

# CHILD CARE SUBSIDY IN OREGON

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**In Oregon, children  
on subsidy are  
integrated in all  
types of child care  
facilities**

## How do Oregon's child care facilities meet the needs of children across income levels?

### Oregon Child Care Subsidy *What is it?*

A program that helps eligible low-income families pay for child care when they are working by covering a portion of the total cost of child care. For more information on eligibility and application, visit the [Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care website](#).

### Integration *Why?*

Families using Oregon's child care subsidy voucher to attend a community program of their choice. 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.

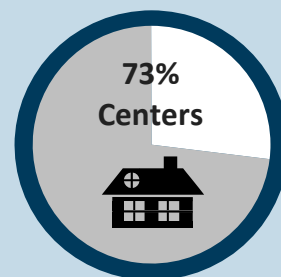
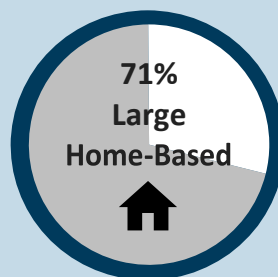
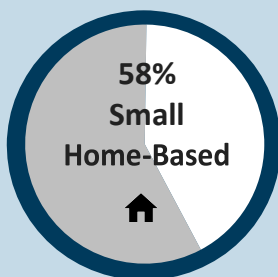
### Child Care Facilities *What types are there?*

- Small Home-based: Serve up to 10 children in provider's home
- Large Home-based: Serve up to 16 children in a single-family home
- Centers: Typically located in commercial buildings. The number of children served is license-dependent

### Facilities that Serve Children on Subsidy *What is the Status?*

In December 2024, there were over 19,200 children whose parents received a child care subsidy. Findings below highlight how the needs of these low-income families are being met through subsidized child care.

**\*In 2024, what percent of child care facilities served at least one child whose family receives a subsidy?**



**\*In 2024, what percent of facilities predominantly served children on subsidy?** Only a minority of facilities have more than 50% of the facility's desired capacity filled by subsidized children.

- 20% of Small Home-Based facilities
- 28% of Large Home-Based facilities
- 7% of Centers

See full report for details and trends over time:

<https://health.oregonstate.edu/early-learners/affordability>

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