

PICTURE OF CHILD CARE

IN THE CAPITAL REGION



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Key Findings

Supply & demand for care:

Infant care, in all modalities, is needed in the Capital Region with specific need in Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties. Infant and toddler care is expensive and quality, affordable, care is needed in all areas across the region. There is need for regulated out-of-school time opportunities in Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties.

Quality of child care:

Program accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a measure of quality indicators for child care centers, has remained constant in the Capital Region. Network for Youth Success accreditation, the measure of quality indicators in out-of-school time programs is on a steady incline.

Wages & benefits for child care workers:

In a survey of Capital Region child care workers, child care professionals earned an average wage of \$10.75 an hour.

Cost of child care:

The average weekly cost of full-time infant care in a child care center has held steady at about \$220 a week. Cost of care is higher in New York State than in most other states in the country.

Economic Impact of Child Care:

Families struggle with the cost of child care, whether they receive a subsidy or not. In a recent survey, families reported that they have borrowed money, paid on credit, and cut back on work hours in order to afford care. Lack of child care options leads to employee absence. Unlike other areas of education investment, including higher education, families pay the majority of costs for early education.

ALBANY COUNTY

SUPPLY

SUPPLY¹ AND ESTIMATED UTILIZATION RATE² OF REGULATED CHILD CARE

There are 67 child care centers in Albany County		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	712	89.00%
Toddler	1,190	87.00%
Preschool	3,358	89.00%
School-Age	636	88.00%
Total Slots	5,896	

There are 69 family child care homes in Albany County		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
69	552	78.00%
Total Slots	552	

There are 62 group family child care homes in Albany County		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
62	992	79.00%
Total Slots	992	

There are 67 school-age programs in Albany County		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
67	5,693	84.00%
Total Slots	5,693	

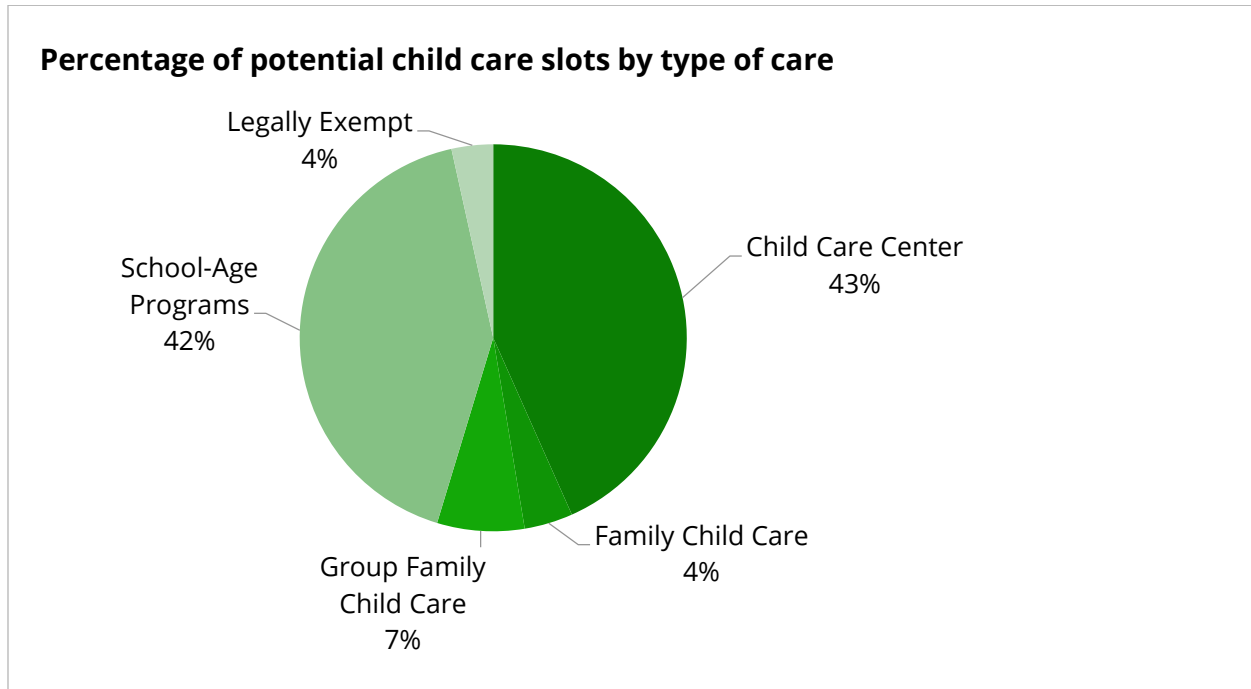
There are 236 legally exempt child care homes in Albany County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
236	472

ALBANY COUNTY

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	21	13	11	20
Child care center	0	0	0	4

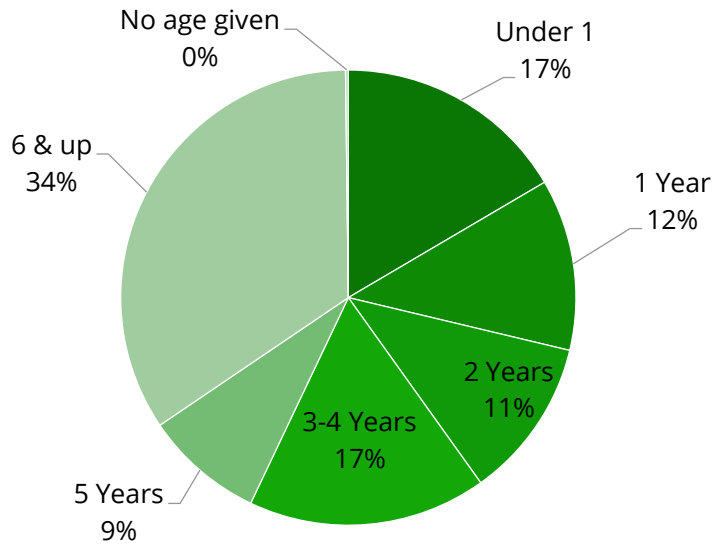
PERCENTAGE OF POTENTIAL CHILD CARE SLOTS



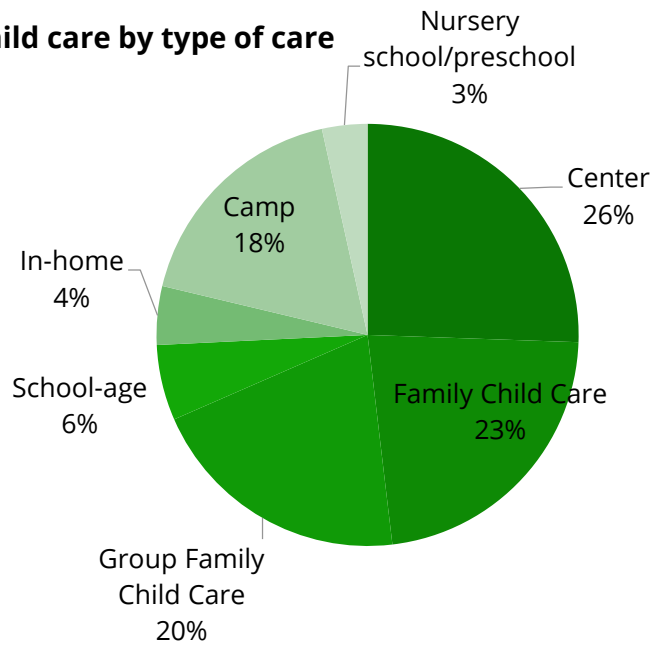
ALBANY COUNTY

DEMAND

Requests for child care by age of child



Requests for child care by type of care



ALBANY COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	9,080	5,993
3-4	6,261	4,132
5	2,631	1,736
6-8	9,415	6,120
9-11	9,784	6,360
12-14	10,512	6,833
Total Children 0-14	47,683	31,174

Source: 2015 Census Estimates

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CHILD CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
839	712	(127)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
719	386	(333)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
1,612	3,358	1,746
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
537	772	235
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
8,630	6,329	(2,301)

FULTON COUNTY

SUPPLY

SUPPLY¹ AND ESTIMATED UTILIZATION RATE² OF REGULATED CHILD CARE

There are 7 child care centers in Fulton County		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	36	78.00%
Toddler	89	87.00%
Preschool	288	89.00%
School-Age	55	92.00%
Total Slots	468	

There are 10 family child care homes in Fulton County		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
10	80	83.00%
Total Slots	80	

There are 10 group family child care homes in Fulton County		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
10	160	82.00%
Total Slots	160	

There are 5 school-age programs in Fulton County		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
5	350	93.00%
Total Slots	350	

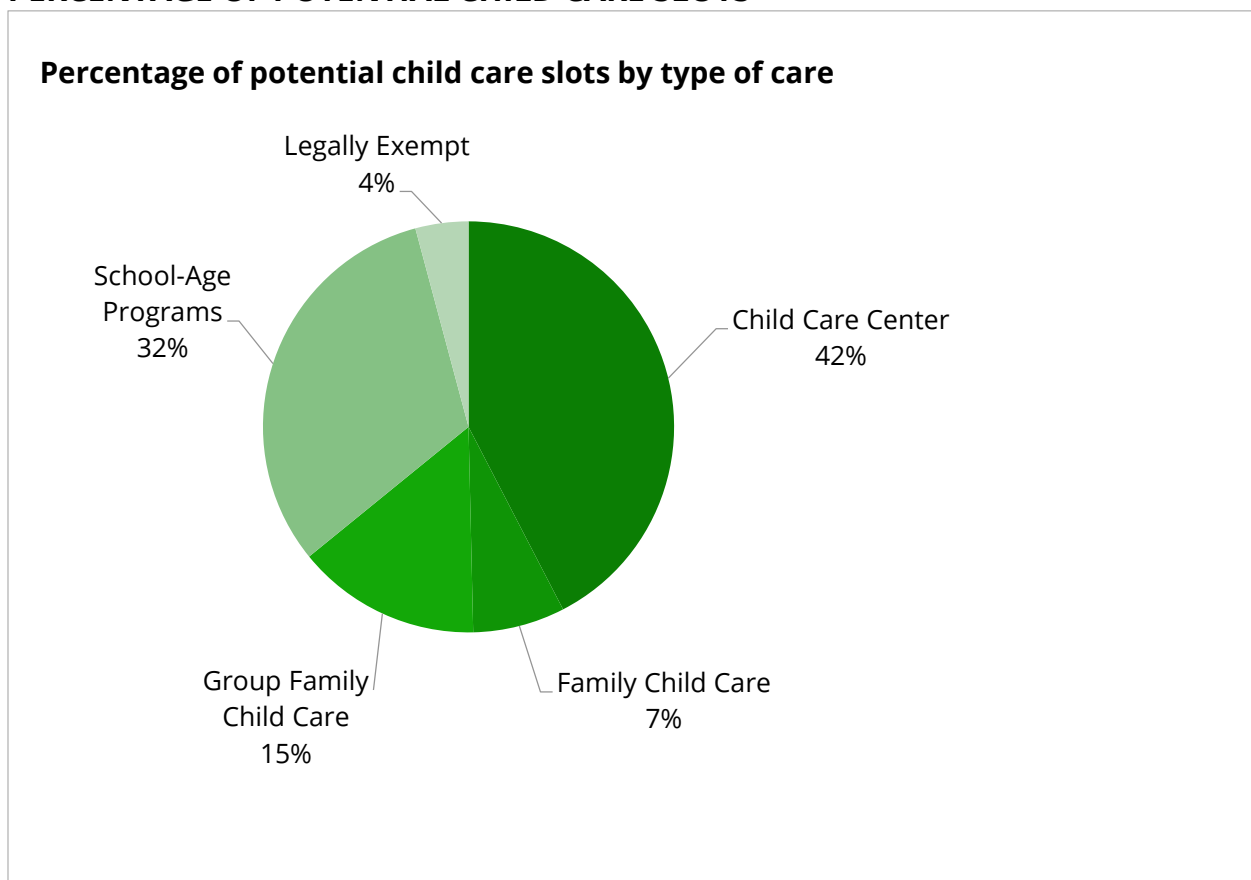
There are 23 legally exempt child care homes in Fulton County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
23	46
Total Slots	46

FULTON COUNTY

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	2	0	2	3
Child care center	1	0	0	2

