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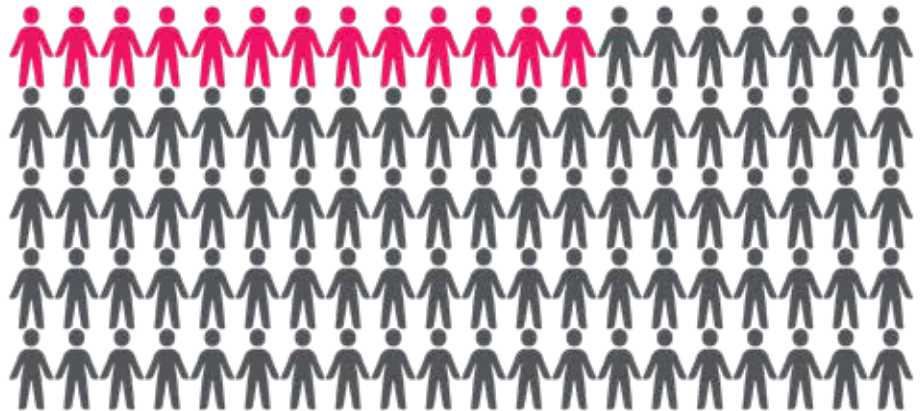
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Analysis of Child Care Supply,
Demand, Desert Data, and
Education, Wages, and Benefits
in Child Care Programs

Albany County Needs Assessment

DEMAND FOR INFANT CARE

For every 100 children age 0-1 there are only 12.8 child care slots.

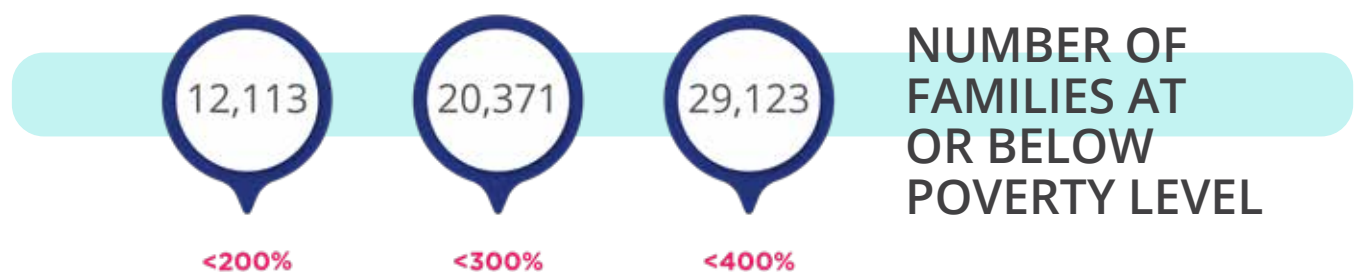


Albany County is home to around 315,811 residents. About 4.5% of the county's population is under the age of 5, while approximately 18% are under 18 years old. There are 49,010 children between the ages of birth through 14 years residing in Albany County.

AGE OF CHILD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	AVAILABLE SLOTS	SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN
Under 0 years	2,800		
1 year olds	2,874	724	12.8
2 year olds	2,951	1,206	40
3 year olds	2,974	3,759	61
4 year olds	3,130		
5 year olds	3,211		
5 to 9 year olds	14,922	4,001	11.6
10 to 14 year olds	16,148		
Total	49,010	9,690	

Data provided in this report is per U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 – 2021 (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) and the NYS Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

In 2021, the median household income was \$73,810, with 11.9% of residents living below the poverty level. In 2022, the percentage of children under the age of 18 living in poverty in Albany County, NY, increased to 12.5%. The chart below presents data on the number of families residing in Albany County, living at or below 200%, 300%, and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.



NUMBER OF FAMILIES AT OR BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

Albany County Child Care Supply

Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care plays a crucial role in Albany County's infrastructure. It enables parents and guardians to stay in the workforce, achieve economic stability, and contribute to the economy. However, finding and affording child care can be challenging.

In Albany County, child care centers have the capacity to accommodate 584 infants, 1,066 toddlers, 3,199 three- and four-year-olds, and 501 school-age children. Family child care providers in Albany County can accommodate 360 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 130 school-age children. Group family child care providers have the capacity for 463 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 150 school-age children. School-age programs in the county can accommodate 3,220 children. This results in approximately 9,673 potential child care slots, which can serve 20% of the child population, totaling 49,010 children.

There is only enough child care for 25% of the need

Since not all families require care outside of the home, the need for child care is typically calculated at 80% of the population. Based on 80% of the child population, which is 39,208 children, there is only enough child care available to accommodate 25% of the need in Albany County.

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code

CHILD CARE CENTER SLOTS

ZIP CODE	INFANT	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
12207	28	36	167	28
12110	72	109	256	20
12203	55	122	393	64
12206	54	84	311	150
12202	0	0	89	0
12047	14	12	155	0
12210	64	102	289	0
12208	40	172	436	72
12143	0	0	16	0
12209	48	58	99	49
12077	6	27	57	0
12205	68	121	317	40
12054	48	53	138	28
12211	24	20	66	0
12189	8	40	206	0
12309	16	31	52	0
12303	8	21	71	10
12186	7	12	30	30
12158	8	10	16	10
12240	16	36	35	0
	584	1,066	3,199	501

FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12206	60	20
12203	12	4
12304	6	2
12189	30	10
12047	24	8
12077	6	2
12143	18	6
12158	12	4
12110	42	14
12202	24	8
12211	18	6
12208	6	2
12205	24	8
12210	12	4
12209	30	10
12186	6	2
12303	12	14
12204	6	2
12120	6	2
12009	6	2
	360	130

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code, continued

GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12208	36	12
12202	48	16
12189	60	20
12206	24	8
12210	31	8
12047	24	8
12209	72	24
12211	24	8
12067	12	4
12054	12	4
12143	12	4
12205	24	8
12203	36	10
12158	12	4
12303	12	4
12110	12	4
12009	12	4
	463	150

SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	SCHOOL-AGE
12158	44
12077	75
12209	44
12205	560
12211	88
12208	240
12054	407
12203	203
12202	178
12210	99
12047	138
12009	34
12207	44
12206	174
12186	138
12084	140
12045	30
12303	174
12189	164
12110	216
12204	30
	3,220

Albany County Desert Data

To gain a better understanding of the licensed child care supply in Albany County, we conducted an analysis of the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes, alongside census data for children residing in those areas. Child care deserts are identified as regions lacking an adequate supply of licensed child care programs.

The areas with the highest child care demand in the county are observed in ZIP codes 12023, 12055, 12059, 12107, and 12183, where there are no available child care slots for more than 49 children under 5 years old. Additionally, these areas house many families living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	FAMILIES <200% OF POVERTY
12007	8 children/slot	17.17%, Medium
12009	12 children/slot	10.50%, Medium
12023	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs	14%, Medium

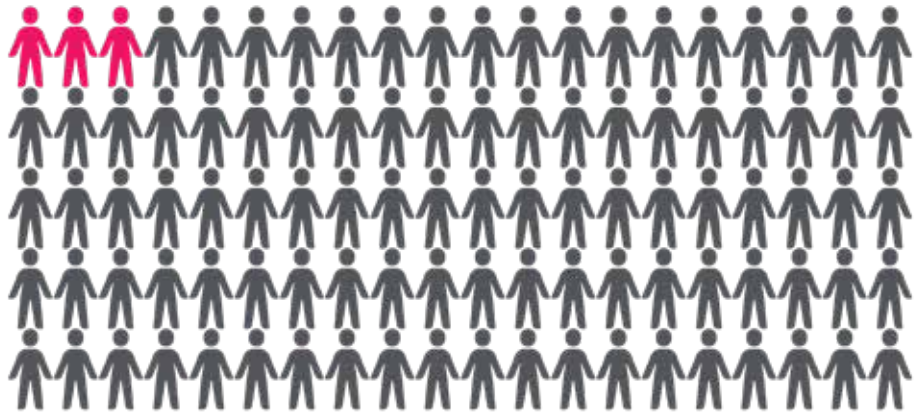
Albany County Desert Data, continued

ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	FAMILIES <200% OF POVERTY
12041	9 children/slot	8%, Low
12045	8 children/slot	17.17%, Medium
12046	8 children/slot	17.17%, Medium
12047	6 children/slot	42.1%, High
12054	17 children/slot	3%, low
12055	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs	11.56%, Medium
12059	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs	14.2%, Medium
12067	9 children/slot	7.56%, Low
12077	10 children/slot	10.5%, Medium
12084	24 children/slot	6.72%, Low
12085	7 children/slot	10.55%, Medium
12107	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs	11.99%, Medium
12110	3 children/slot	6.76%/ Low
12120	6 children/slot	19.47%/ Medium
12128	6 children/slot	9%, Low
12143	5 children/slot	20.8%, Medium
12147	6 children/slot	20%, Medium
12158	6 children/slot	19.46%, Medium
12159	6 children/slot	19.47%, Medium
12161	10 children/slot	10.5%, Medium
12183	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs	19.45%, Medium
12186	3 children/slot	8.39%, Low
12189	3 children/slot	21.72%, Medium
12201	0 children, no slots needed	17.42%, Medium
12202	3 children/slot	93.77%, High
12203	3 children/slot	17.49%, Medium
12227	Not a desert	17.49, Medium
12247	Not a desert	17.49, Medium
12260	Not a desert	17.49, Medium
12204	42 Children/slot	25.69%, High
12205	62 children/slot	25.93%, High
12206	8 children/slot	39.29%, High
12207	1 child/slot	66.19%, High
12208	5 children/slot	14.05%, Medium
12209	3 children/slot	46.75%, High
12210	Not a desert	17.42%/Medium
12211	6 children/slot	9.09%, Low
12212	3 children/slot	8.93%, Low
12220	Not a desert	17.42%, Medium
12223	Not a desert	17.42%, Medium
12224	Not a desert	17.42%, Medium
12225	Not a desert	17.42%, Medium
12226	8 children per slot	39.29% High

Fulton County Needs Assessment

DEMAND FOR INFANT CARE

For every 100 children age 0-1 there are only 2.9 child care slots.



