

Challenges in Oregon's child care supply & affordability, and the role of public investment

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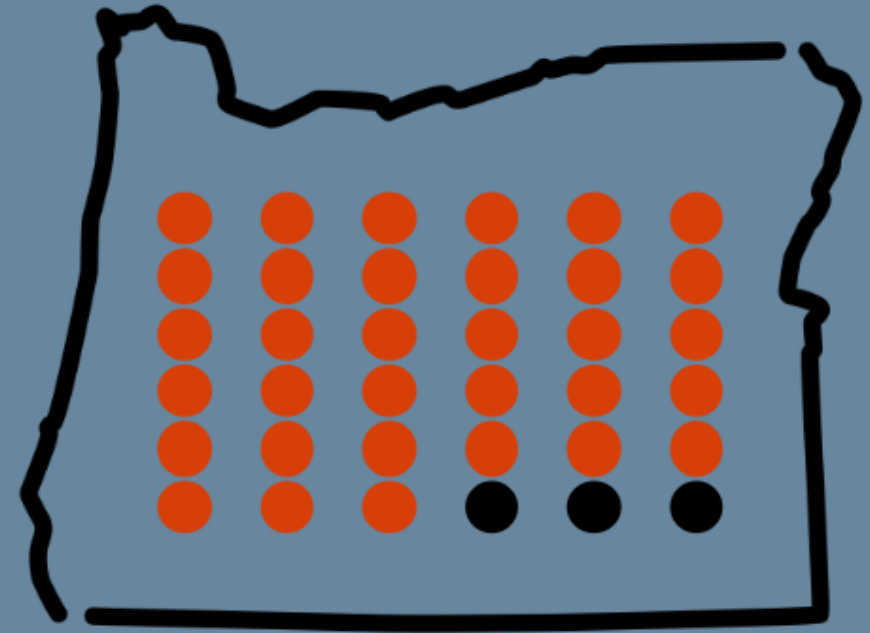
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Oregon has inadequate regulated child care supply. [a](#)

What is available is expensive, yet workforce is poorly compensated. [b](#)

Public investments improve access to care. [a](#)

21% of Oregon's children 5 and under have access to regulated child care [a](#)



All but 3 counties are child care deserts for children 5 and under [a](#)

Child care is expensive, yet wages are low

Median annual price of toddler care in a center is **\$14,160**^b

Median annual center teacher wages range between **\$24,000 - \$34,000**^c

$\frac{1}{4}$ of the 2016 Oregon workforce left the field by 2017. ^c

Workforce [c](#)

