



The State of Child Care

Child Care Availability

 # of home-based child care programs	147
 # of center-based child care programs	53

Child Care Subsidy Participation

 # of kids eligible for child care subsidies	15,428
 # of kids receiving child care subsidies	1,413

Child Care Needs

 Kids under 6 with all parents working	44%
 Kids under 6 potentially in need of care	30,569
 Total available child care spots	7,591
 Remaining child care spots needed	22,978

For every **4** kids in need of care, there is **1** licensed child care spot in Utah County.



The Cost of Care



Infant/Toddler Care: \$9,094
 Preschool-Age Care: \$7,653

Annual Total Cost: \$16,747

Median 4-Person Family Income: \$96,989

Percent of income spent on child care: **17%**



Child Care Access

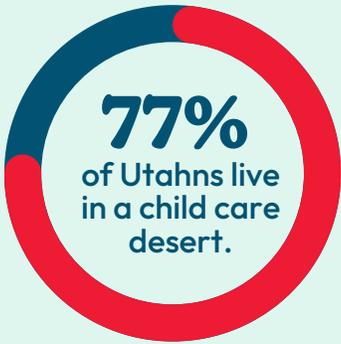
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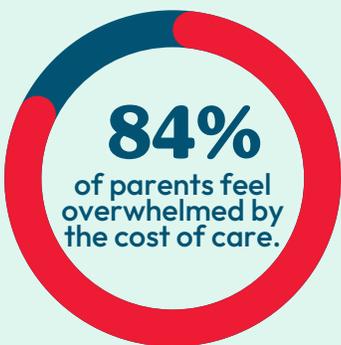
The Cost to Provide Care

Average Provider Wage: \$12.87/hour
Average Provider Salary: \$26,770/year

On average, child care educators make less than dogwalkers.

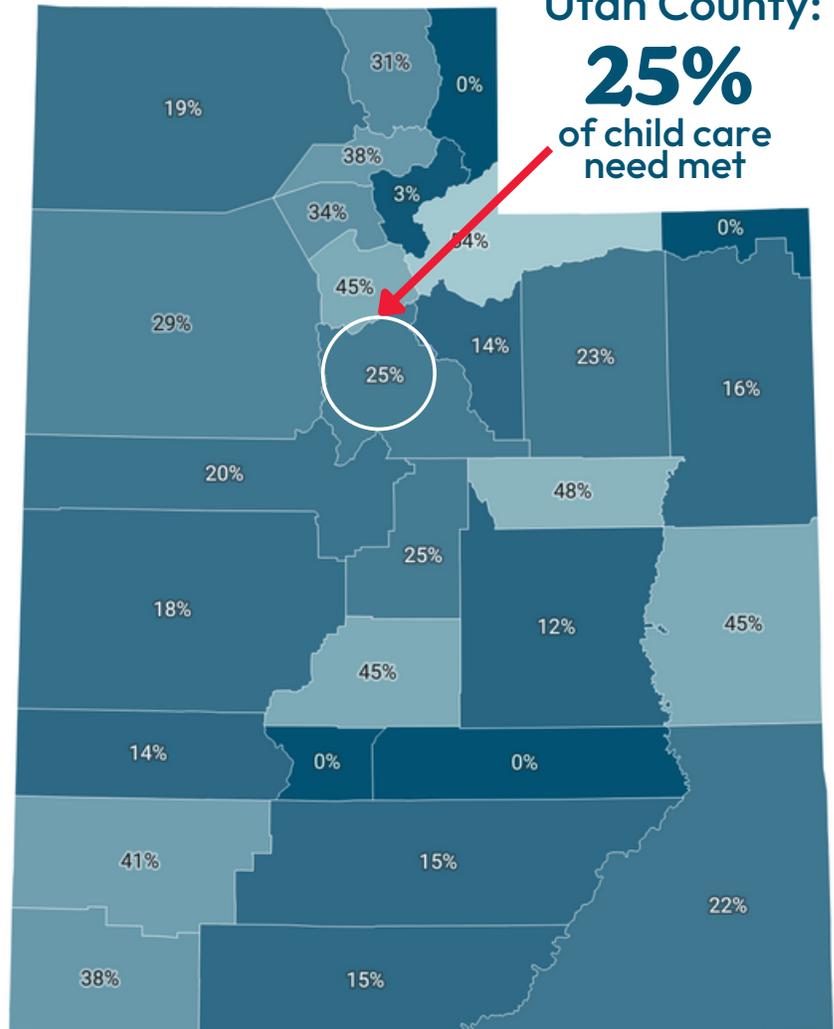


Utah's economy loses **\$1.36 Billion** each year due to lack of child care access.



Child Care Need Fulfilled by Licensed Child Care

Percentage of licensed child care slots divided by the number of kids under 6 with all available parents in the workforce



Source: Number of children under 6 with all available parents in the workforce by age group and county provided by the ACS 2021 5-year estimates Table B23008. Licensed child care data provided by the Utah Office of Child Care as of August 2023 and tabulated by Voices for Utah Children. • Created with Datawrapper



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