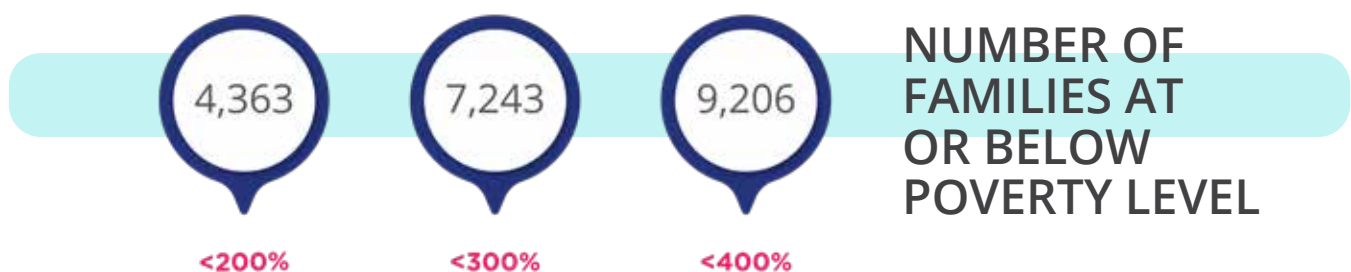
Fulton County is home to approximately 52,669 residents. About 4.6% of the county's population is under the age of 5, and a total of around 19.5% are under 18 years old. Fulton County is home to 9,493 children between the ages of birth and 14 years.

AGE OF CHILD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	AVAILABLE SLOTS	SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN
Under 0 years	486	29	2.9
1 year olds	492	54	10
2 year olds	534	336	30
3 year olds	570	670	9.7
4 year olds	553		
5 to 9 year olds	2,961		
10 to 14 year olds	3,361		
Total	9,493	1,089	

The data presented in this report is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2019-2021 (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) and the NYS Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

In 2021, the median household income was \$55,240, and 13.6% of residents lived below the poverty line. By 2022, 2,225 children were living in poverty in Fulton County. This represents a child poverty rate of 21%, exceeding New York State's overall child poverty rate of 13.5%.

The chart below provides additional insights, presenting data on the number of families living at or below 200%, 300%, and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level in Fulton County



NUMBER OF FAMILIES AT OR BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

Fulton County Child Care Supply

Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care plays a vital role in Fulton County's infrastructure. Access to quality child care empowers parents and guardians to stay in the workforce, achieve economic stability, and contribute to the economy. However, finding and affording child care can be challenging.

In Fulton County, child care centers have the capacity to accommodate 16 infants, 41 toddlers, and 279 three- and four-year-olds. Notably, there are no available school-age slots in Fulton County Child Care Centers. Family child care home providers in Fulton County can cater to 42 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 14 school-age children. Group family child care providers have the capacity for 35 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 6 school-age children. School-age programs in the county can accommodate 670 children.

This results in approximately 1,089 potential child care slots, serving only 11% of the child population. Since not all families require care outside of the home, the need for child care is generally calculated at 80% of the population. Based on 80% of the child population, which is 7,595 children, there is only enough care available to accommodate 14% of the need in Fulton County.

There is only enough child care for 14% of the need

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code

CHILD CARE CENTER SLOTS

ZIP CODE	INFANT	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
12078	8	19	209	0
12095	8	10	22	0
13452	0	0	20	0
12010	0	12	28	0
total	16	41	279	0

FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS SLOTS	SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS
13329	6	2
12095	24	8
12078	6	2
12117	6	2
total	42	14

GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12078	11	0
12095	12	2
12086	12	4
Total	35	6

SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	SCHOOL-AGE
12095	200
12134	80
12078	370
Total	650

Fulton County Desert Data

To gain a better understanding of the licensed child care supply in Fulton County, we conducted an analysis of the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes, along with census data for children residing in those areas. Child care deserts are identified as regions lacking an adequate supply of licensed child care programs.

The areas with the highest child care demand in the county are observed in ZIP codes 12010, 12025, 12032, 12117, and 13329, where there are no available child care slots for more than 49 children under 5 years old. Additionally, these areas have many families living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	FAMILIES <200% OF POVERTY
12010	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children	58.30%, High
12025	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children	25.07%, High
12032	No slots & <50 children under 5 yrs children	23.04%, High
12078	19 Children/slot	38.81%, High
12086	1 child/slot	13.74%, Medium
12095	3 children/slot	26.8%, High
12117	24 children/slot	29.27%, High
12134	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children	32.56%, High
13452	7 Children/slot	24.21%, High
13329	24 children/slot	31.19%, High
13470	7 children/slot	24.21%, High

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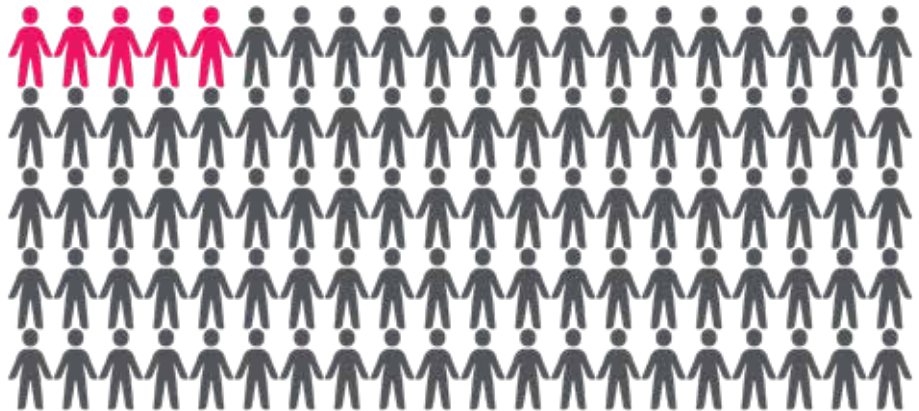
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Montgomery County Needs Assessment

DEMAND FOR INFANT CARE

For every 100 children age 0-1 there are only 5 child care slots.



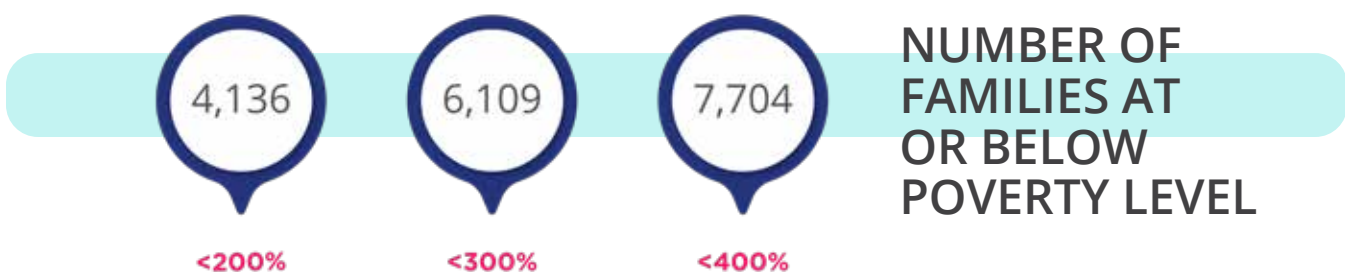
Montgomery County is home to approximately 49,623 residents. About 6.2% of the county's population is under the age of 5, and a total of approximately 23% are under 18 years old. Within Montgomery County, 9,893 children aged from birth through 14 years are residing.

AGE OF CHILD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	AVAILABLE SLOTS	SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN
Under 0 years	605	66	5.4
1 year olds	600	136	22.3
2 year olds	611	588	45
3 year olds	671	634	8.9
4 year olds	634		
5 to 9 year olds	3,181	610	
10 to 14 year olds	2,981		
Total	9,893	1,400	

The data presented in this report is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2019-2021 (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) and the NYS Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

In 2021, the median household income was \$53,533, with 15% of residents living below the poverty line. By 2022, 20.2% of children under the age of 18 were living in poverty in Montgomery County, NY.