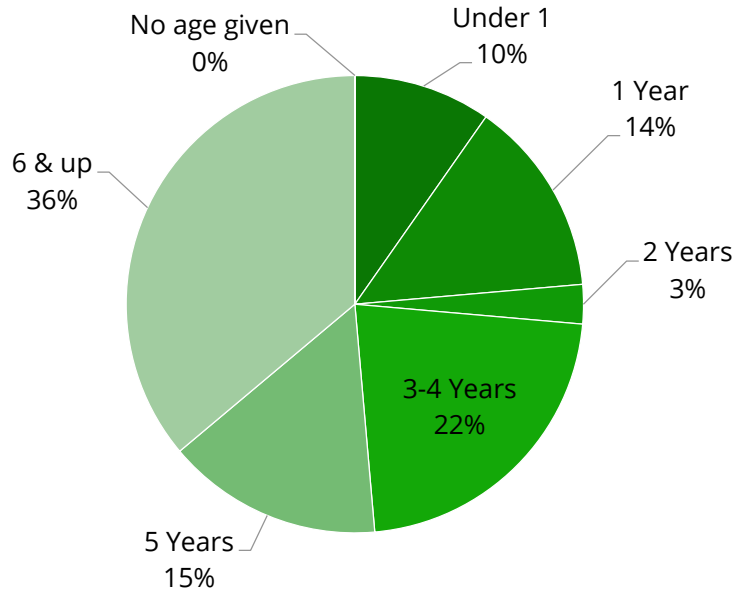
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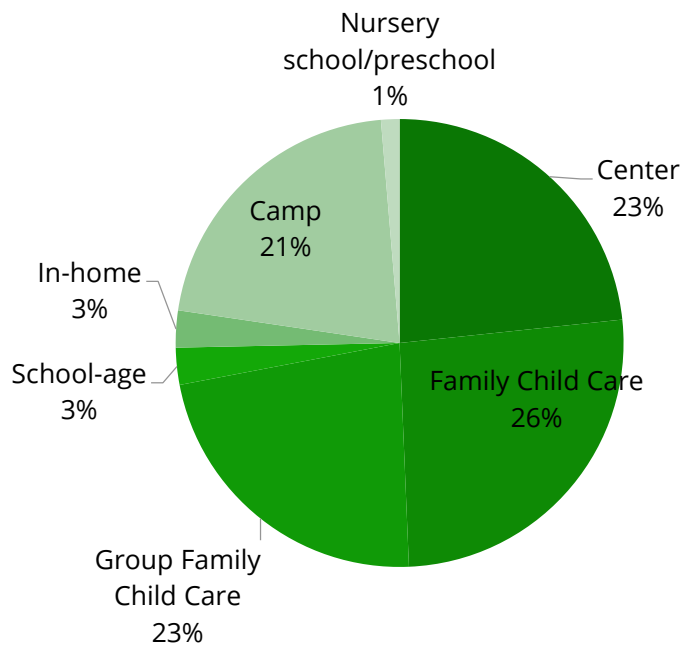
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Requests for child care by age of child



Requests for child care by type of care



FULTON COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	1,457	962
3-4	1,338	883
5	680	449
6-8	1,999	1,299
9-11	2,024	1,316
12-14	1,834	1,192
Total Children 0-13	9,332	6,101
Source: 2015 Census Estimates		

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CHILD CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
135	36	(99)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
115	60	(55)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
344	288	(56)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
115	120	5
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
1,745	405	(1,340)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SUPPLY

Supply¹ and Estimated Utilization Rate² of Regulated Child Care

There are 10 child care centers in Montgomery County		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	40	94.00%
Toddler	68	90.00%
Preschool	488	89.00%
School-Age	34	88.00%
Total Slots	630	

There are 11 family child care homes in Montgomery County		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
11	88	82.00%
Total Slots	88	

There are 15 group family child care homes in Montgomery County		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
15	240	81.00%
Total Slots	240	

There are 3 school-age programs in Montgomery County		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
3	294	89.00%
Total Slots	294	

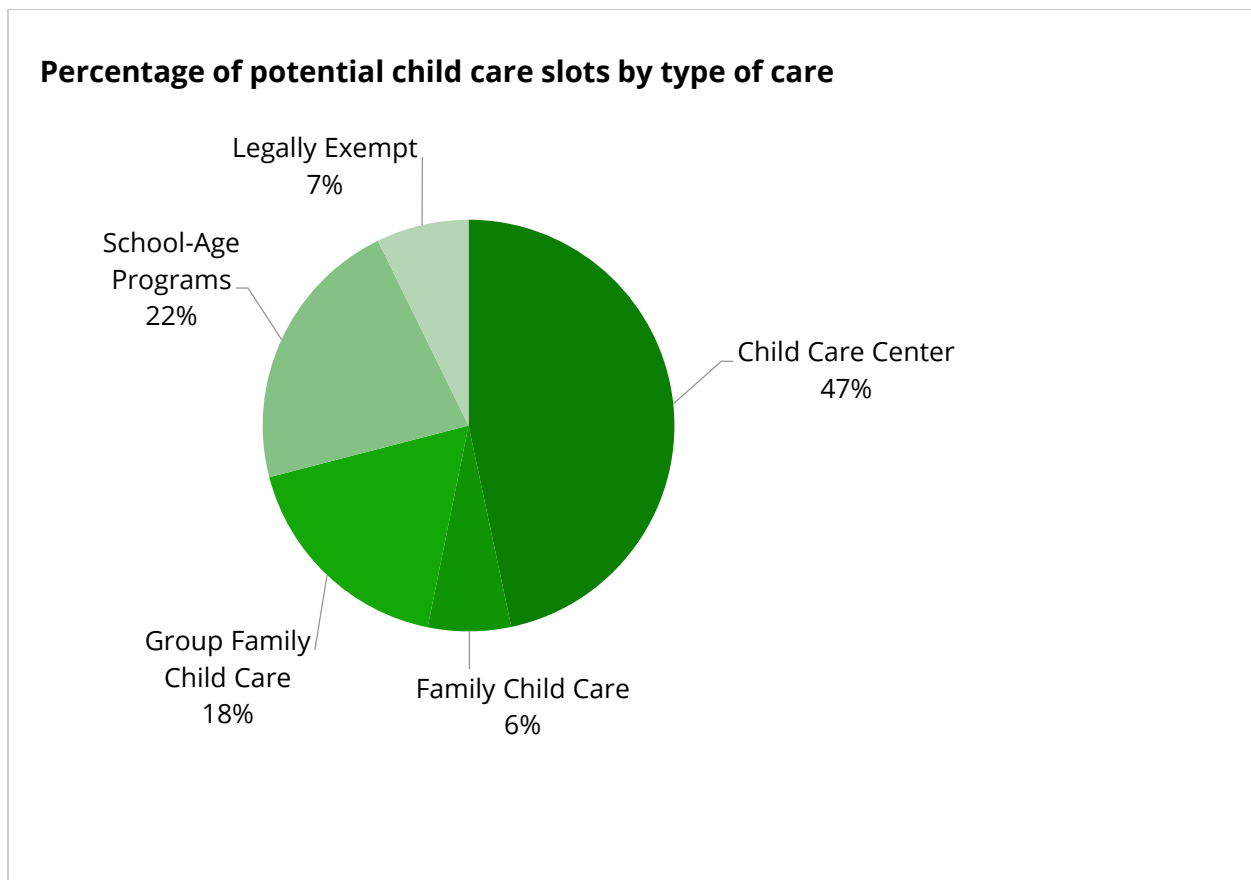
There are 49 legally exempt child care homes in Montgomery County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
49	98
Total Slots	98

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	1	0	0	6
Child care center	0	0	0	0

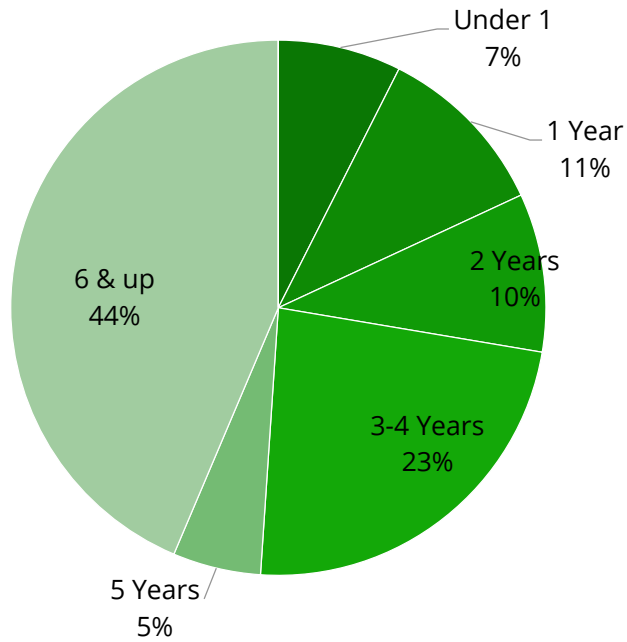
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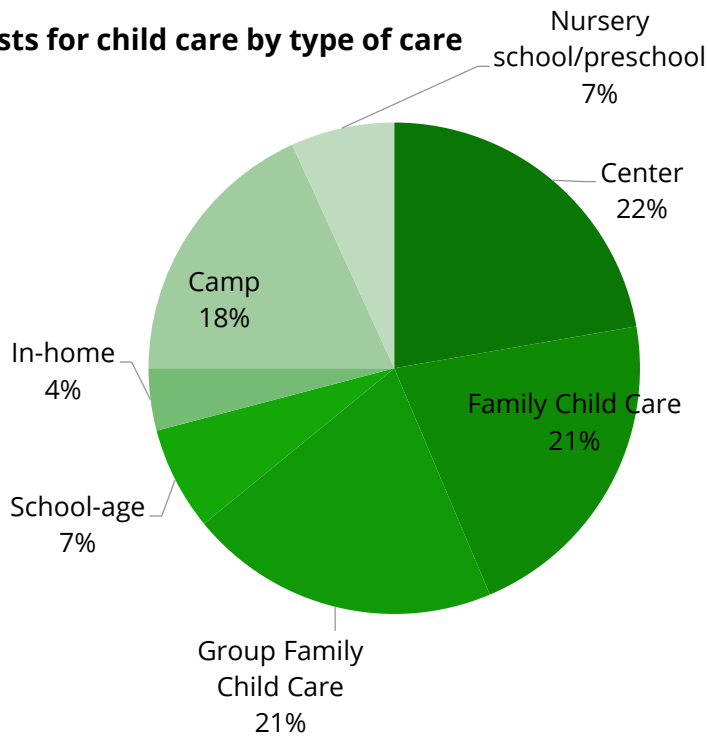
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Requests for child care by age of child



Requests for child care by type of care



MONTGOMERY COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	1,630	1,076
3-4	1,348	890
5	630	416
6-8	1,784	1,160
9-11	2,062	1,340
12-14	1,867	1,214
Total Children 0-14	9,321	6,095
Source: 2015 Census Estimates		

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CHILD CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
151	40	(111)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
129	82	(47)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
347	488	141
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
116	164	48
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
1,693	328	(1,365)

RENSSELAER COUNTY

SUPPLY

Supply¹ and Estimated Utilization Rate² of Regulated Child Care

There are 28 child care centers in Rensselaer County		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	216	89.00%
Toddler	403	87.00%
Preschool	1,492	85.00%
School-Age	38	98.00%
Total Slots	2,149	

There are 39 family child care homes in Rensselaer County		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
39	312	89.00%
Total Slots	312	

There are 22 group family child care homes in Rensselaer County		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
22	352	93.00%
Total Slots	352	

There are 34 school-age programs in Rensselaer County		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
34	2,564	89.00%
Total Slots	2,564	

