

Oregon's pre-pandemic child care supply, geography and workforce

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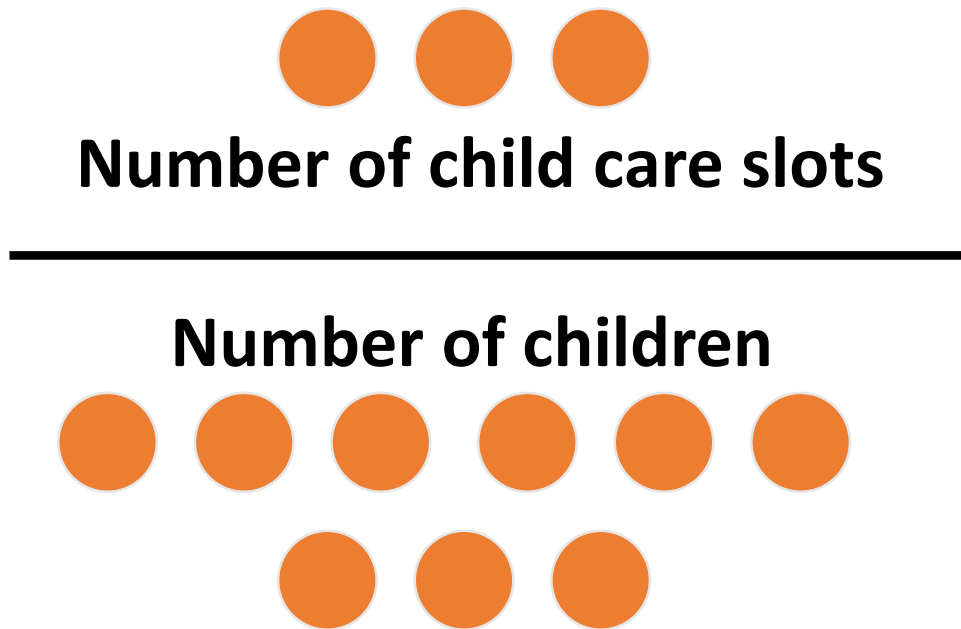
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Child care desert definition