The chart below provides additional insights, offering data on the number of families residing in Montgomery County and living at or below 200%, 300%, and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.



Montgomery Child Care Supply

Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care is crucial for Montgomery County’s infrastructure. Access to quality child care enables parents and guardians to stay in the workforce, achieve economic stability, and contribute to the economy. However, finding and affording child care can be challenging.

In Montgomery County, child care centers have the capacity to accommodate 44 infants, 116 toddlers, 500 three- and four-year-olds, and 113 school-age children. Family child care providers in Montgomery County can cater to 12 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 4 school-age children. Group family child care providers have the capacity for 120 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 40 school-age children. School-age programs in the county can accommodate 453 children.

This results in approximately 1,400 potential child care slots, serving only 14% of the child population. Since not all families require care outside of the home, the need for child care is generally calculated at 80% of the population. Based on 80% of the child population, which is 7,915 children, there is only enough care available to accommodate 18% of the need in Montgomery County.

There is only enough child care for 18% of the need

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code

CHILD CARE CENTER SLOTS

ZIP CODE	INFANT	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
12086	8	22	30	20
12010	32	84	455	93
12095	4	10	15	0
Total	44	116	500	113

FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12010	6	2
13317	6	2
Total	12	4

GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12095	24	8
12068	24	8
12086	12	4
13317	12	4
13452	12	4
12010	36	12
Total	120	40

SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	SCHOOL-AGE
12068	160
12010	293
Total	453

Montgomery County Desert Status

To gain a better understanding of the licensed child care supply in Montgomery County, we conducted an analysis of the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes, along with census data for children residing in those areas. Child care deserts are identified as regions lacking an adequate supply of licensed child care programs.

The areas with the highest child care demand in the county are observed in the 12010, 12016, 12069, 12072, 12166, and 13339 ZIP codes, where there are no available child care slots for more than 49 children under 5 years old. Additionally, these areas house many families living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

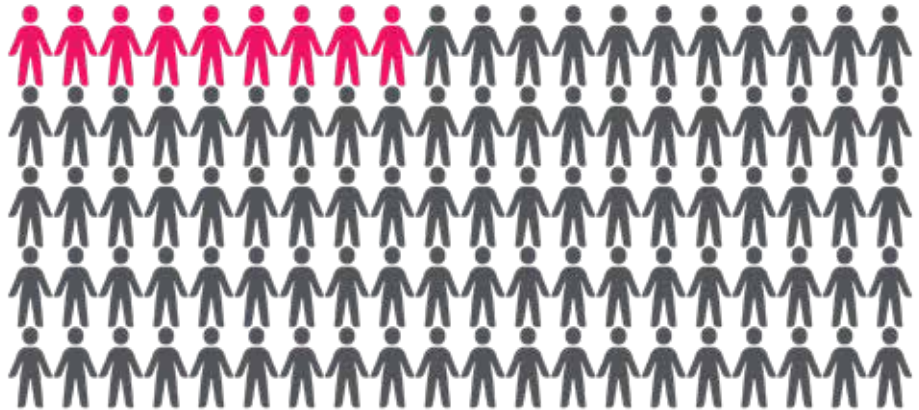
ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	FAMILIES<200% OF POVERTY
12010	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children	58.30%, High
12016	28 children/slot	30.68%, High
12066	3 children/slot	9.42%, Low
12068	3 children/slot	24.10%, Medium
12069	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children	20.33%, Medium
12070	Not a desert – no children	13.74%, Medium
12072	28 children/slot	30.68%, High
12086	Not a desert- no children	13.74%/ Medium
12095	3 children/slot	26.8%, High
12166	28 children/slot	30.68%, High
12177	Not a desert – no children	13.74%, Medium
13317	6 children/slot	23.41%, Medium
13339	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs	42.65%, High
13410	26 children/slot	29.61%, High
13428	26 children/slot	29.61%, High
13452	7 children/slot	24.21%/ Medium



Rensselaer County Needs Assessment

DEMAND FOR INFANT CARE

For every 100 children age 0-1 there are only 8.7 child care slots.



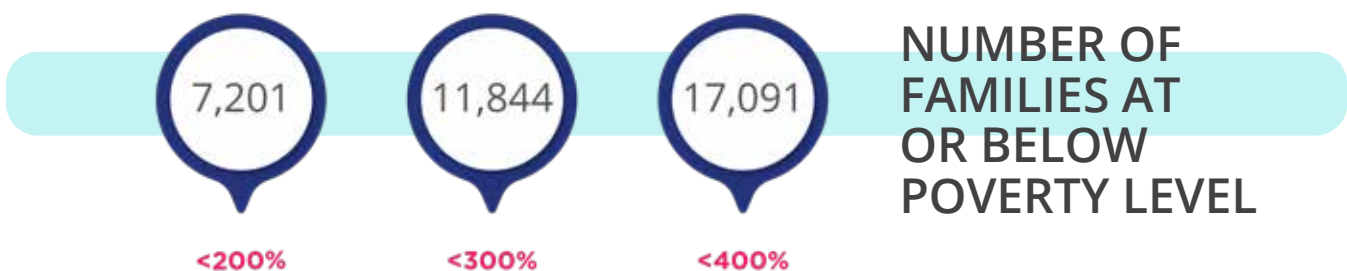
Rensselaer County is home to approximately 160,232 residents. About 12% of the county's population is under the age of 5, and a total of around 13% are under 14 years old. In Rensselaer County, there are 31,014 children between the ages of birth through 14 years.

AGE OF CHILD	NUMBER	AVAILABLE SLOTS	SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN
Under 0 years	1,557	270	8.7
1 year olds	1,546		
2 year olds	1,572	425	27
3 year olds	1,706		
4 year olds	1,668	1,752	51
5 year olds	1,557		
5 to 9 year olds	8,538	1,618	7
10 to 14 year olds	12,870		
Total	31,014	4,065	

The data presented in this report is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2019-2021 (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) and the NYS Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

In 2021, the median household income was \$75,676, with 13.1% of residents living below the poverty line. Moreover, in the same year, 19% of children under the age of 18 were living in poverty in Rensselaer County, NY.

The chart below provides additional insights, offering data on the number of families residing in Rensselaer County and living at or below 200%, 300%, and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.



Rensselaer County Child Care Supply

Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care is essential for Rensselaer County's infrastructure. Access to quality child care empowers parents and guardians to remain in the workforce, achieve economic stability, and contribute to the economy. However, finding and affording child care can be challenging.

In Rensselaer County, child care centers have the capacity to accommodate 206 infants, 361 toddlers, 1,344 three- and four-year-olds, and 96 school-age children. Family child care providers in Rensselaer County can cater to 156 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 52 school-age children. Group family child care providers have the capacity for 228 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 76 school-age children. School-age programs in the county can accommodate 1,394 children.

This results in approximately 3,913 potential child care slots, serving only 12.6% of the child population. Since not all families require care outside of the home, the need for child care is generally calculated at 80% of the population. Based on 80% of the child population, which is 24,811 children, there is only enough care available to accommodate 16% of the need in Rensselaer County.

There is only enough child care for 16% of the need

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code

CHILD CARE CENTER SLOTS

ZIP CODE	INFANT	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
12180	126	176	655	22
12198	0	0	63	0
12033	8	24	145	0
12061	24	60	104	34
12182	24	28	176	20
12144	8	36	81	0
12090	8	8	60	0
12123	8	24	38	0
12196	0	5	22	20
Total	206	361	1,344	96

FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12144	12	4
12140	6	2
12094	6	2
12180	60	20
12018	24	8
12123	6	2
12154	6	2
12182	6	2
12061	12	4
12121	6	2
12198	12	4
Total	156	52

GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12182	72	24
12154	12	4
12061	12	4
12180	60	20
12144	36	12
12198	12	4
12057	12	4
12138	12	4
Total	228	76

SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS

SCHOOL AGE/ZIP	SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS
12180	503
12154	44
12144	145
12033	150
12061	188
12123	82
12018	44
12196	44
12140	44
12022	20
12182	130
Total	1,394

Rensselaer County Desert Status

To gain a better understanding of the licensed child care supply in Rensselaer County, we conducted an analysis of the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes, alongside census data for children residing in those areas. Child care deserts are identified as regions lacking an adequate supply of licensed child care programs.

