuing an overall declining trend since 2010. The number of large home-based facilities has increased about five-fold since 2010, increasing from 45 in 2010 to 218 facilities in 2024. Centers with capacity over half subsidized children doubled between 2022 and 2024, growing from 19 facilities in 2022 to 45 facilities in 2024.

**Graph 4. Number of Regulated Programs Serving a Majority of Children on CCDF Subsidy**



# FACILITIES PROVIDING CARE FOR SUBSIDY CHILDREN BY COUNTY, 2024

As seen from the table below, the percentage of facilities that care for at least one child or have a majority of children (more than 50%) on CCDF subsidy varies by county.

**Table 1. Number and Percent of Regulated Programs Serving Children on CCDF Subsidy**

County	All facilities <sup>1</sup>	Facilities with 1 or more desired slots filled by children on subsidy		Facilities with more than 50% of desired slots filled by children on subsidy	
	N	N	Percent	N	Percent
Baker	13	11	85%	4	31%
Benton	42	24	57%	3	7%
Clackamas	197	121	61%	16	8%
Clatsop	19	13	68%	0	0%
Columbia	28	20	71%	8	29%
Coos	43	32	74%	16	37%
Crook	9	6	67%	0	0%
Curry	6	5	83%	1	17%
Deschutes	135	73	54%	16	12%
Douglas	52	43	83%	9	17%
Gilliam	3	1	33%	0	0%
Grant	6	3	50%	1	17%
Harney	0	0	0%	0	0%
Hood River	32	14	44%	1	3%
Jackson	129	99	77%	40	31%
Jefferson	8	6	75%	3	38%
Josephine	49	43	88%	13	27%
Klamath	43	34	79%	10	23%
Lake	4	1	25%	0	0%
Lane	205	166	81%	60	29%
Lincoln	21	12	57%	0	0%
Linn	67	47	70%	14	21%
Malheur	14	9	64%	1	7%
Marion	263	209	79%	70	27%
Morrow	7	3	43%	0	0%
Multnomah	415	222	53%	64	15%
Polk	61	46	75%	12	20%
Sherman	3	1	33%	0	0%
Tillamook	8	6	75%	0	0%
Umatilla	53	41	77%	19	36%
Union	24	13	54%	9	38%
Wallowa	4	1	25%	1	25%
Wasco	25	13	52%	2	8%
Washington	343	208	61%	48	14%
Wheeler	0	0	0%	0	0%
Yamhill	53	40	75%	8	15%
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>19%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Total number of facilities that reported charging a fee to parents.