**A 'desert' is where
there is 3 times
more children
than slots**

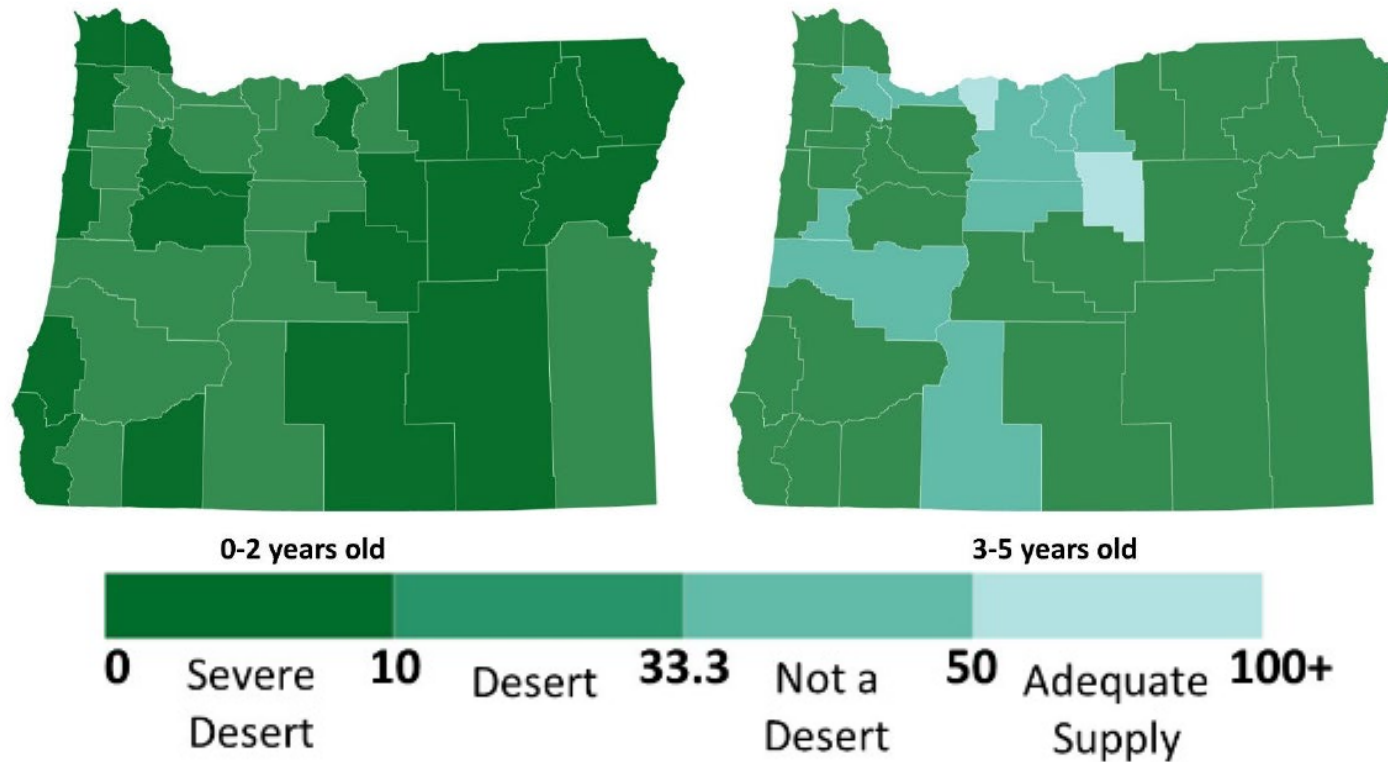
Pre-pandemic child care deserts

All 36 Oregon Counties are child care deserts for infants and toddlers.

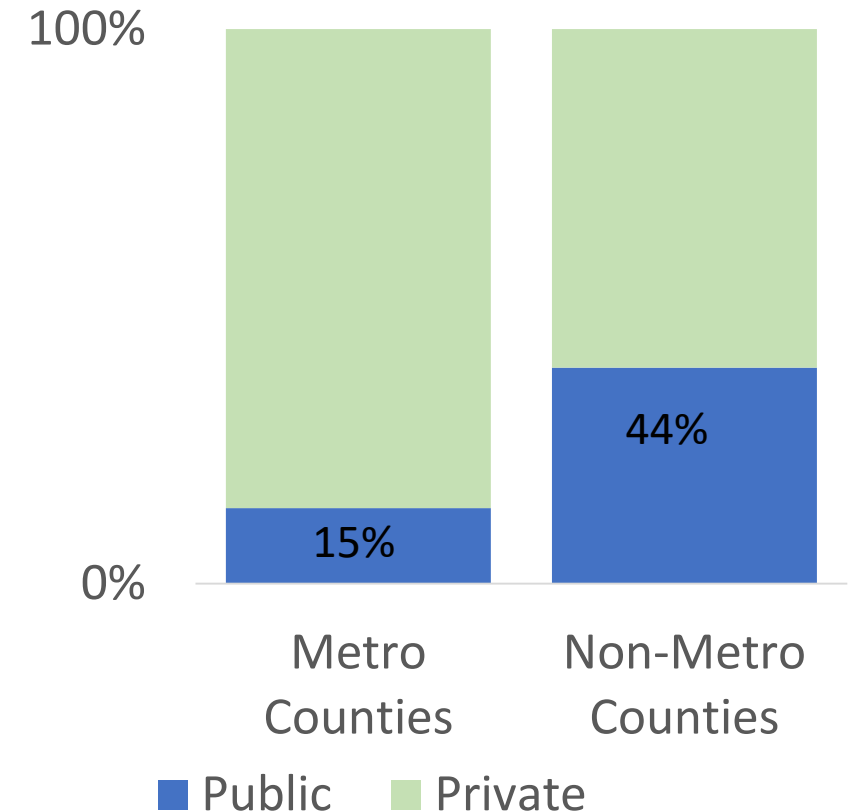
All but **11** counties were child care deserts for Preschool age children [a](#)

Public contracts accounts for a **quarter** of preschool supply & **8%** of infant/toddler supply [a](#)

Percent of children with potential access to a slot varies across and within counties.[a](#)



Public funding contributes to supply, especially in non-metro counties.[a](#)



Child care is expensive, yet wages are low

Median annual price of toddler care in a center is over **\$15,590**[b](#)

Oregon families fund **72%** of annual child care expenditures[b](#)

Median hourly center teacher wages range between **\$12.91 - \$18.00**[c](#)

24% of the 2018 Oregon workforce left the field by 2019. [c](#)

References & Links to Reports

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