The areas with the highest child care demand in the county are observed in ZIP code areas 12022, 12040, 12052, and 12153, where there are no available child care slots for more than 49 children under 5 years old. Additionally, these areas house many families living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

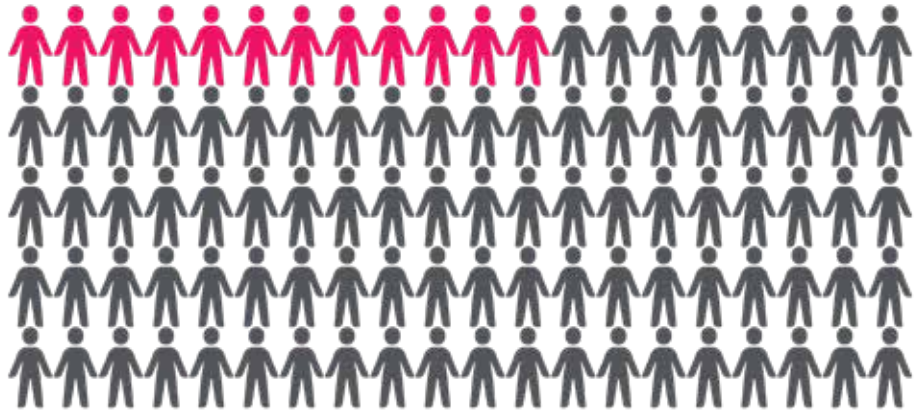
ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	FAMILIES <200% OF POVERTY
12018	29 children/slot	12.42%
12022	No Slots & > 49 Children under 5 years/slot	31.62%
12024	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	13.11%
12028	16 children/slot	32.73%
12033	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	12.61%
12040	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	31.62%
12052	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	23.05%
12057	2 children/slot	14.95%
12061	1 child/slot	6.83%
12063	5 children/slot	11.41%
12082	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	23.05%
12089	15 children/slot	32.73%
12090	2 children/slot	27.16%
12094	32 children/slot	9.66%
12121	12 children/slot	7.23%
12123	12 children/slot	14.95%
12133	15 children/slot	32.73%
12138	1 child/slot	21.78%
12140	12 children/slot	4.58%
12144	16 children/slot	8.63%
12153	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	31.62%
12154	10 children/slot	11.64%
12156	2 children/slot	3.39%
12168	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	15.15%
12169	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	15.15%
12180	No slots & >49 children under 5 years/slot	25.72%
12181	1 child/slot	46.98%
12182	6 children/slot	52.36%
12185	32 children/slot	9.66%



Saratoga County Needs Assessment

DEMAND FOR INFANT CARE

For every 100 children age 0-1 there are only 12 child care slots.



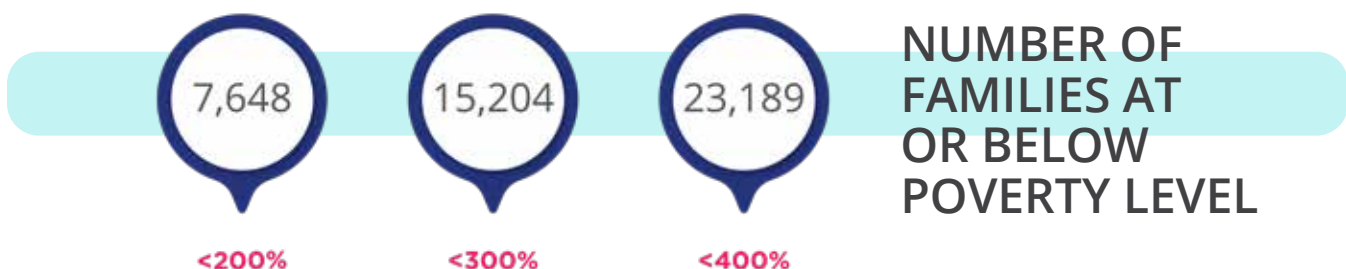
Saratoga County, with a population of 229,869, is home to approximately 5% of residents under the age of 5 and a total of about 16% under the age of 14. Saratoga County has 37,810 children between the ages of birth through 14 years residing within its borders.

AGE OF CHILD	NUMBER	AVAILABLE SLOTS	SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN
Under 0 years	1,976	493	12
1 year olds	2,090		
2 year olds	2,145	799	37
3 year olds	1,807	2,138	58
4 year olds	1,876		
5 year olds	1,874	2,827	
5 to 9 year olds	13,172		10
10 to 14 year olds	12,870		
Total	37,810	6,257	

Data provided in this report is per U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 – 2021 (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) and at the NYS Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

The 2020 median household income was \$85,224 and 5.93% or 13,400 residents live below the poverty line. In 2022, 6.3% of the children were living in poverty in Saratoga County, NY. From 2014 to 2022, the indicator declined 2.6%.

The chart below provides data on the number of families living at or below 200%, 300% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level residing in Saratoga County



NUMBER OF FAMILIES AT OR BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

Saratoga County Child Care Supply

Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care plays a vital role in Saratoga County's infrastructure. Access to quality child care enables parents and guardians to remain in the workforce, achieve economic stability, and contribute to the economy. However, finding and affording child care can be challenging.

In Saratoga County, child care centers have the capacity to accommodate 383 infants, 689 toddlers, 1,778 three- and four-year-olds, and 414 school-age children. Family child care providers in Saratoga County can cater to 198 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 66 school-age children. Group family child care providers have the capacity for 600 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 196 school-age children. School-age programs in the county can accommodate 2,151 children.

This results in approximately 6,257 potential child care slots, serving only 16.5% of the child population. Since not all families require care outside of the home, the need for child care is generally calculated at 80% of the population. Based on 80% of the child population, which is 30,248 children, there is only enough care available to accommodate 21% of the need in Saratoga County.

There is only enough child care for 21% of the need

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code

CHILD CARE CENTER SLOTS

ZIP CODE	INFANT	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
12065	168	289	772	192
12866	61	107	314	20
12833	0	0	19	0
12170	0	0	62	89
12831	16	45	49	0
12828	14	48	44	30
12074	0	0	26	0
12020	80	137	374	53
12118	23	21	57	30
12188	21	42	40	0
12822	0	0	21	0
Total	383	689	1778	414

FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 12 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12065	30	10
12148	6	2
12866	18	6
12188	6	2
12803	18	6
12170	6	2
12831	36	12
12871	6	2
12118	6	2
12020	36	12
12019	30	10
Total	198	66

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code, continued

GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 12 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12803	12	4
12065	72	24
12871	12	4
12020	108	36
12831	72	24
12833	12	4
12019	48	16
12188	60	20
12822	60	20
12822	12	4
12866	60	16
12188	12	4
12828	24	8
12074	24	8
12027	12	4
Total	600	196

SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	SCHOOL-AGE
12065	692
12866	366
12822	44
12020	229
12188	44
12019	159
12148	60
12074	21
12134	42
12118	208
12803	246
12831	40
Total	2,151

Saratoga County Child Care Desert Status

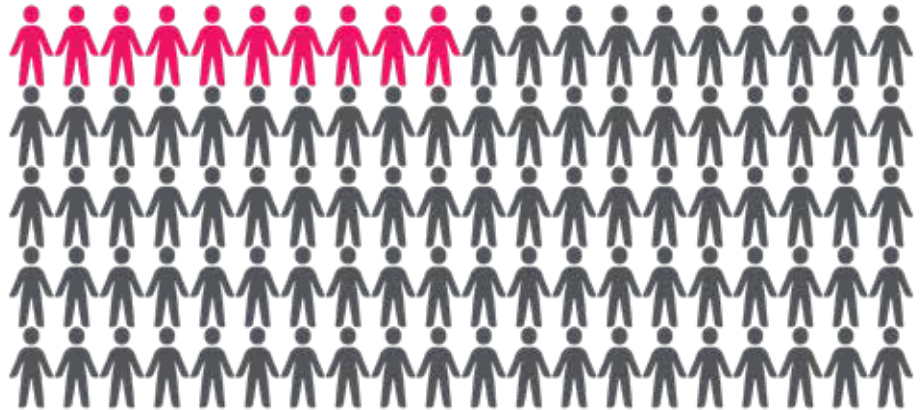
To gain a comprehensive understanding of the licensed child care supply in Saratoga County, we conducted an analysis of the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes, along with census data for children residing in those areas. Child care deserts, identified as regions with an insufficient supply of licensed child care programs, are found in Saratoga County, specifically in ZIP codes 12025 and 12833.

ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	DIVERSITY INDEX	FAMILIES<200% OF POVERTY
12065	1.68 children/slot, Not a Desert	42, Med	12.66%, Med
12866	1.19 children/slot, Not a Desert	31.1, Med	18.49%, Med,
12020	1.56 children/slot, Not a Desert	24.3, Low	12.91%, Med
12831	3.30 children/slot	18.6, Low	7.54%, Low
12118	15.33 children/slot	19.4, Low	41.80%, High
12188	5.38 children/slot	22.5, Low	23.24%, Med
12828	3.38 children/slot	12.2, Low	24.30%, Med
12803	9.78 children/slot	14, Low	30.80%, High
12148	17.83 children/slot, Med	35.2, Med	6.47%, Low
12822	6.06 children/slot, Low	14.8, Low	35.18%, High
12170	1.26 children/slot, Not a Desert	16.3, Low	13.02%, Med
12871	10.25 children/slot	18.3, Low	24.38%, Med
12025	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children/slot	12.1, Low	25.07%, High
12833	No slots & >49 children under 5 yrs children/slot	13.1, Low	12.27%, Med
12134	No slots & <50 children under 5 yrs children/slot	9.2, Low	16.96%, Med
12027	3.45 children/slot	9.9, Low	6.77%, Low
12850	8.69 children/slot	13.7, Low	19.66%, Med
12074	7.32 children/slot	8.8, Low	14.45%, Med
12859	8.69 children/slot	13.7, Low	19.66%, Med
12835	No slots & <50 children under 5 yrs children/slot	9.2, Low	16.96%, Med
12151	1.63 children/slot, Not a Desert	22.3, Low	2.55%, Low
12863	2.80 children/slot, Not a Desert	14.8, Low	25.30%, High
12884	10.25 children/slot	18.3, Low	24.38%, Med

Schenectady County Needs Assessment

DEMAND FOR INFANT CARE

For every 100 children age 0-1 there are only 10 child care slots.