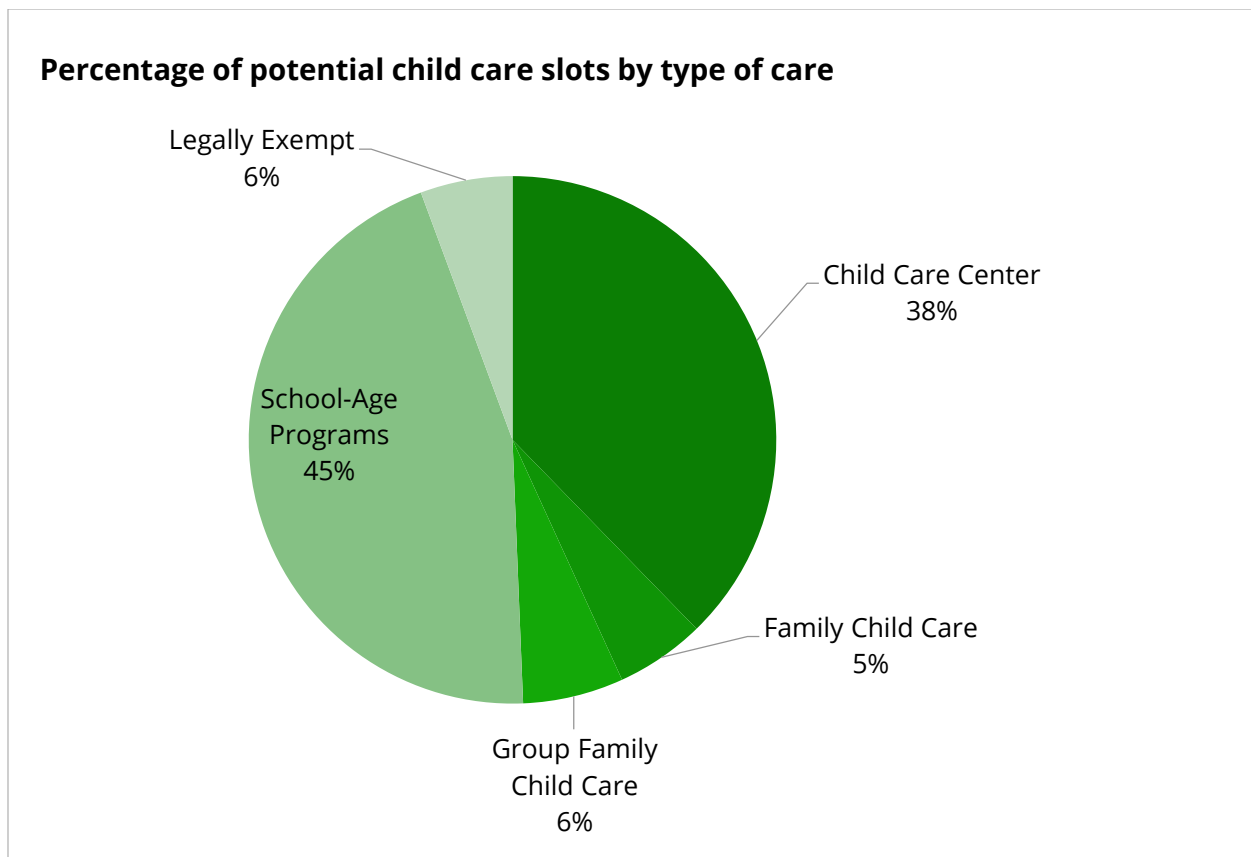
There are 161 legally exempt child care homes in Rensselaer County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
161	322
Total Slots	322

RENSSELAER COUNTY

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	8	5	4	13
Child care center	0	0	0	4

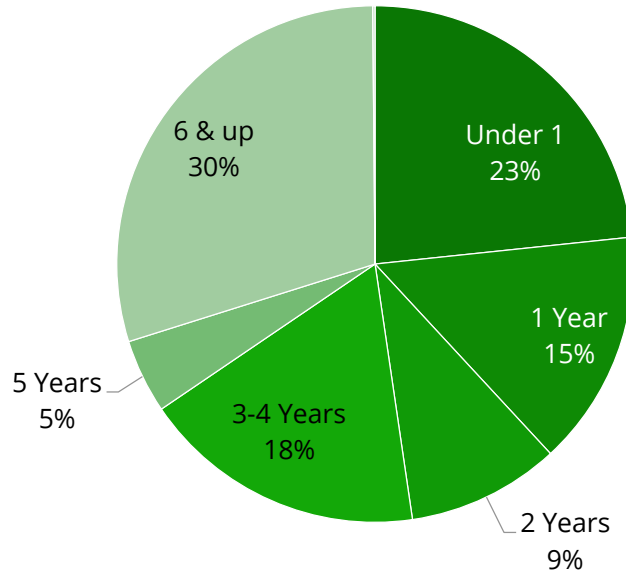
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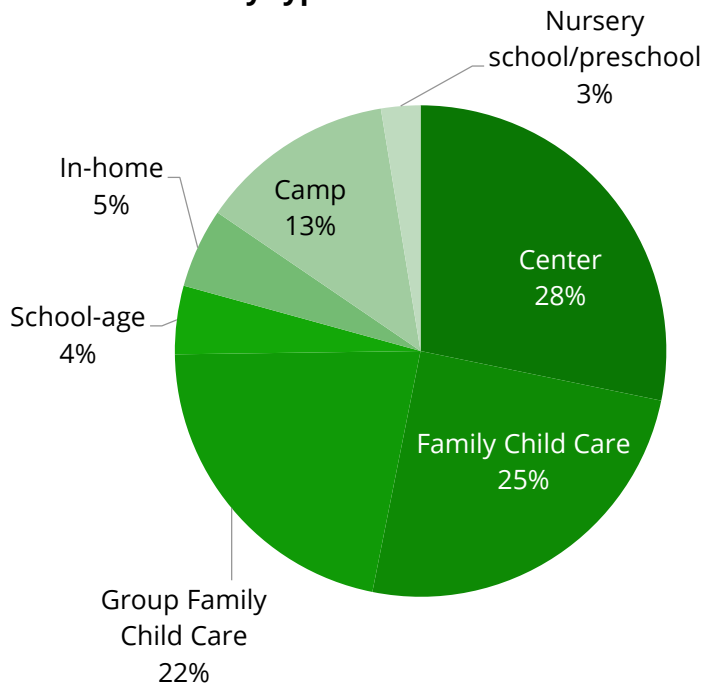
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Requests for child care by type of care



RENSSELAER COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	4,889	3,227
3-4	3,851	2,542
5	1,818	1,200
6-8	5,490	3,569
9-11	5,312	3,453
12-14	5,387	3,502
Total Children 0-14	26,747	17,491
Source: 2015 Census Estimates		

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CHILD CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
452	216	(236)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
387	166	(221)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
991	1,492	501
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
330	332	2
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
4,806	2,602	(2,204)

SARATOGA COUNTY

SUPPLY

Supply¹ and Estimated Utilization Rate² of Regulated Child Care

There are 46 child care centers in Saratoga County		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	413	89.00%
Toddler	672	86.00%
Preschool	1,877	88.00%
School-Age	574	94.00%
Total Slots	3,536	

There are 58 family child care homes in Saratoga County		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
58	464	78.00%
Total Slots	464	

There are 59 group family child care homes in Saratoga County		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
59	944	79.00%
Total Slots	944	

There are 33 school-age programs in Saratoga County		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
33	2,224	91.00%
Total Slots	2,224	

There are 51 legally exempt child care homes in Saratoga County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
102	204
Total Slots	204

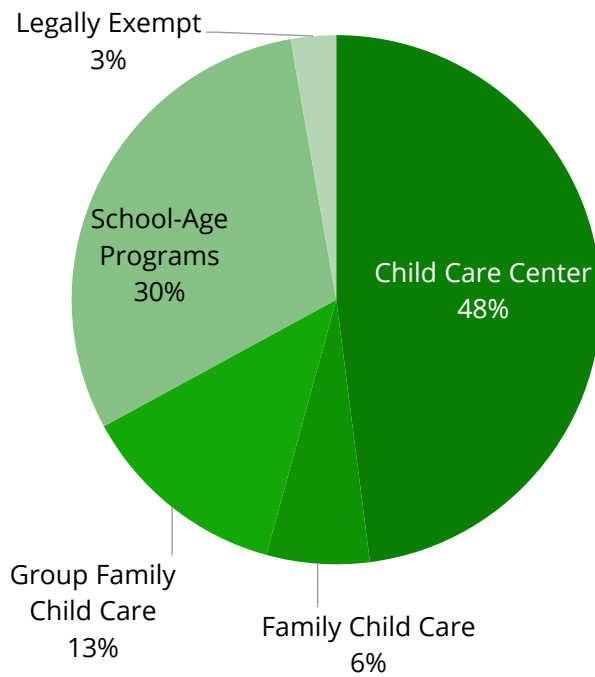
SARATOGA COUNTY

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	5	4	7	29
Child care center	1	0	0	8

Percentage of Child Care Slots

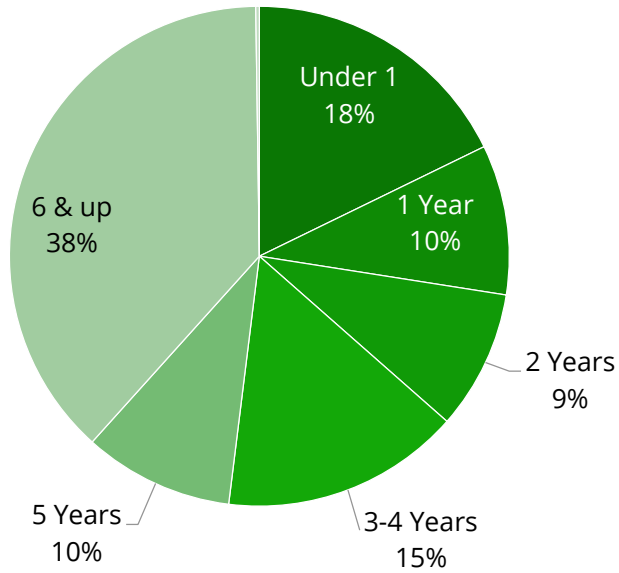
Percentage of potential child care slots by type of care



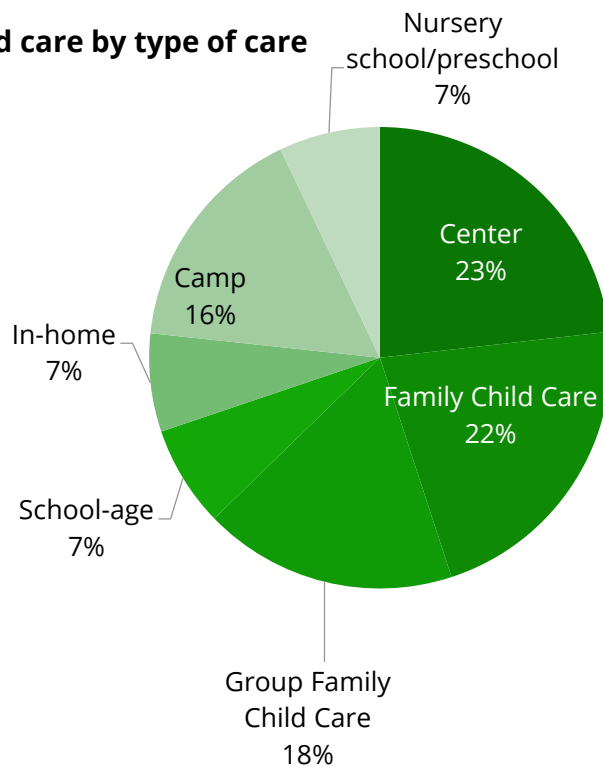
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Requests for child care by type of care



SARATOGA COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	7,070	4,666
3-4	4,664	3,078
5	2,483	1,639
6-8	8,116	5,275
9-11	8,328	5,413
12-14	8,668	5,634
Total Children 0-14	39,329	25,706
<i>Source: 2015 Census Estimates</i>		

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CHILD CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
653	413	(240)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
560	352	(208)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
1,201	1,877	676
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
400	704	304
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
7,364	2,798	(4,566)

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SUPPLY

Supply¹ and Estimated Utilization Rate² of Regulated Child Care

There are 38 child care centers in Schenectady County		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	264	91.00%
Toddler	534	89.00%
Preschool	1,838	92.00%
School-Age	458	88.00%
Total Slots	3,094	

There are 61 family child care homes in Schenectady County		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
61	488	88.00%
Total Slots	488	

There are 41 group family child care homes in Schenectady County		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
41	656	90.00%
Total Slots	656	

There are 25 school-age programs in Schenectady County		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
25	1,394	91.00%
Total Slots	1,394	