Size – 24,000 Individuals

76% work in centers

14% in large home-based

10% in small home-based

Demographics

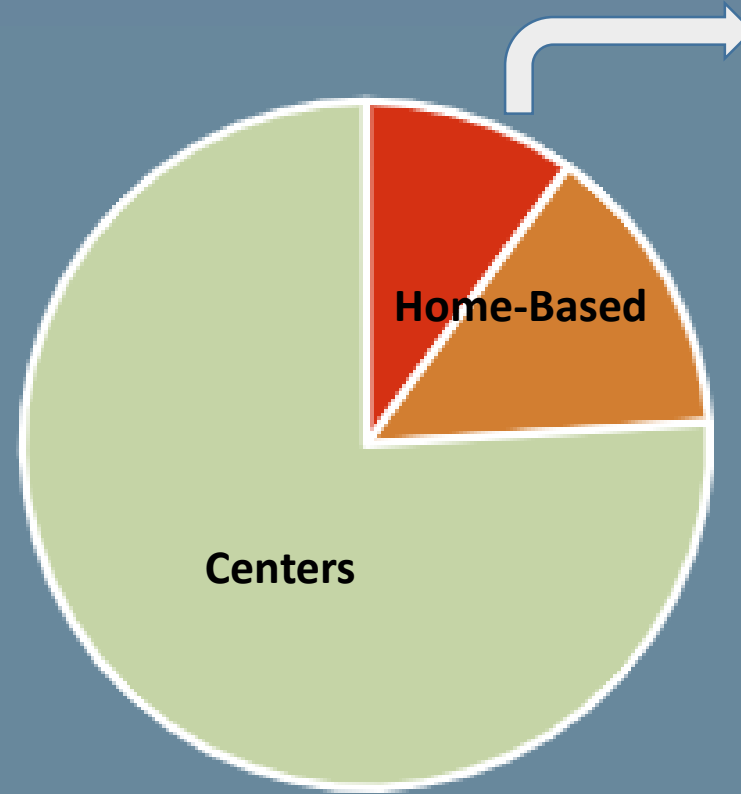
Average age of 37

Mothers themselves

94% female

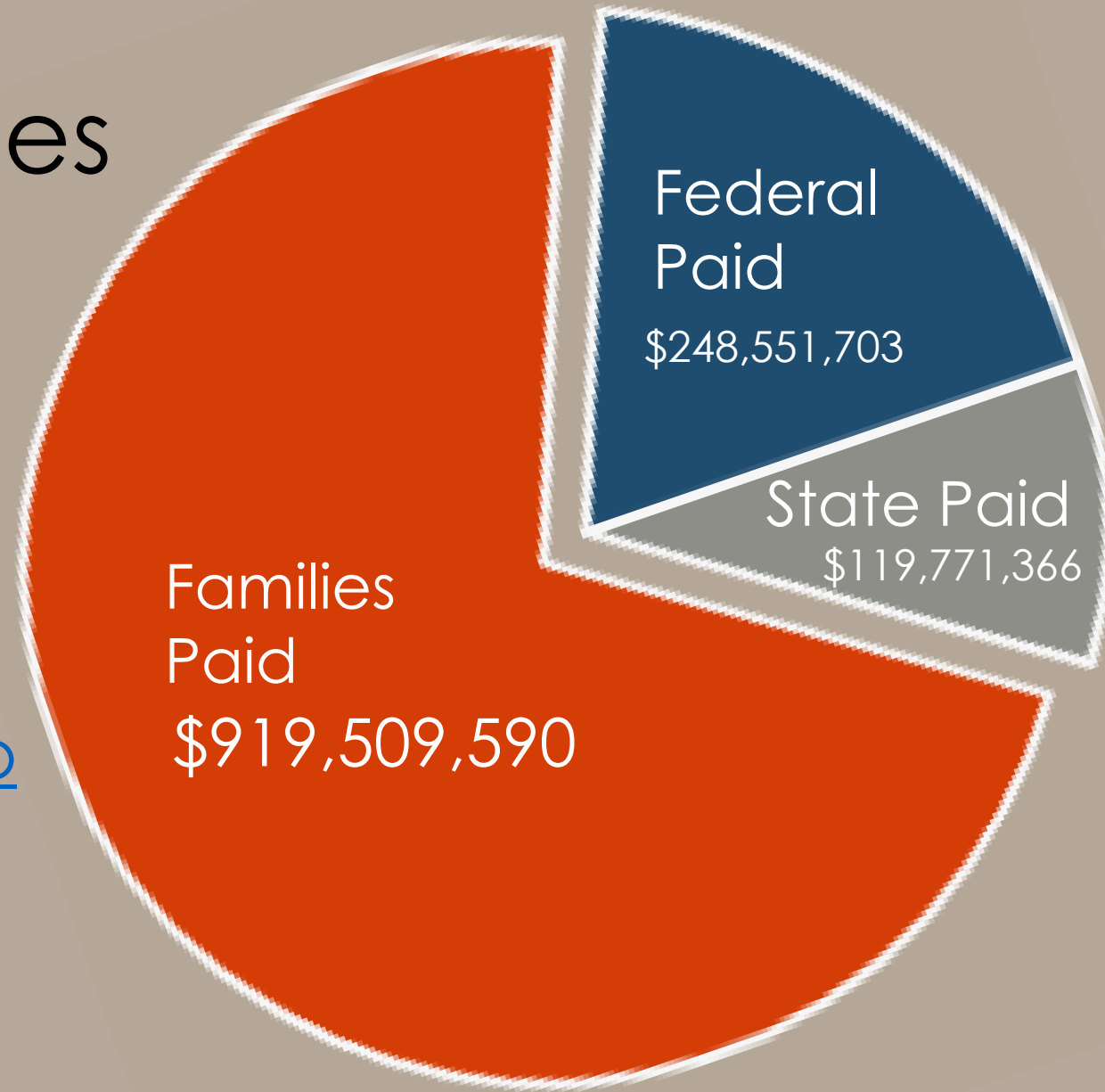
More racial/ethnically diverse than Oregon adults