Schenectady County is home to a population of 160,000 residents. Approximately 6% of the county's population is under the age of 5, and a total of about 21% are under the age of 18. Within Schenectady County, there are 27,814 children between the ages of birth through 14 years residing.

AGE OF CHILD	NUMBER	AVAILABLE SLOTS	SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN
Under 0 years	1,827	389	10
1 year olds	1,821		
2 year olds	1,923	664	34.5
3 year olds	1,807	2,089	56.7
4 year olds	1,876		
5 year olds	1,874		
5 to 9 year olds	9,532	1,561	13.6
10 to 14 year olds	9,026		
Total	27,814	4,703	

The data presented in this report is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2019–2021 (<https://www.census.gov/data.html>) and the NYS Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

In 2020, the median household income was \$69,891, with 13% of residents living below the poverty line. Schenectady County is home to 5,594 children living in poverty, accounting for 17% of the county's child population. This child poverty rate is lower than New York State's overall child poverty rate of 20%.

Notably, 40% of children in Schenectady County are children of color. Disparities in child poverty rates among racial and ethnic groups are evident:

35% of Black children

34% of Hispanic or Latino children

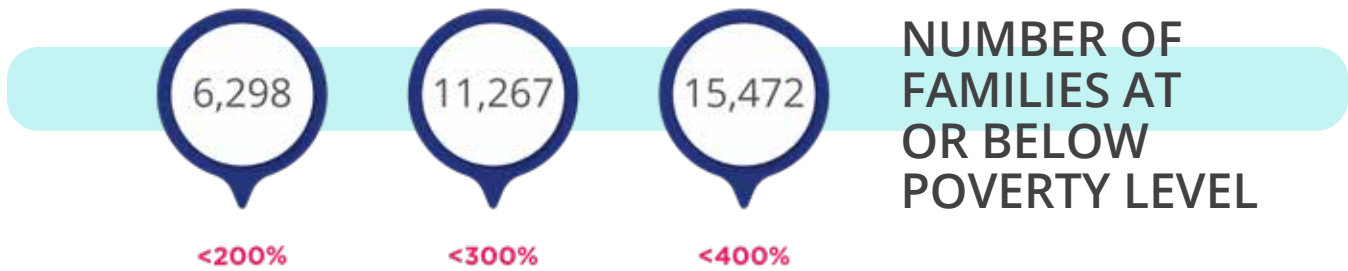
8% of White children

19% of Asian children

Black and Hispanic children in Schenectady County are four times more likely to be in poverty than White children.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the full report here: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/05/Child-Poverty-in-Schenectady-County.pdf>.

The chart below provides additional data on the number of families living at or below 200%, 300%, and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level residing in Schenectady County.



Schenectady County Child Care Supply

Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care is crucial for Schenectady County's infrastructure. Access to quality child care enables parents and guardians to remain in the workforce, achieve economic stability, and contribute to the economy. However, finding and affording child care can be challenging.

In Schenectady County, child care centers have the capacity to accommodate 248 infants, 484 toddlers, 1,386 three- and four-year-olds, and 443 school-age children. Parson's/NorthernRivers Early Head Start can serve 24 infants and 63 toddlers. Schenectady Community Action Programs Head Start Programs have the capacity for 307 center-based preschool-age children. Family child care providers in Schenectady County can accommodate 256 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 90 school-age children. Group family child care providers have the capacity for 420 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and 144 school-age children. School-age programs in the county can accommodate 884 children.

This results in approximately 4,751 potential child care slots, serving only 17% of the child population. Since not all families require care outside of the home, the need for child care is generally calculated at 80% of the population. Based on 80% of the child population, there is only enough care available to accommodate 21% of the need in Schenectady County.

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Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code

CHILD CARE CENTER SLOTS

ZIP CODE	INFANT	EARLY HEAD START INFANT	TODDLER	EARLY HEAD START TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	HEAD START PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
12304	32	24	58	63	232	195	26
12302	55		74		248		41
12305	32		42		119		43
12056	16		42		58		7
12053	0		8		48		0
12303	8		33		122		129
12306	16		20		253	66	10
12309	48		130		187		148
12027	16		36		52		21
12308	25		41		67	46	18
	248	24	484	63	1,386	307	443

Distribution of Child Care Slots by ZIP Code, continued

FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12303	42	14
12306	60	20
12302	42	18
12307	30	10
12308	24	8
12304	24	8
12053	6	2
12309	12	4
12019	6	2
12137	6	2
12027	6	2
	258	90

GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS	SCHOOL-AGE
12303	84	28
12307	108	36
12309	72	28
12306	48	16
12304	72	24
12308	24	8
12302	12	4
	420	144

SCHOOL-AGE SLOTS

ZIP CODE	SCHOOL-AGE
12304	94
12303	44
12307	60
12302	164
12306	30
12053	44
12309	404
12308	44
	884

Schenectady County Desert Data

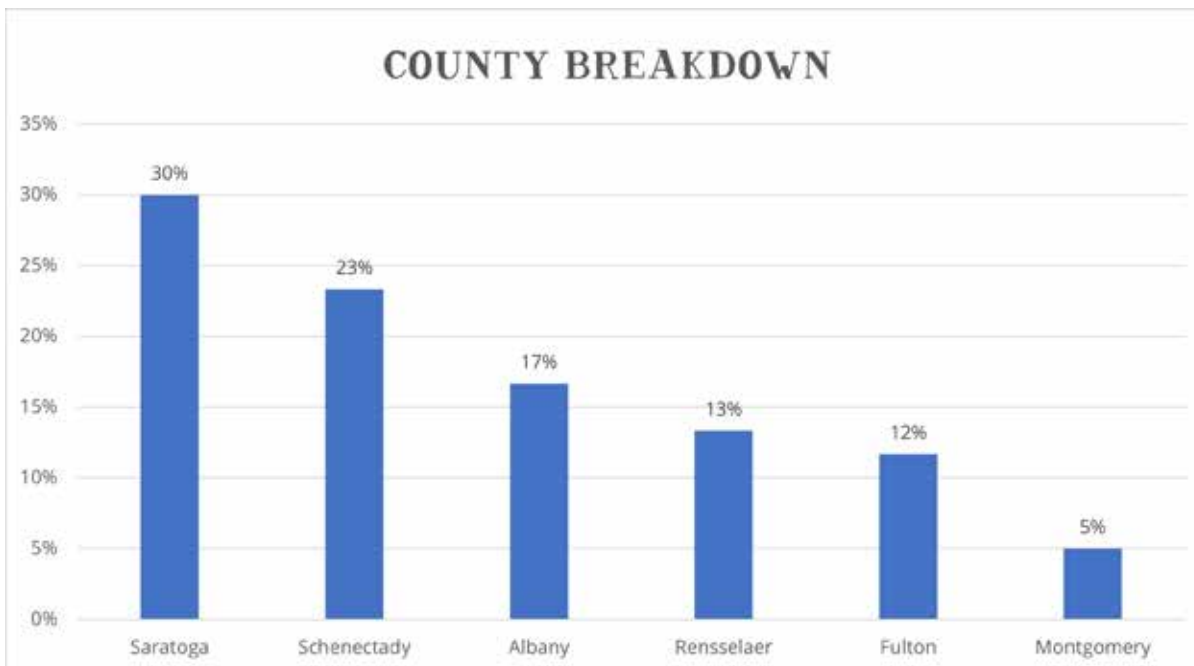
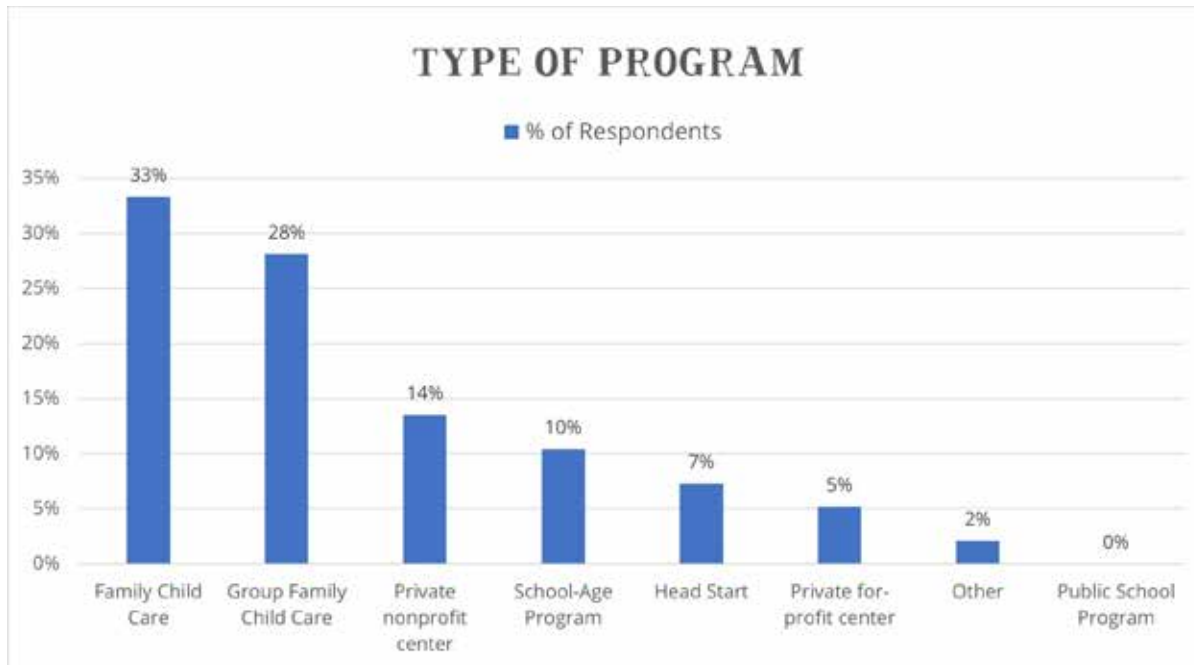
To gain insights into the licensed child care supply in Schenectady County, we conducted an analysis of the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes. This analysis considered census data for children living in those geographic locations, revealing areas with an insufficient supply of licensed child care programs, commonly referred to as child care deserts.