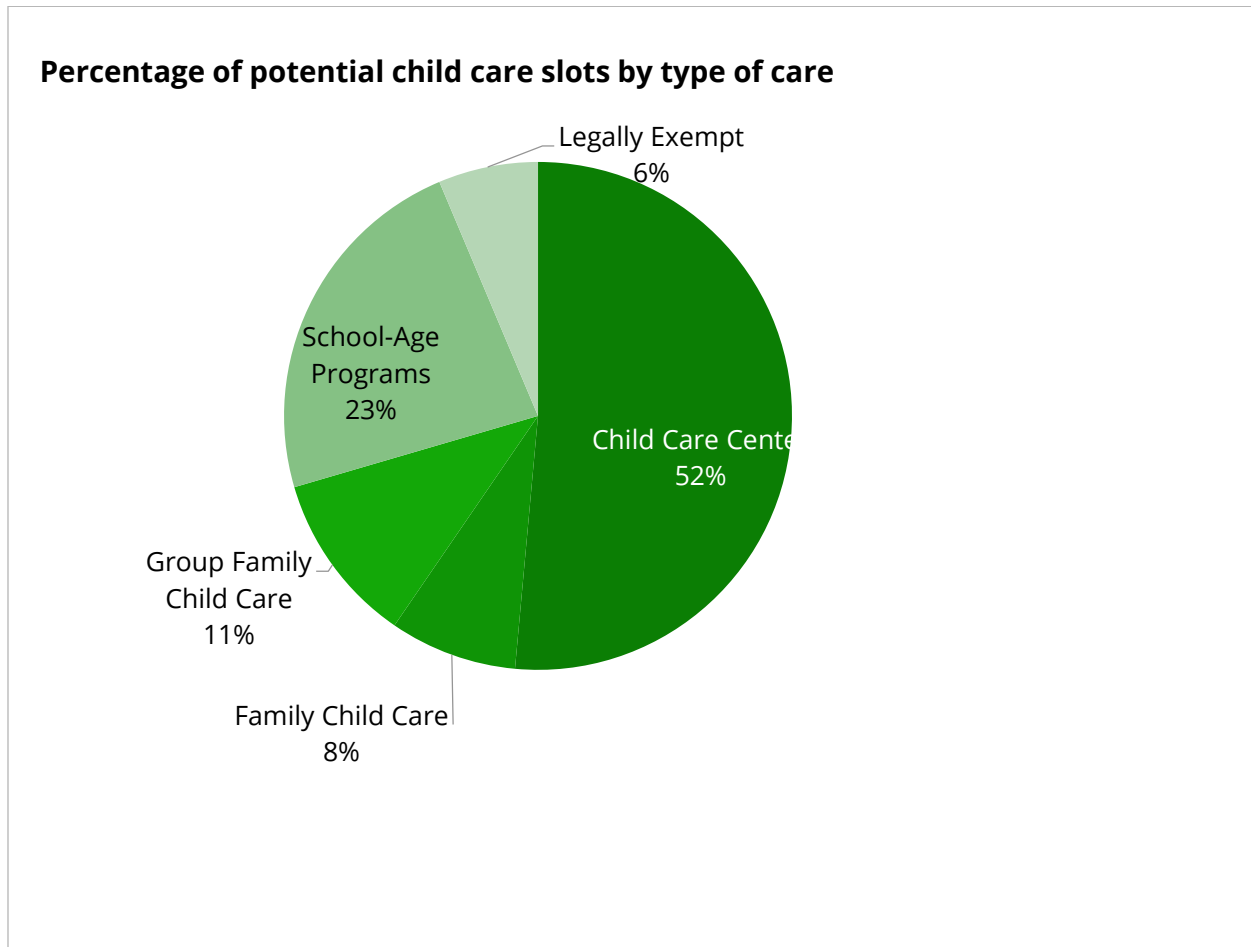
There are 191 legally exempt child care homes in Schenectady County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
191	382
Total Slots	382

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	20	15	9	18
Child care center	0	0	0	3

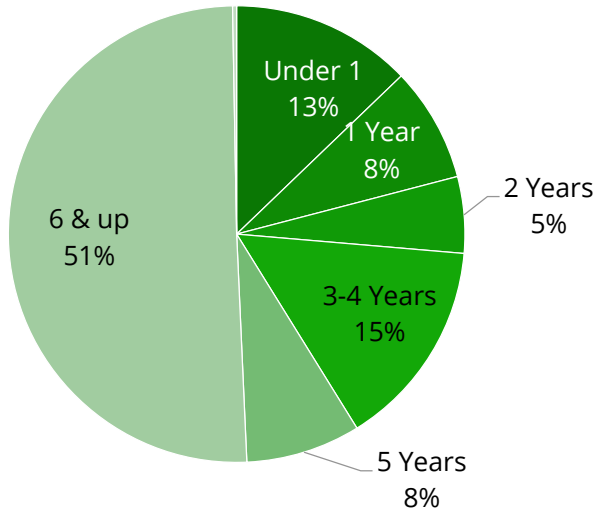
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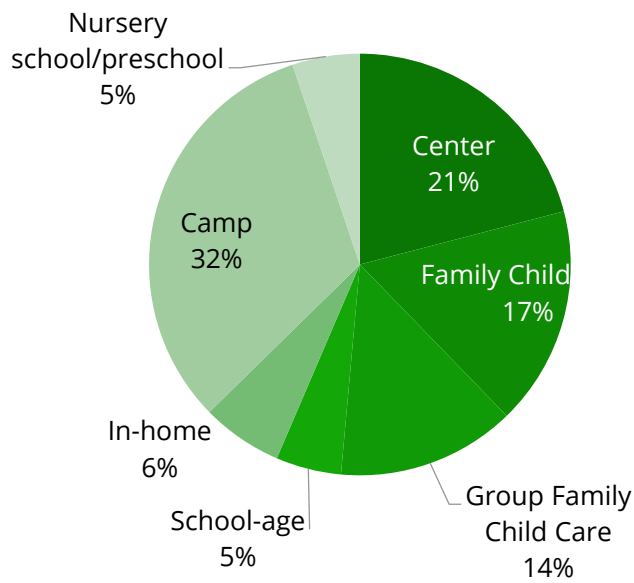
SCHENECTADY COUNTY

DEMAND

Requests for child care by age of child



Requests for child care by type of care



SCHEENECTADY COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	5,530	3,650
3-4	3,518	2,322
5	1,687	1,113
6-8	5,277	3,430
9-11	5,812	3,778
12-14	6,130	3,985
Total Children 0-14	27,954	18,277
<i>Source: 2015 Census Estimates</i>		

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
511	264	(247)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
438	286	(152)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
906	1,838	932
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
302	572	270
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
5,045	1,852	(3,193)

CAPITAL REGION

SUPPLY

Supply¹ and Estimated Utilization Rate² of Regulated Child Care

There are 196 child care centers in the Capital Region		
Type of care	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
Infant	1,681	88.33%
Toddler	2,956	87.67%
Preschool	9,341	88.67%
School-Age	1,795	91.33%
Total Slots	15,726	

There are 248 family child care homes in the Capital Region		
Number of registered family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
248	1,984	83.00%
Total Slots	1,984	

There are 209 group family child care homes in the Capital Region		
Number of licensed group family child care homes multiplied by maximum capacity	Determines the number of potential child care slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
209	3,344	84.00%
Total Slots	3,344	

There are 167 school-age programs in the Capital Region		
Number of registered school-age programs	Number of potential slots	Utilization rate as determined by a random sample
167	12,519	89.50%
Total Slots	12,519	

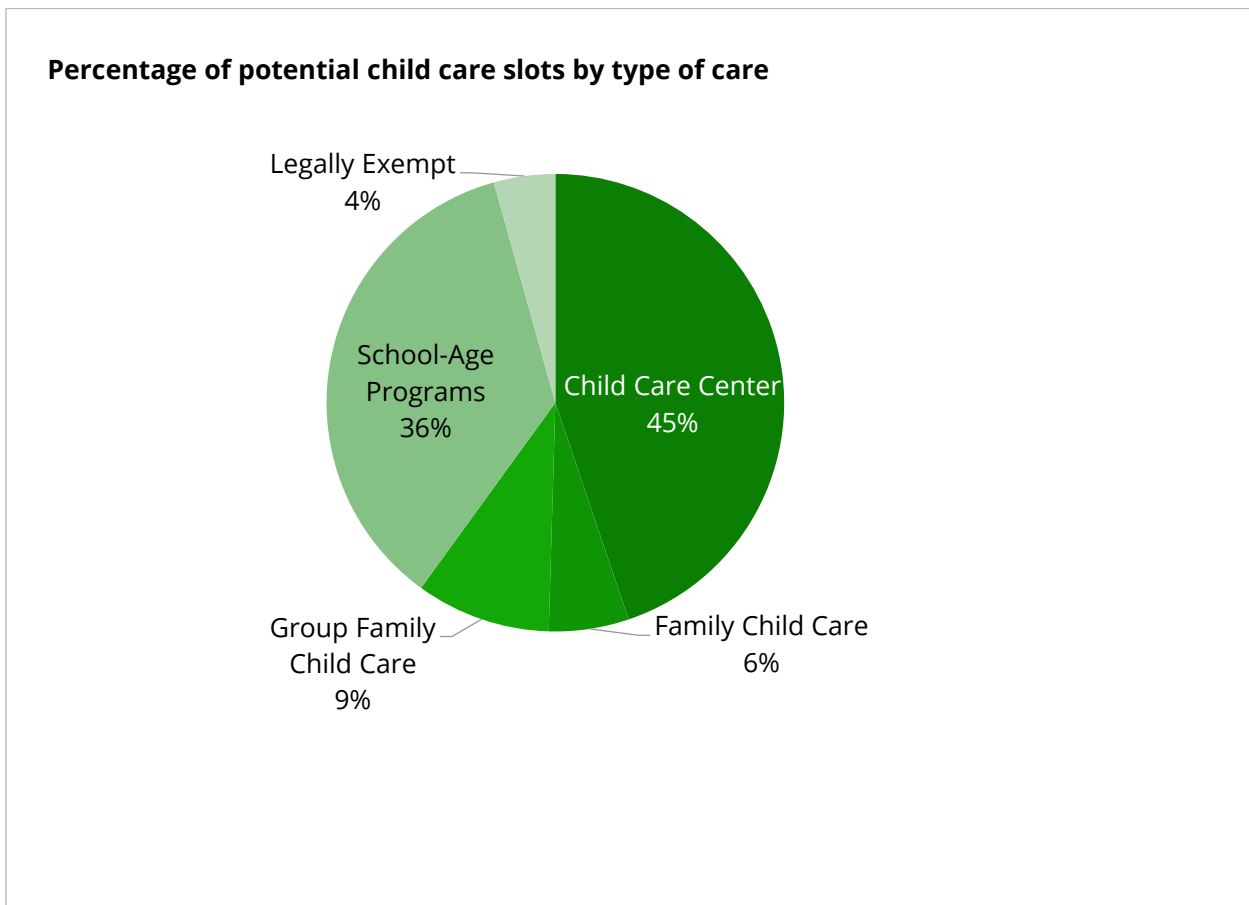
There are 762 legally exempt child care homes in Schenectady County	
Number of legal exempt	Number of potential slots
762	1,524
Total Slots	1,524

CAPITAL REGION

OVERNIGHT AND SICK CARE

	Programs offering evening care	Programs offering overnight care	Programs offering weekend care	Programs offering mildly/moderately ill care
Family and group family child care	57	37	33	89
Child care center	2	0	0	21

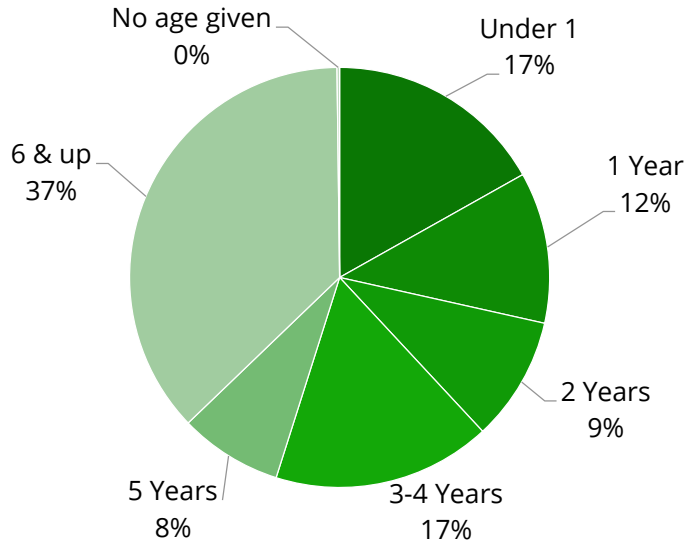
PERCENTAGE OF POTENTIAL CHILD CARE SLOTS



