



Child Care Access

Salt Lake County



The State of Child Care

Child Care Availability

 # of home-based child care programs	412
 # of center-based child care programs	201

Child Care Subsidy Participation

 # of kids eligible for child care subsidies	27,335
 # of kids receiving child care subsidies	4,730

Child Care Needs

 Kids under 6 with all parents working	59%
 Kids under 6 potentially in need of care	57,093
 Total available child care spots	25,488
 Remaining child care spots needed	31,605

For every **2** kids in need of care, there is **1** licensed child care spot in Salt Lake County.



The Cost of Care



Infant/Toddler Care: \$9,233
 Preschool-Age Care: \$7,692

Annual Total Cost: \$16,925

Median 4-Person Family Income: \$109,718

Percent of income spent on child care: **15%**



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The Cost to Provide Care

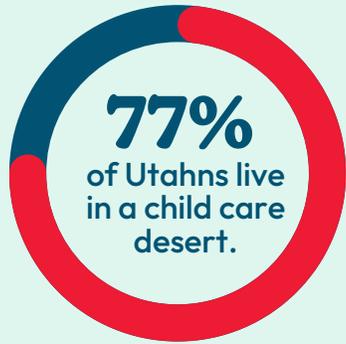
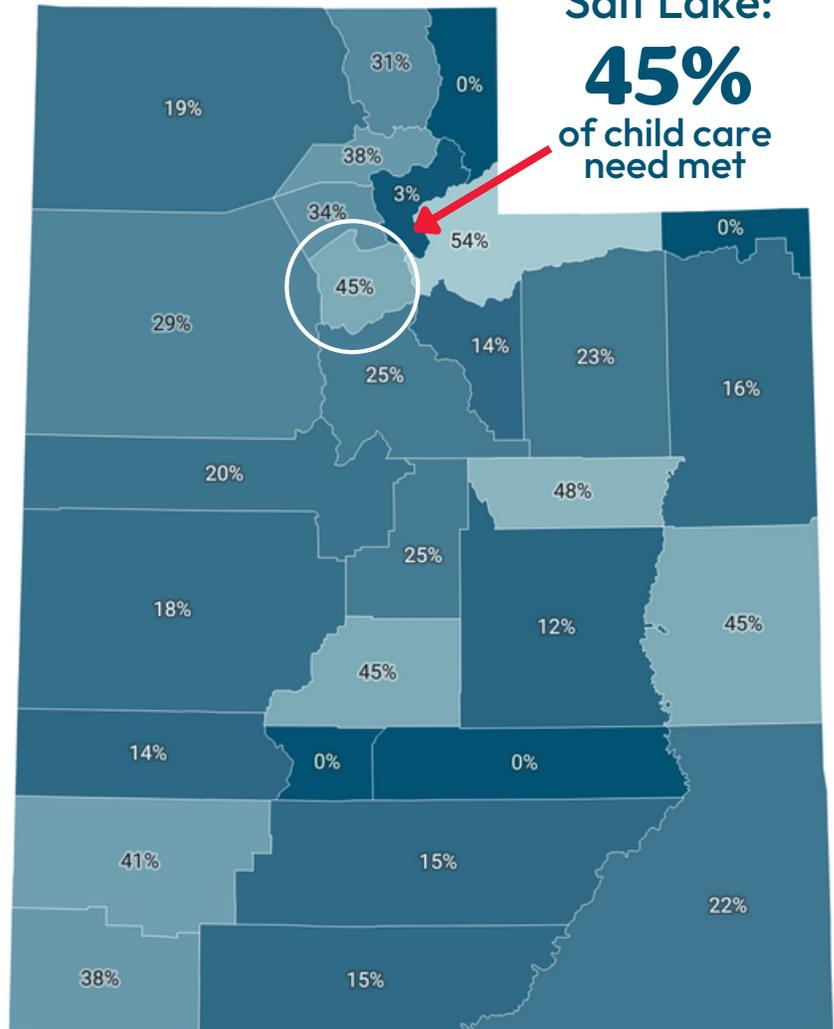
Average Provider Wage: \$12.87/hour
Average Provider Salary: \$26,770/year

On average, child care educators make less than dogwalkers.



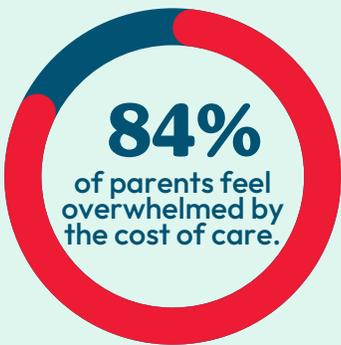
Child Care Need Fulfilled by Licensed Child Care

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



77%
of Utahns live in a child care desert.

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



84%
of parents feel overwhelmed by the cost of care.

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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