ZIP CODE	DESERT LEVEL	DIVERSITY INDEX	FAMILIES<200% OF POVERTY
12008	3 children/slot	31.5, medium	14%, medium
12053	3 children/slot	12, low	9.42% low
12056	3 children/slot	11.9, Low	10%, low
12137	3 children/slot	11.9, Low	10%, low
12141	3 children/slot	11.9, Low	10%, low
12150	4 children/slot	17.7, low	15.88%, medium
12301	1 child/slot	66.9 high	Low
12302	11 children/slot	22, low	11.71%, medium
12303	10 children/slot	75, high	24.45%, medium
12304	2 children/slot	50.6, high	12.77%, medium
12305	1 child/slot	53.8, high	5.76%, low
12306	14 children/slot	24.5, low	26.96%, high
12307	16 children/slot	83.3, high	47.55%, high
12308	1 child/slot	79.6, high	45.52%, high
12309	3 children/slot	41.9, medium	7.25%, low
12325	1 child/slot	66.9, high	Low
Lenox Rd/ Oakland Avenue	No slots & >48 children under 5 years	80.5, high	46.78%, high
Front Street / Seward	No slots & >48 children under 5 years	61, high	55.47, high
Campbell Ave	No slots & >48 children under 5 years	48.2 medium	30.62%, high

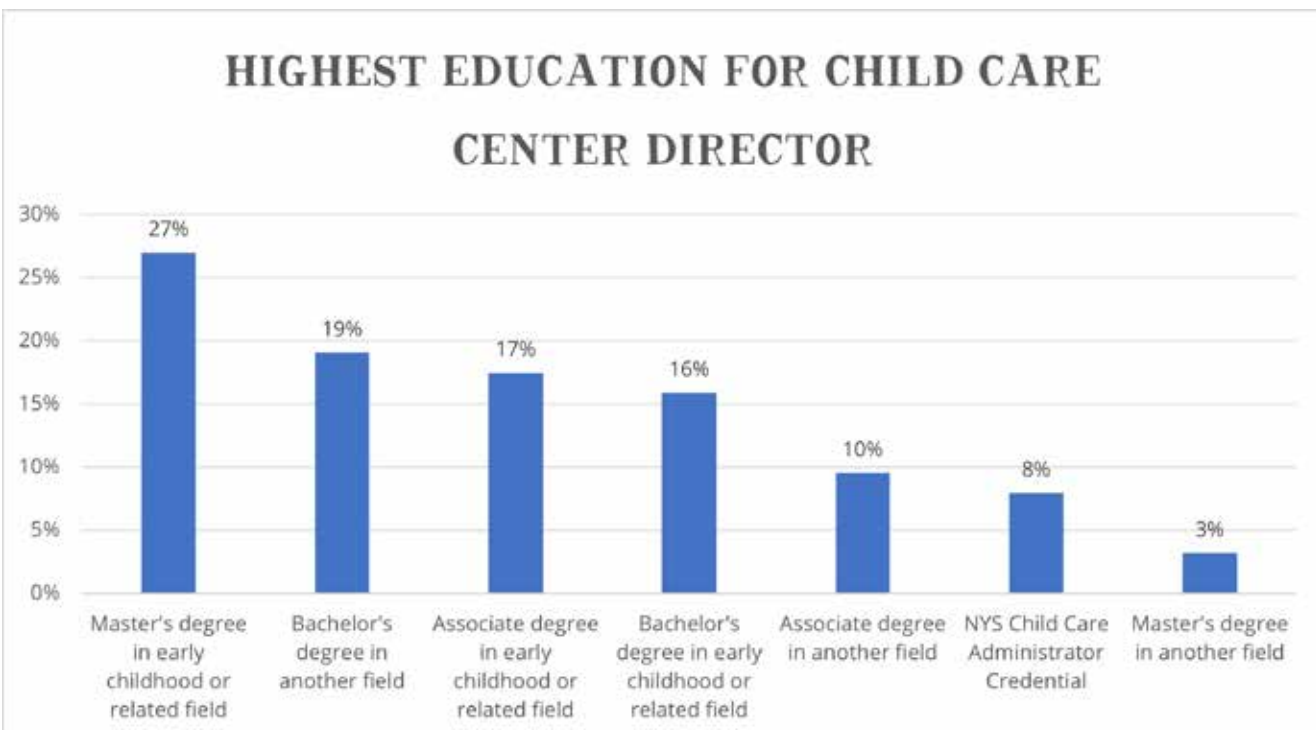
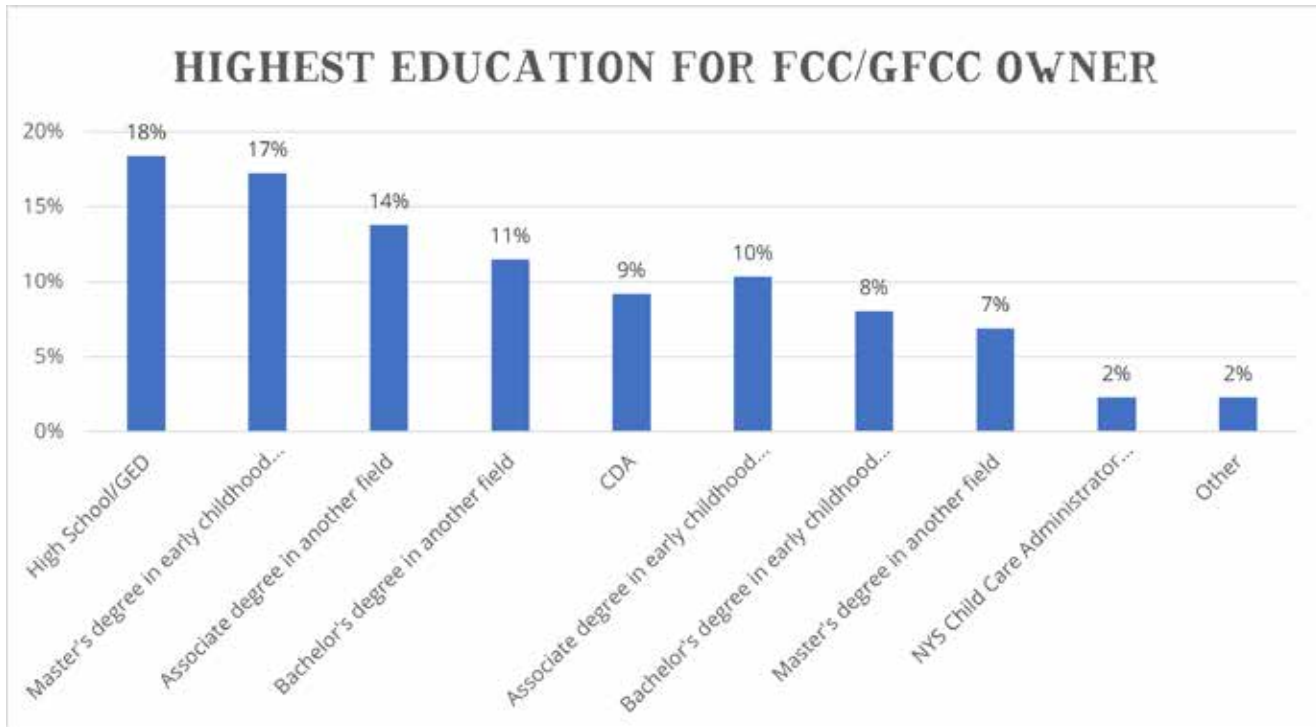
The following data was collected from over one hundred child care staff who responded to the Brightside Up Child Care Educator Survey. The survey was distributed both digitally and through the mail to child care providers throughout the counties of New York State within Brightside Up's network.