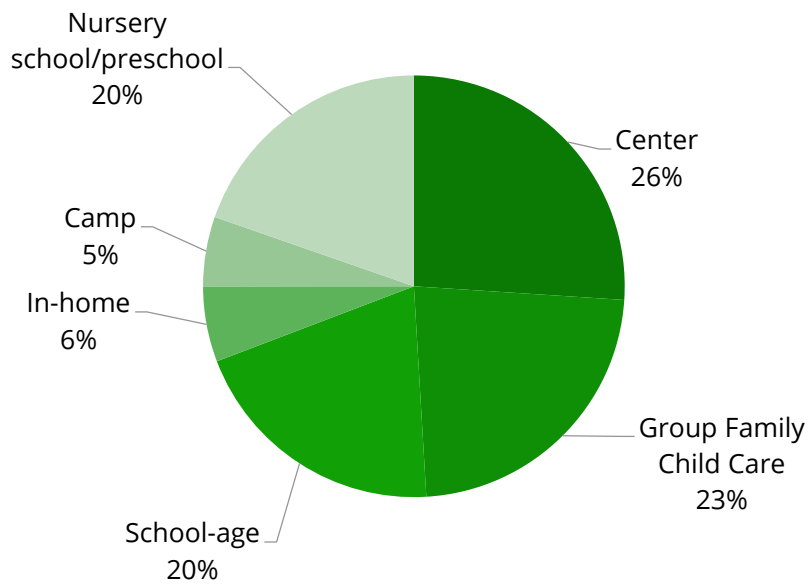
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DEMAND

Requests for child care by age of child



Requests for child care by type of care



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DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Children	Number of Children	Number of Children Likely to Need Care
Under 3	29,656	19,573
3-4	20,980	13,847
5	9,929	6,553
6-8	32,081	20,853
9-11	33,322	21,659
12-14	34,398	22,359
Total Children 0-13	160,366	104,844
Source: 2015 Census Estimates		

SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS OF CHILD CARE

Child care slots needed for children under 3 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
2,740	1,681	(1,059)
Child care slots needed for children under 3 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
2,349	1,332	(1,017)
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in child care centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
5,400	9,341	3,941
Child care slots needed for child ages 3 - 4 in family child care		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
1,800	2,664	864
Child care slots needed for school-age children in school-age programs or centers		
Demand	Number of Slots	Shortage/Surplus
11,236	14,314	3,078

CHILD CARE QUALITY

Accreditation:

Accreditation is a process many different industries use to identify exemplary practices in that particular field. Accreditation is both a status and a process. As a status, accreditation provides public notification that an institution or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency. As a process, accreditation reflects the fact that in achieving recognition by the accrediting agency, the institution or program is committed to self-study and external review by one's peers in seeking not only to meet standards but to continuously seek ways in which to enhance the quality of the services provided. (from: <http://nafcc.org>)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation¹⁸

Bright Horizons at Corporate Woods
Club Fed Child Care Center, op by Victory Child Care, Inc.
Faculty Student Association of HVCC Inc.
DBA-Viking Child Care Center
Mercy Cares For Kids
Samaritan Child Care Center
KinderCare Niskayuna
Parsons Early Head Start
Capital District YMCA KidzLodge
KinderCare Learning Center
YWCA of Schenectady Children's Center @ Schenectady County Community college
YWCA Children's Center

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation

Mama Deb's Day Care, Debbie Engel
Miss Kathy's FCC, Kathleen Curtis

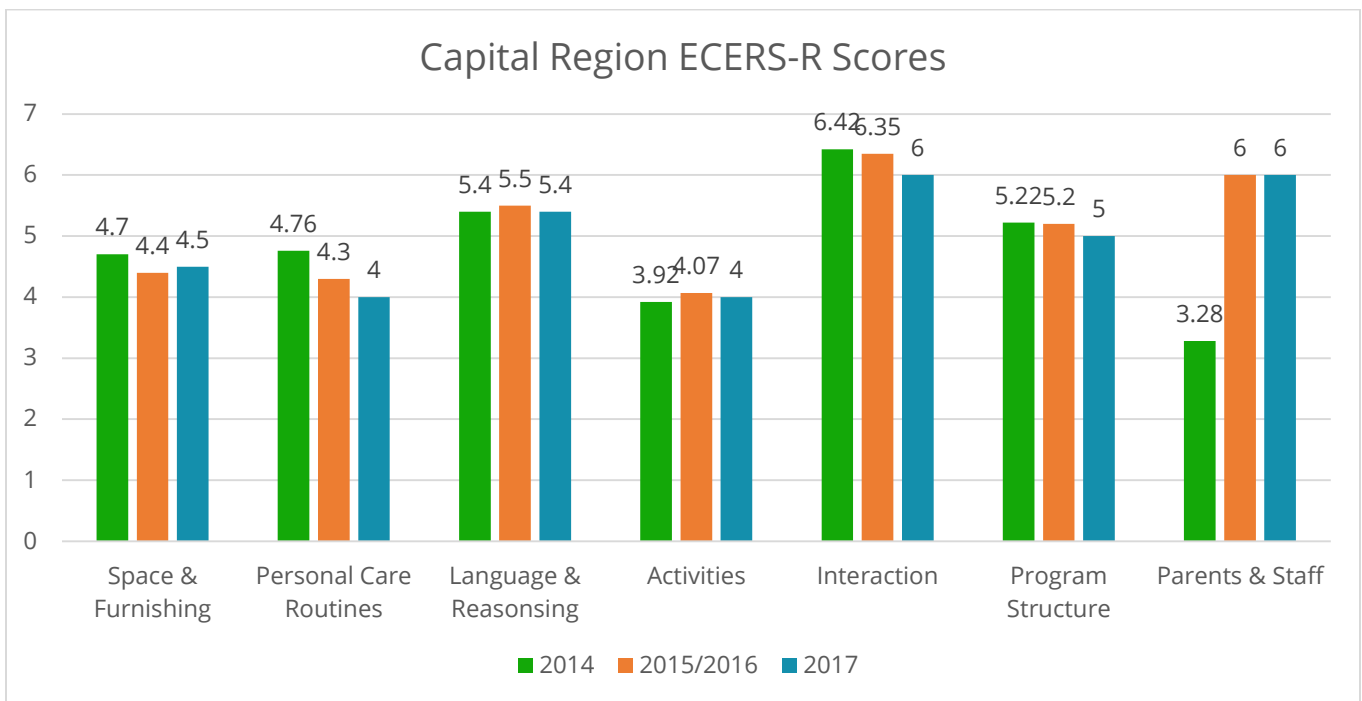
Network for Youth Success Accreditation

Albany YMCA at New Scotland
Arbor Hill Community Center Inc.
Arbor Hill Y's-Time
Bethlehem Y's Time
CDYMCA at Glendaal Elementary
CDYMCA at Westmere Elementary

Delaware Community School After-School Program
Eagle Point Y's Time
Greenbush Child Caring at Belltop
Greenbush Child Caring at Genet
Greenbush Child Caring at Goff
Greenbush Child Caring at Green Meadow
Greenbush Child Caring at Poestenkill Elementary
Greenbush Child Caring at Red Mill
Greenbush Child Caring at West Sand Lake
Guilderland Y-Time
Kidz Korner After-School
Pashley Y's Time
Pine Bush Y-Time
Pine Hills YMCA
School's Out Inc. at Hamagrael
Stevens Y Care
Skano/Tesago Y-Time
Trinity Institution
Troy YMCA at School 14
Troy YMCA at School 18
Van Rensselaer Advantage Grant Afterschool Program
Y-Time at Bethlehem Area YMCA
Y-Time at Guilderland
Y-Time at Menands
YMCA at East Greenbush
YMCA at Gardner Dickinson

ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALES (ERS)

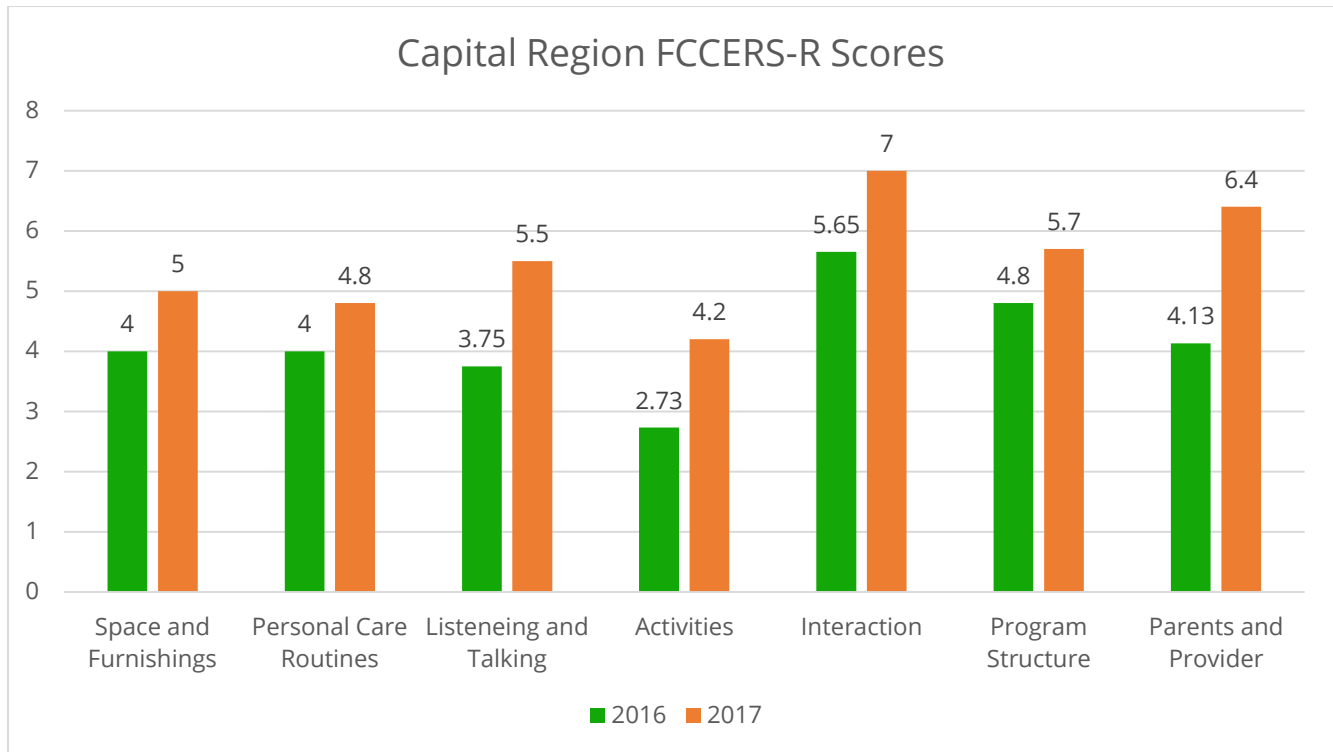
The Environment Rating Scales consists of 43 items that are scored on a 7-point Likert scale, where a 1 indicates “Inadequate” quality and a 7 represents “Excellent” quality. Scores for these items are organized into seven subscales: Space and Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Language-Reasoning, Activities, Interaction, Program Structure, and Parents and Staff. Together, the items and scales assess a classroom’s overall environmental quality. Presented below are aggregate scores for all of the classrooms across the Capital Region that were assessed using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale –Revised (ECERS-R), the Infant and Toddler Environment Rating Scale- Revised (ITERS-R), and the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale- Revised (RCCERS-R).