$\frac{3}{4}$ of center staff have some college or higher

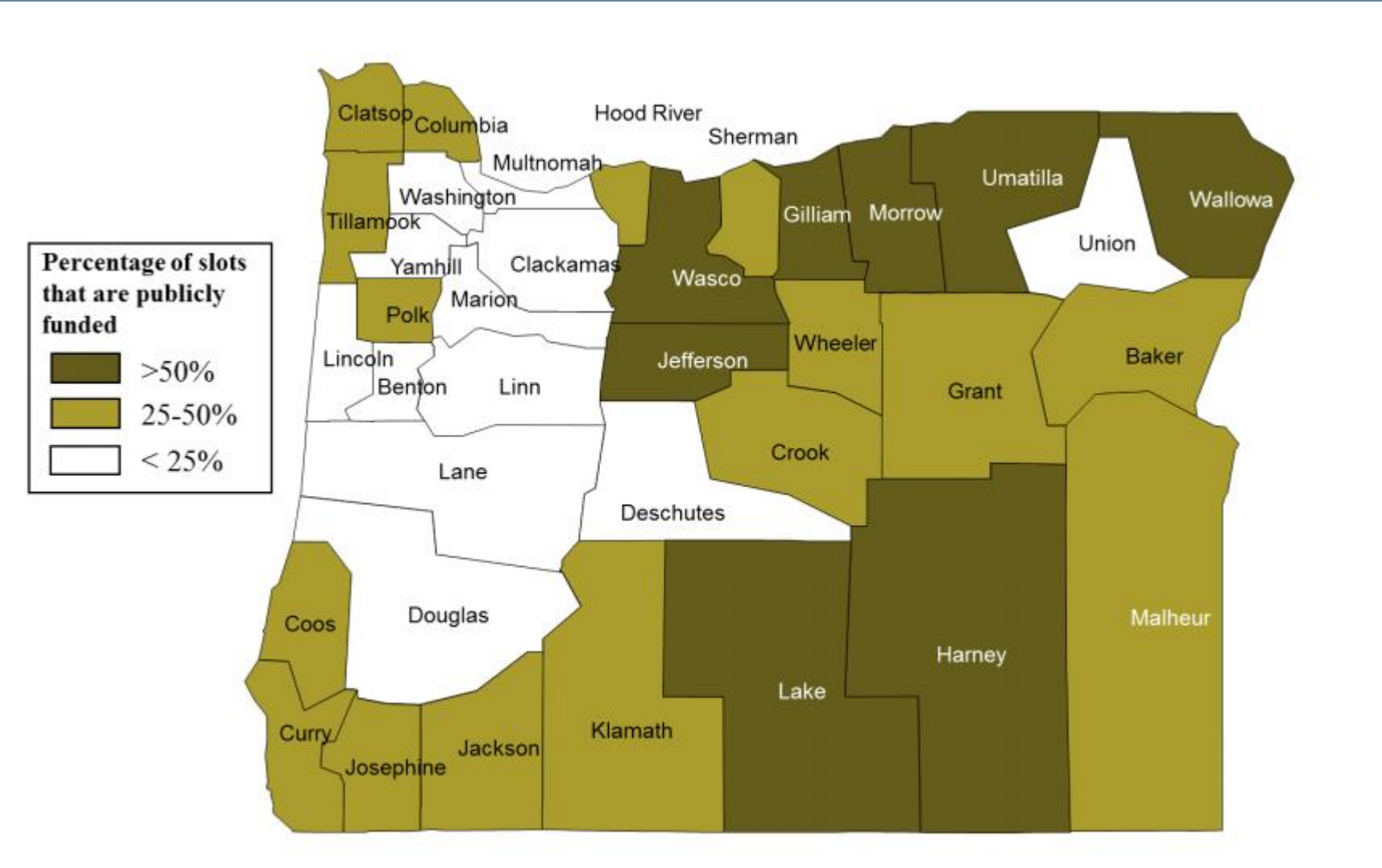


Small home providers are least likely to have a degree & are most likely to speak a language other than English

Oregon families
fund
72% of
annual
child care
expenditures^b



Public investments plays a major role creating Oregon's child care supply in the majority of Oregon counties. [a](#)



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References & Links to Reports

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