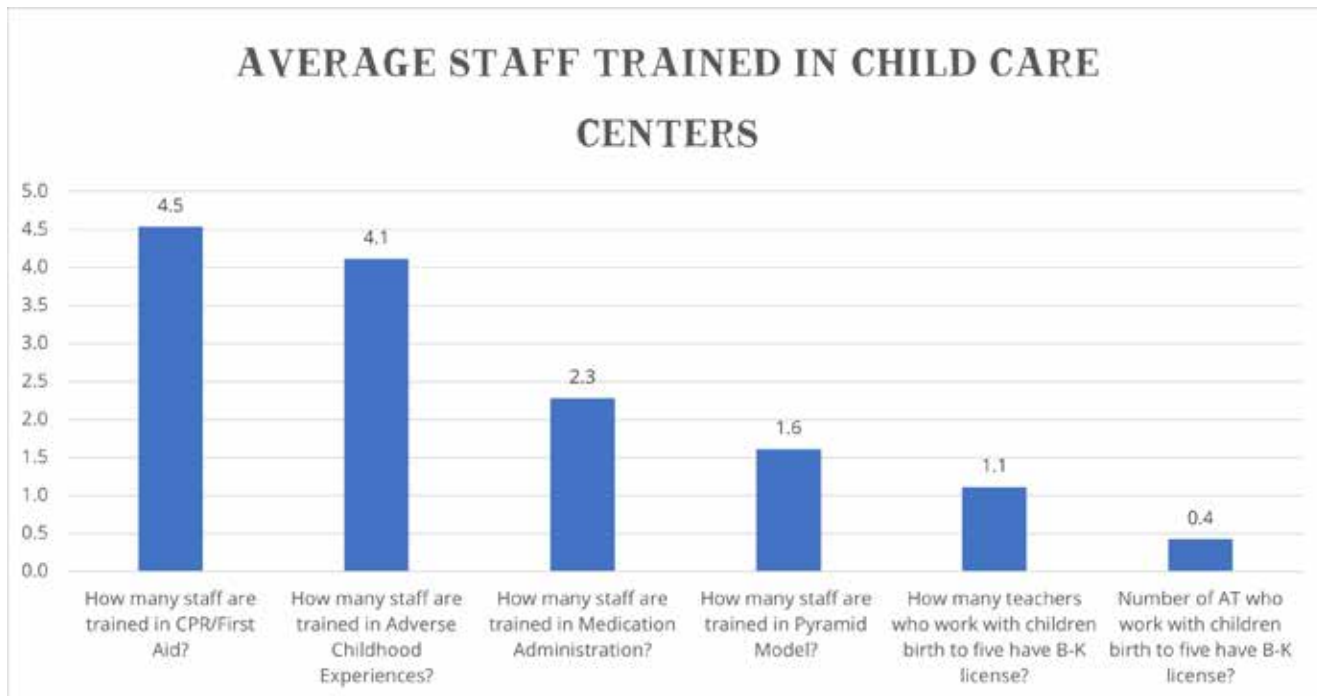
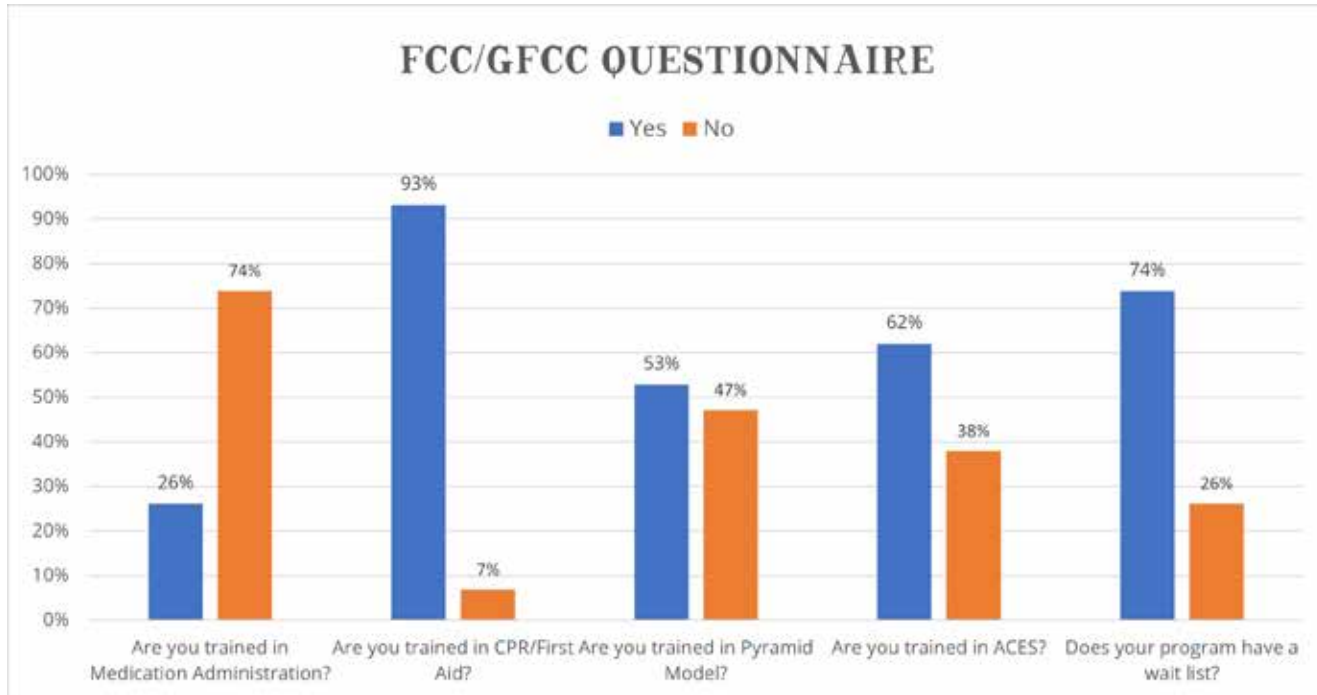
Survey Demographics

60% of respondents were family/group family child care staff. While the survey reflects a wide spectrum of programs, the data presented will be most reflective of those two modalities. The county breakdown is based on those who provided their name or county data.