The ECERS-R observation scores, for preschool classrooms located across the region, have remained relatively stable since 2014. Scores related to supports provided by early childhood educators for young children’s learning activities remain below “good” (≥ 5.0); as are scores for learning space and personal care routines. Evidence of opportunities for learning through activities that support; fine and gross motor development, exploration through art, blocks, sand and water, dramatic play, and music and movement, and the development of critical thinking skills through science and math understanding are crucial for the measurement of process quality. Process quality is what children directly experience in their programs that has a direct effect on their development, including the various interactions that go on in a classroom between staff and children and among the children themselves, and the interactions children have with the many materials and activities in the environment, as well as those features, such as space, schedule and materials that support these interactions. Process quality is assessed primarily through observation and has been found to be more predictive of child outcomes than structural indicators such as staff to child ratio

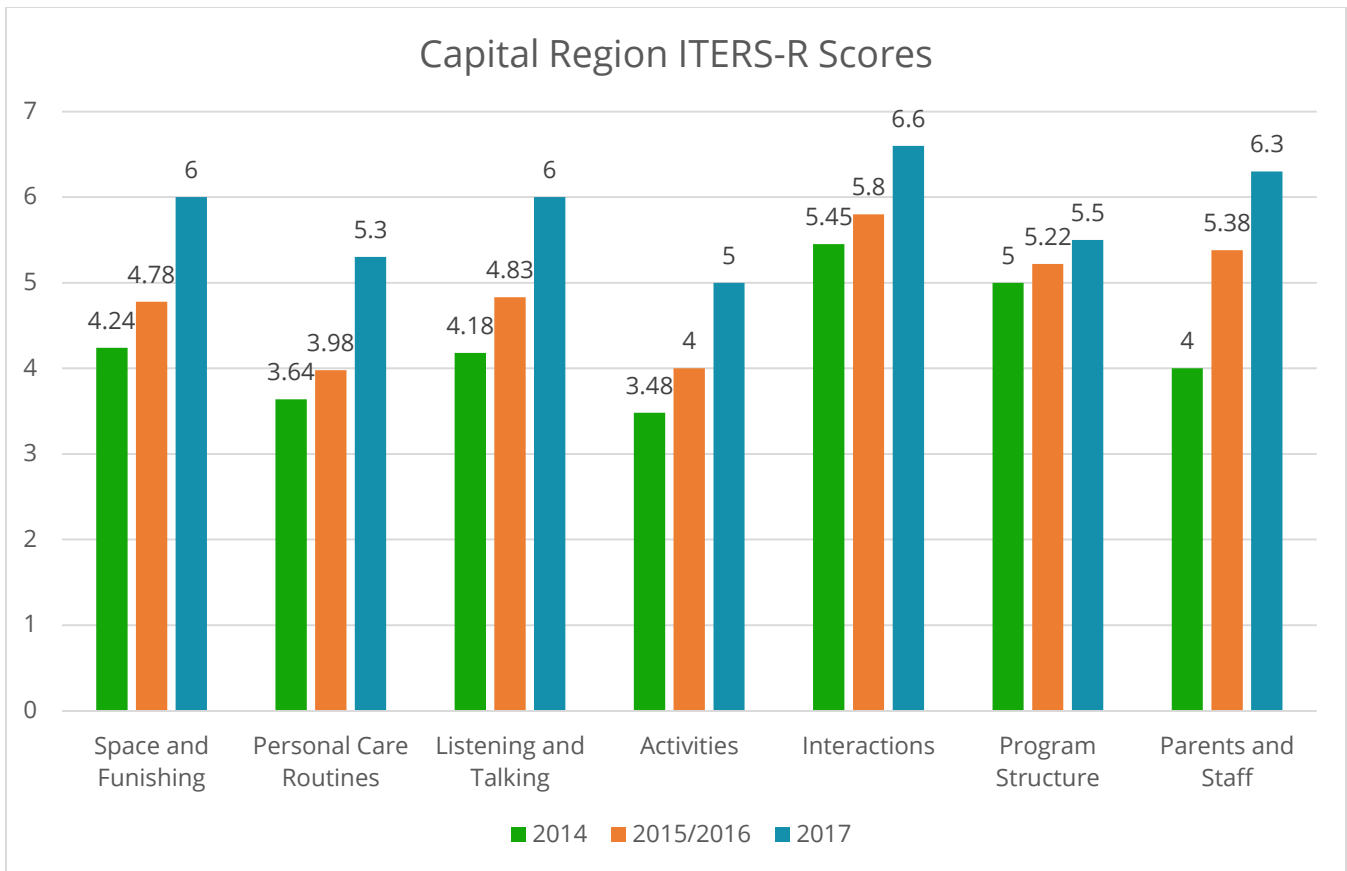
and group size. The CDCCCC has been offering workshops and learning communities to support early childhood educator’s understanding and proficiency in the area of process quality. However, since scores remain stagnant other strategies are needed in order to encourage improved functioning in this area.

Rating scores for adult interactions with children, supports for language learning and reasoning and communication between staff and families, and program structure remain high at “good” or “approaching excellent”.



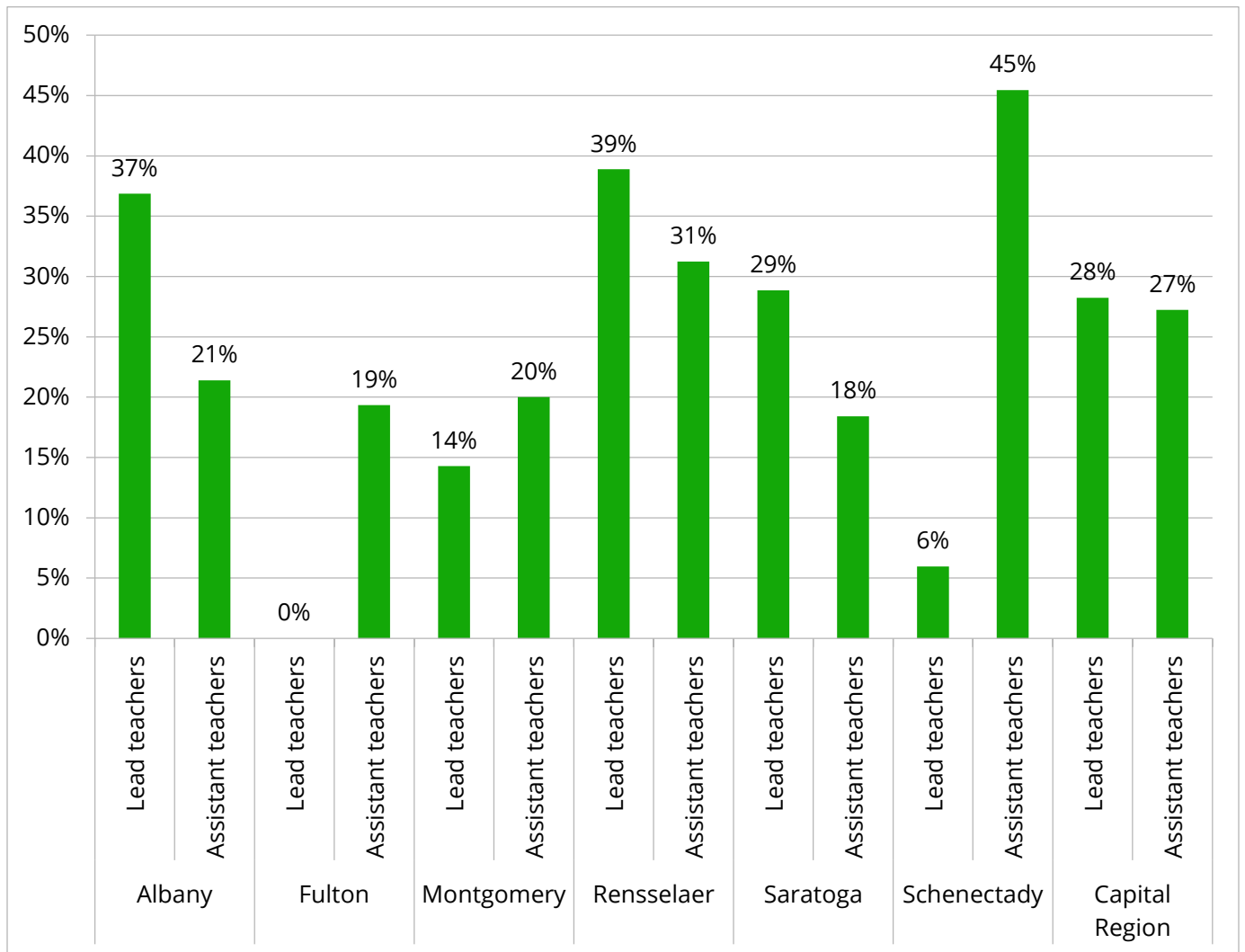
Participating Capital Region family child care homes demonstrated the greatest growth over the three year period showing significant increases in quality scores for all 7 areas. Quality process scores increased across listening and talking, learning activities, and adult child interactions. Only two areas, personal care routines and activities remain below “good” however, both areas have shown significant increases.

These findings are similar to those from across New York and in many other states where the FCCERS-R is used for program assessment. It seems that child care regulations and standards pertaining to family child care have been lacking for process quality. However, once family child care providers are exposed to quality standards they have been demonstrating increased quality at a more rapid rate than other modes of care.



The ITTERS-R observation scores, for infant and toddler classrooms located across the region, have had a steady quality increase over the past three years. Scores for infant and toddler process quality are currently at or above 6 (approaching excellent). Items related to learning activities continue to lag behind other ratings and reflect trends across all modes of child care. Adult and child interactions, important components related to child attachment, language development, and social and emotional wellness are among the highest rated items. Continued support of infant and toddler caregivers is recommended as a strategy for sustaining these quality improvements

REGIONAL TURNOVER RATES



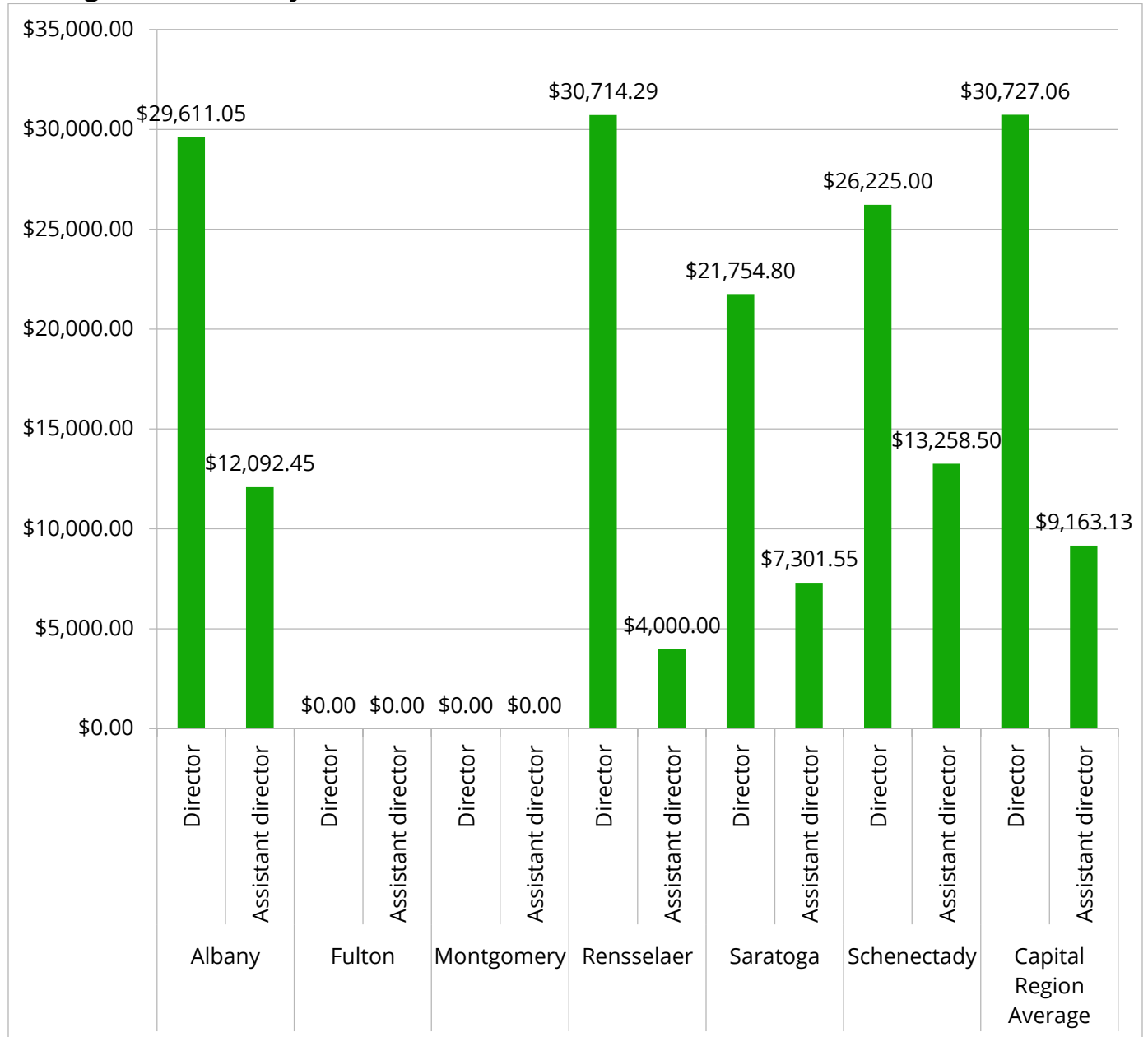
WAGES AND BENEFITS IN CHILD CARE CENTERS

Average Hourly Wage for Lead and Assistant Teachers



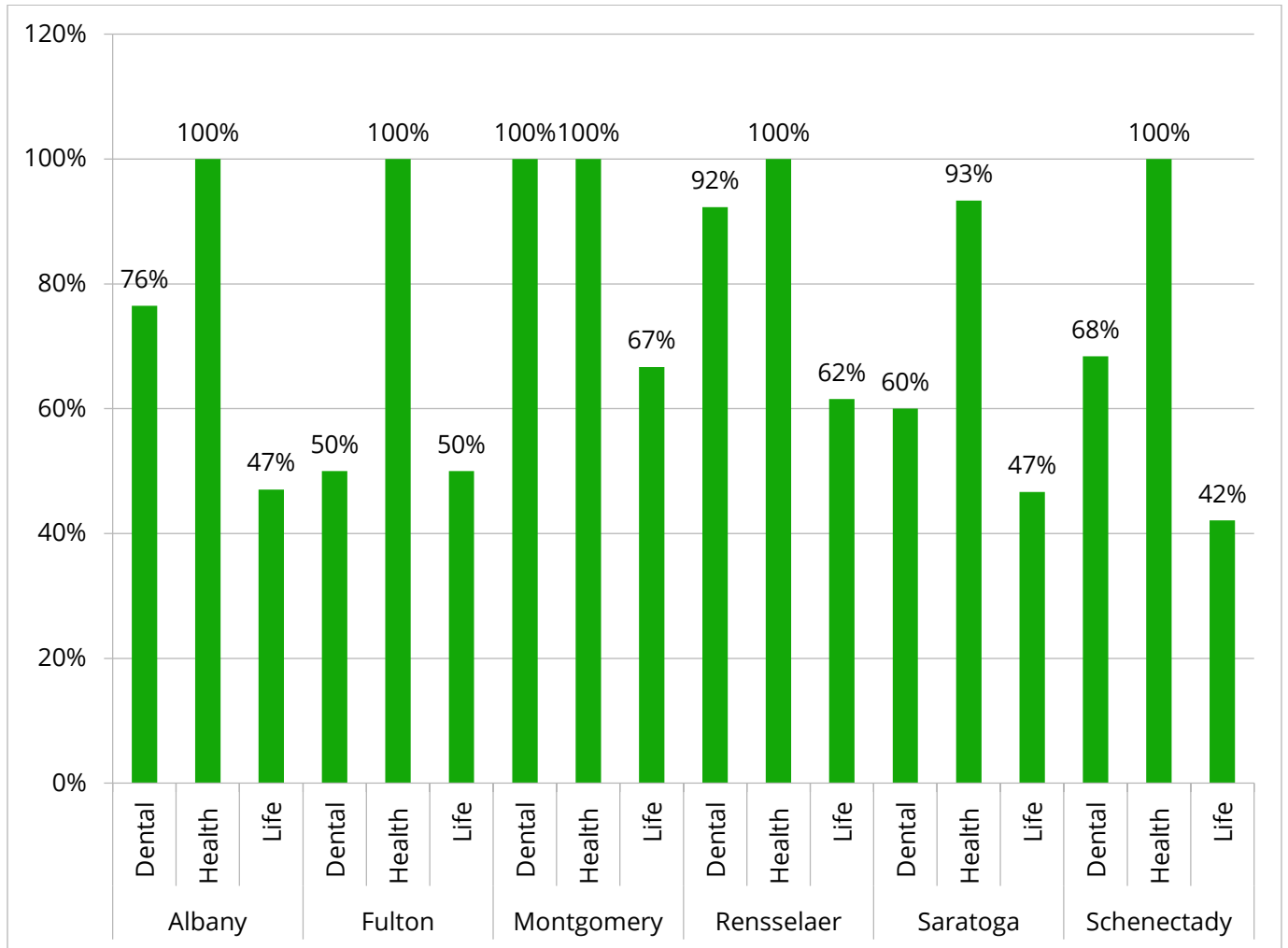
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Average Annual Salary for Directors and Assistant Directors

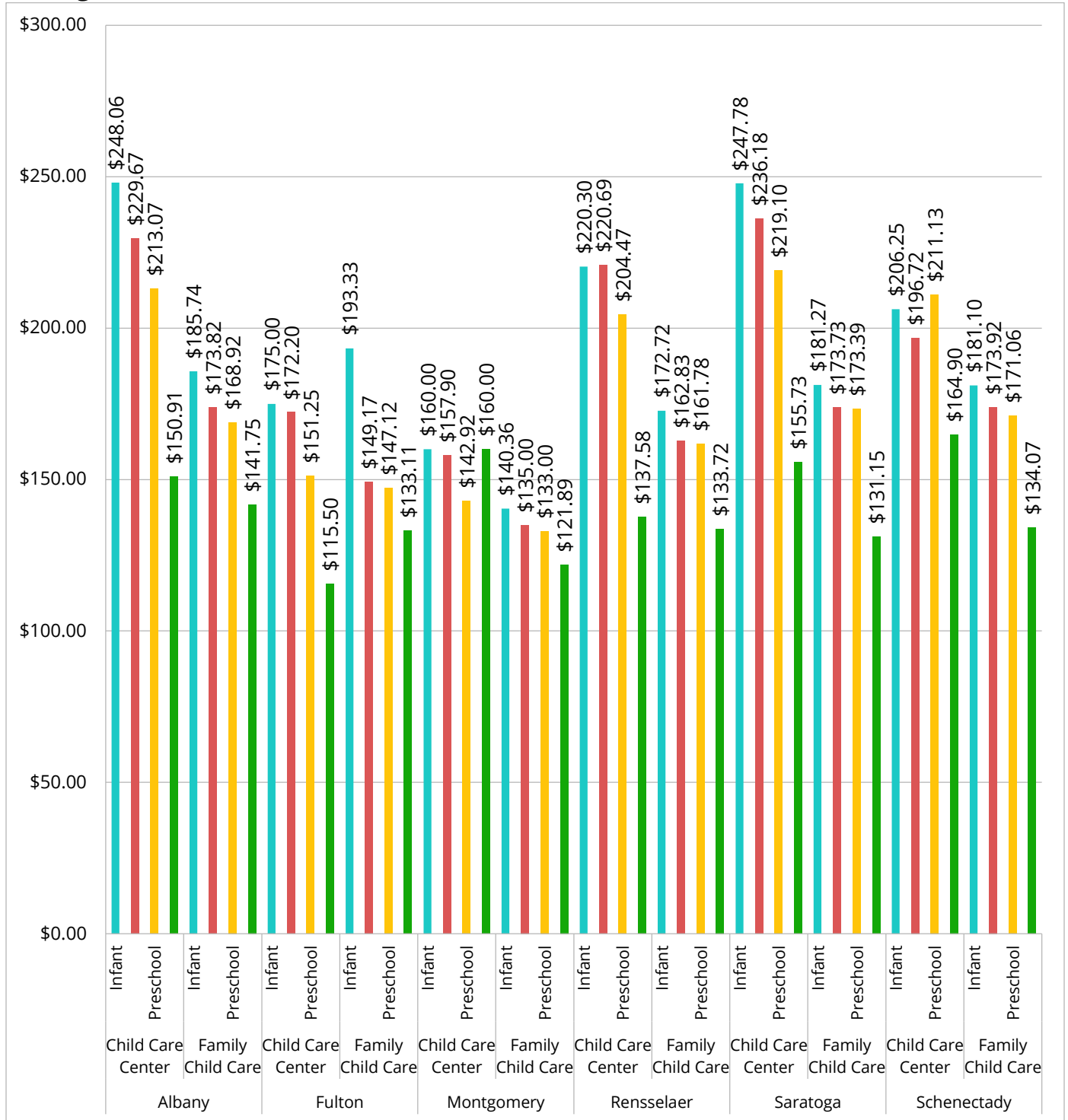


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Benefits Offered in Child Care Centers



Average Cost of Care



MARKET RATES

Albany & Saratoga Counties	Age of Child			
	Under 1 ½	1 ½ - 2	3 - 5	6 - 12
Child Care Center	\$262	\$247	\$225	\$220
Registered Family Child Care	\$225	\$200	\$200	\$200
Group Family Child Care	\$225	\$200	\$200	\$200
School-Age Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$220
Legally Exempt Family Child Care and In-home Child Care Standard Rate	\$146 (under 2)	\$130 (2)	\$130	\$130
Legally Exempt Family Child Care and In-home Child Care Enhanced Rate	\$158 (under 2)	\$140 (2)	\$140	\$140
Fulton and Montgomery Counties	Age of Child			
	Under 1 ½	1 ½ - 2	3 - 5	6 - 12
Child Care Center	\$200	\$190	\$180	\$170
Registered Family Child Care	\$150 (under 2)	\$150	\$150	\$143
Group Family Child Care	\$150 (under 2)	\$150	\$150	\$143
School-Age Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170
Legally Exempt Family Child Care and In-home Child Care Standard Rate	\$98 (under 2)	\$98	\$98	\$93
Legally Exempt Family Child Care and In-home Child Care Enhanced Rate	\$105 (under 2)	\$105	\$105	\$100
Rensselaer & Schenectady Counties	Age of Child			
	Under 1 ½	1 ½ - 2	3 - 5	6 - 12
Child Care Center	\$259	\$242	\$225	\$200
Registered Family Child Care	\$185 (under 2)	\$175	\$175	\$165
Group Family Child Care	\$185 (under 2)	\$175	\$175	\$165
School-Age Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
Legally Exempt Family Child Care and In-home Child Care Standard Rate	\$120 (under 2)	\$114	\$114	\$107
Legally Exempt Family Child Care and In-home Child Care Enhanced Rate	\$130 (under 2)	\$123	\$123	\$116