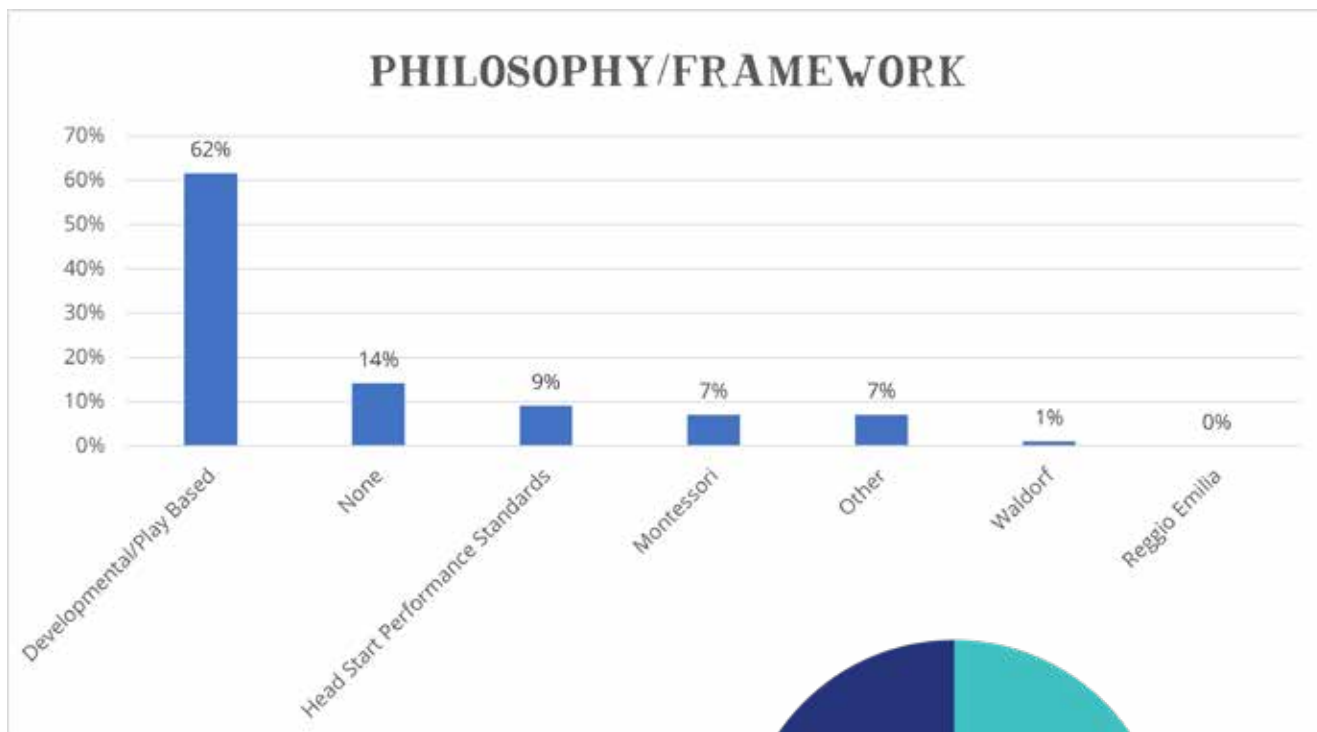
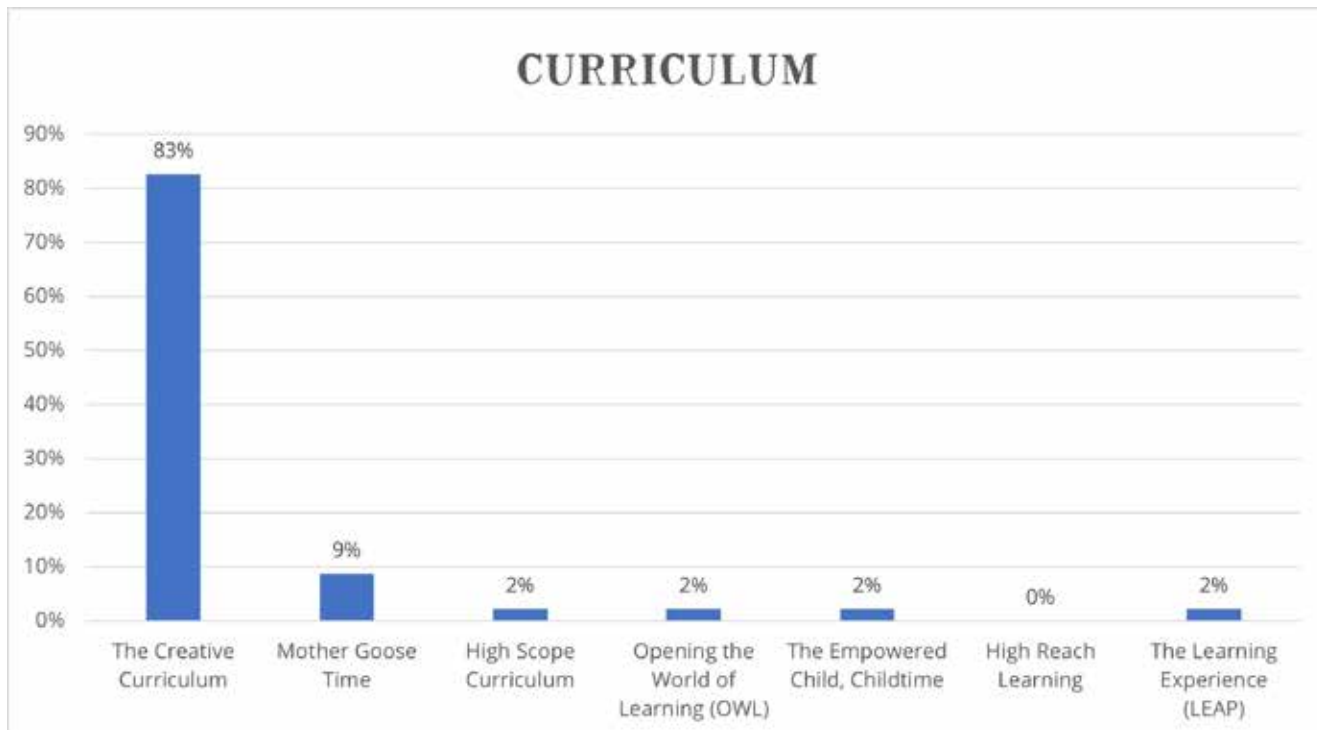


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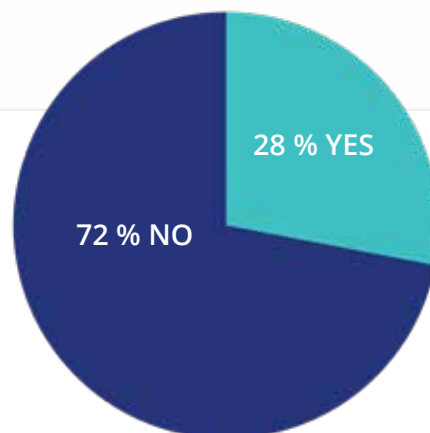


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BILINGUAL PROGRAM

Almost 30% of programs are bi lingual



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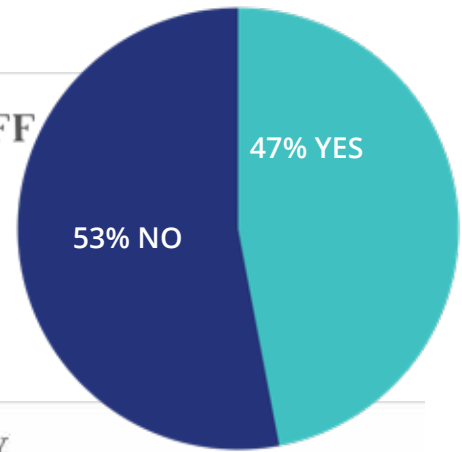


Based on the provided data, there is a wider range of average yearly salary for Lead Teachers compared to Assistant Teachers. The average salary for Assistant Teachers had a range of around \$2,200, while the range for Lead Teachers' average salaries was nearly \$7,200.

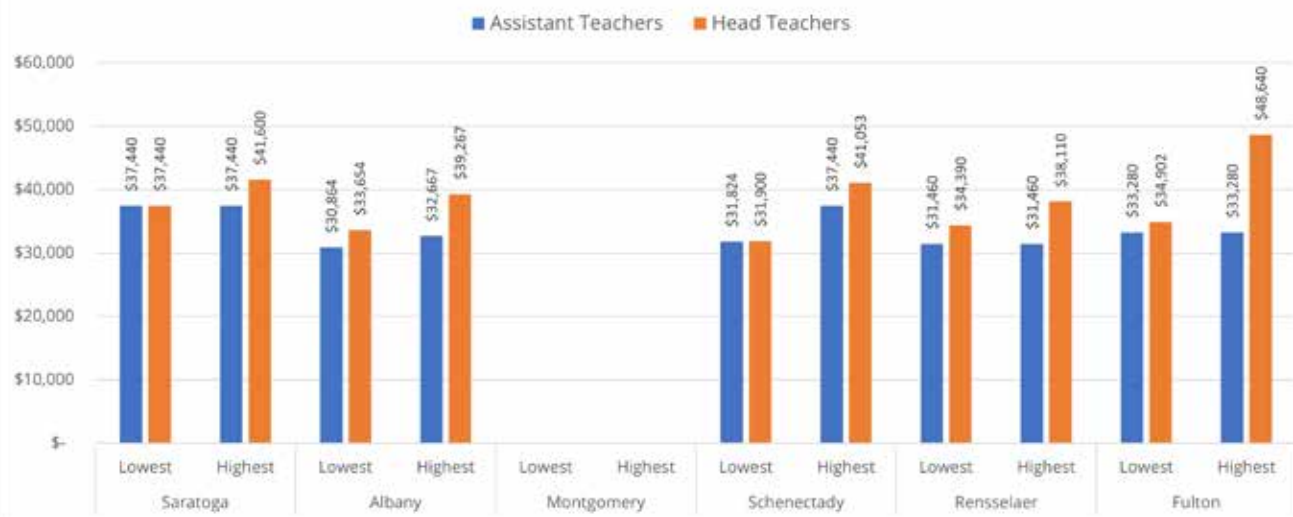


When comparing the average yearly salary of a Child Care Center Director and an FCC/GFCC Owner, our data indicates that, on average, a Director of a Child Care Center earns nearly \$8,000 more per year.

DOES THE PROGRAM CONTRIBUTE TO STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS?



AVERAGE YEARLY SALARY



When examining the Average Yearly Salary for Head Teachers and Assistant Teachers by county, we observe a similar pattern to what was depicted in the earlier salary graph

AVERAGE YEARLY SALARY




The range for the yearly average salary for lead teachers is much larger than that of Assistant Teachers. It is important to note that the sample size (n-size) varied by county, which can result in outliers, as illustrated in Fulton County, which had fewer responses than other counties. Additionally, salary data was not provided by staff in Montgomery County.



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