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CHILD CARE

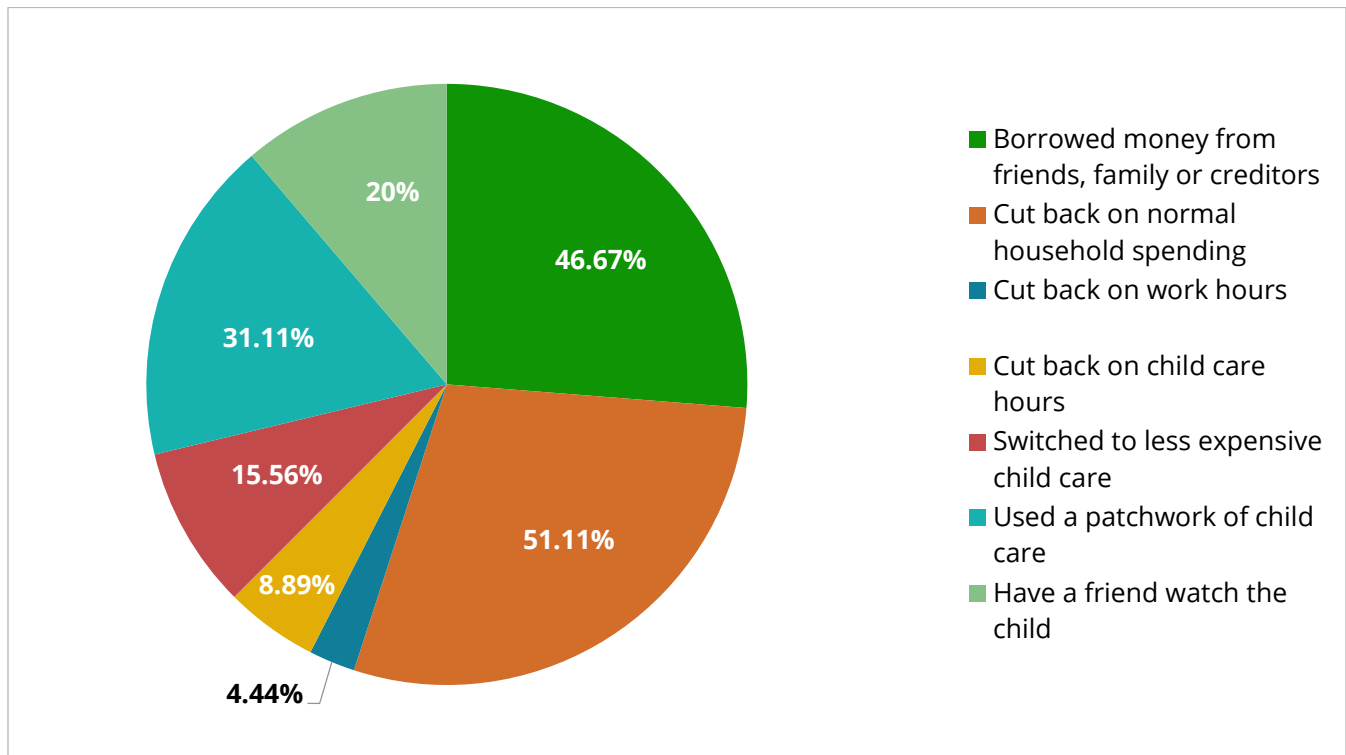
This report contains Capital Region specific data that was submitted to the 2017 Survey of Upstate New York Parents conducted by the Early Care and Learning Council's network of Child Care Resource and Referral agencies.

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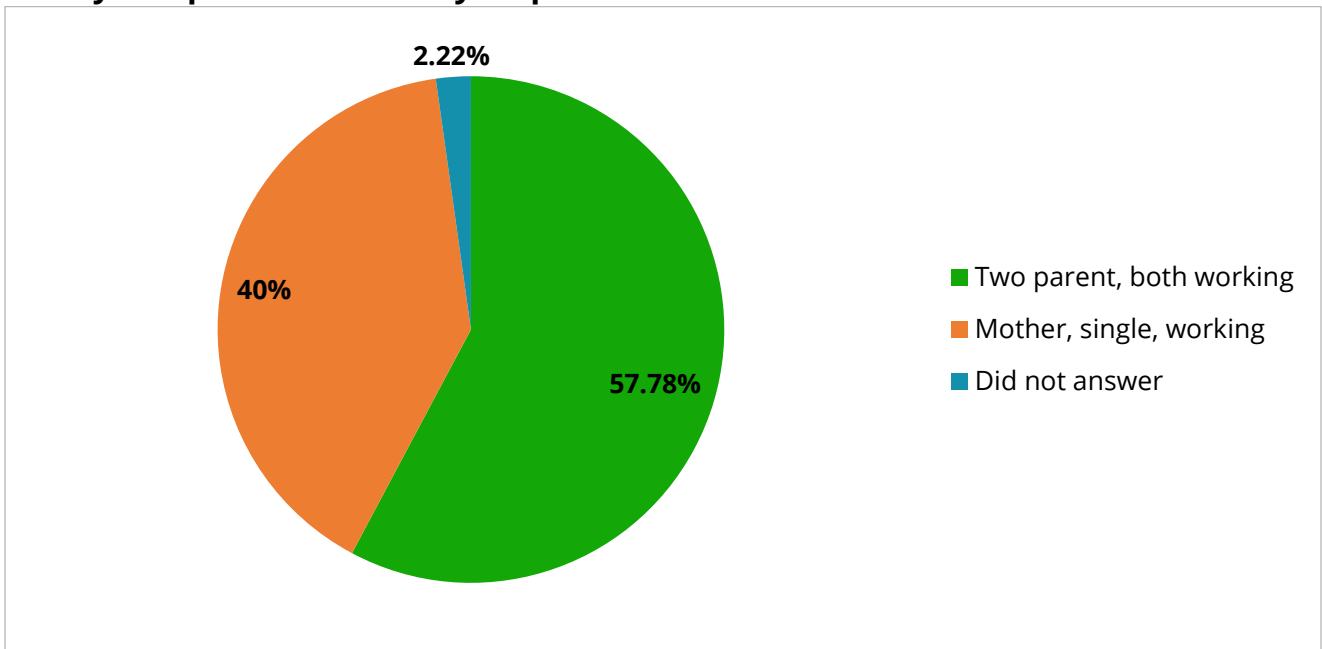
87% of families earning less than 50k and not receiving subsidy encounter difficulty paying for child care

\$15,028 is the average annual tuition for infant care in a child care center. In comparison, public college annual tuition is approximately \$7,939 according to Child Care Aware of America's State Fact Sheet on NY. Locally, Schenectady County Community College tuition is 7,872 per year, not including books; source: <http://sunysccc.edu>

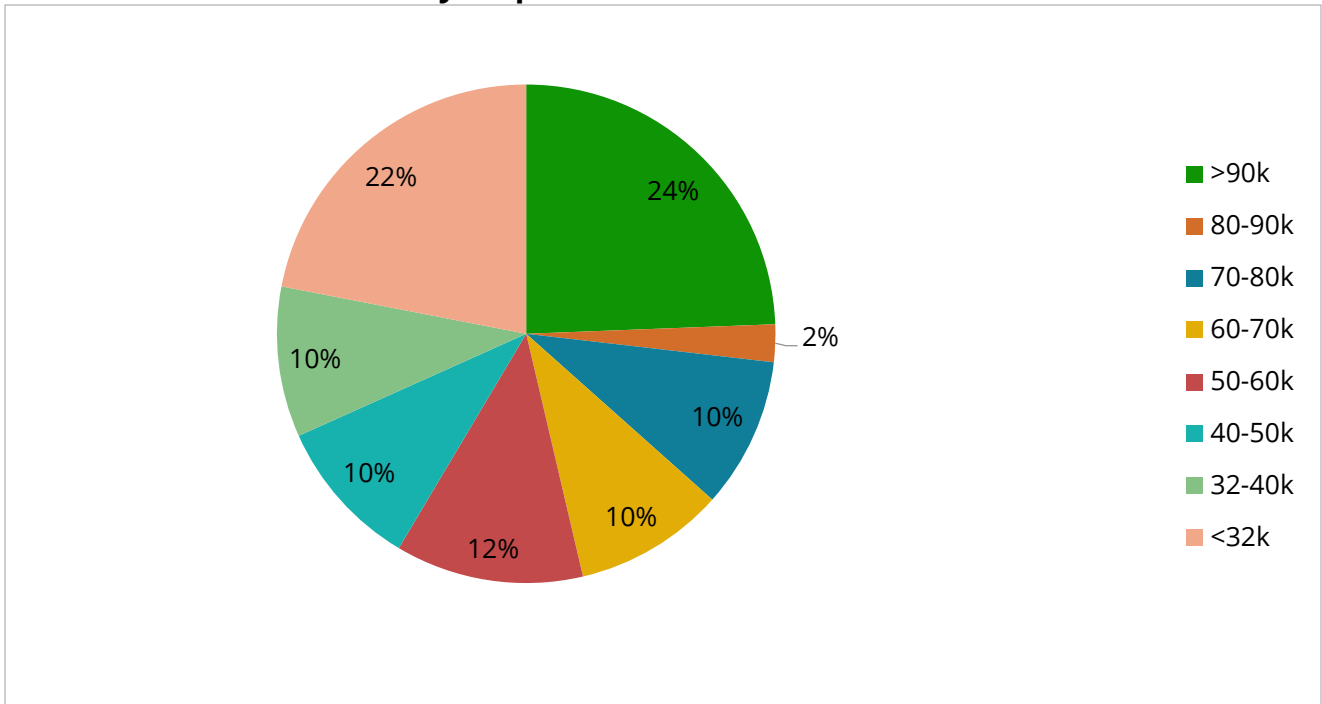
Of families struggling to pay for child care, 33% use two or more of the following strategies to afford child care:



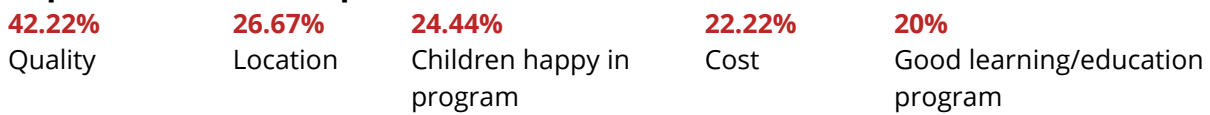
Family composition of survey respondents



Household income of survey respondents:



Top 5 factors that impact child care selection:



DEFINITIONS

Child care centers provide for a group of children for more than three hours per day, not in a personal residence, which must meet state licensing regulations for facility, health, safety, staffing and its educational program. In addition to becoming state licensed, child care centers may strive to become accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children, www.naeyc.org.

Registered family child care is provided in a home setting by one primary caregiver. When any children are under the age of two, the maximum number of children allowed in care is five, with an expanded capacity to care for two more school-age children, upon approval from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. No more than two children under the age of two may be cared for at any one time. When all children are over the age of two, the maximum number of children allowed in care is six, with an expanded capacity to care for two more school-age children, upon approval from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Family child care programs must be registered through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services if care is provided for three or more children. If care is provided for only two children in the home setting, it

is legally exempt from state licensing. Family child care programs may be accredited through the National Association of Family Child Care, www.nafcc.org.

Licensed group family child care is provided in a home setting by a primary caregiver and an assistant. When any child is under the age of two, the maximum number of children allowed in care is ten, with an expanded capacity to care for two more school-age children. There must be at least one adult present for every two children under the age of two. A provider or assistant may care for up to six children when alone, and only two of those children can be under the age of two. When all children are over the age of two, the maximum number of children allowed in care is 12, with an expanded capacity to care for two more school-age children. Group family child care programs are licensed through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and may be accredited through the National Association of Family Child Care, www.nafcc.org.

School-age child care is provided for a group of school-age children from kindergarten through age twelve before and after school and at times when school is not in session. Many school-age programs provide care

during school vacation periods and holidays. School-age child care may be provided by child care centers, family child care homes, public schools, youth recreation groups, religious organizations, and other community groups. School-age programs are registered through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and may be accredited through the National Afterschool Association, www.naaweb.org.

Legally exempt (informal) caregivers provide care for families receiving subsidies and are exempt from the family child care licensing process by caring for no more than two children.

In-home care is provided by a relative or non-relative within a child's home.

Camp is a program or facility that operates during the summer months and is typically monitored by Department of Health guidelines.

Nursery school is an educational and social program for three to five year olds; for less than three hours per day, two to five times per week, and often follow a school-year schedule. Preschools which operate more than three hours per day are required to become licensed through the NYS

Office of Children and Family Services. Preschools operated by public or private schools are exempt from licensing. Preschools may voluntarily register with the NYS Education Department, which sets guidelines for facility, staff and program.

Evening care is provided from late afternoon or evenings until children begin their night's sleep.

Overnight care is provided during the hours when children have begun or will be continuing their night's sleep.

Weekend care is provided on a Saturday or Sunday.

Mildly ill care is for a child who has symptoms of a minor childhood illness which does not represent a serious risk to other children and who is able

to participate in the routine program activities with minor accommodations.

Moderately ill care is for a child whose health status requires a level of care and attention that cannot be accommodated in a child care setting without the specialized services of a health professional.

References

1. Supply was calculated by reporting the number of regulated programs/providers in each age group in the New York State Child Care Facilities System and the number of potential spaces for children in each program.
2. Utilization rates (the percentage of potential child care slots that are being used) were determined by interviewing a random representative sample (programs from each region or setting, including rural, urban, suburban of the service area, as well as programs of smaller and larger scale) and of each type of care (center, family child care and registered school-age programs). The maximum capacity (the maximum number of children authorized to be present at any one time) of each facility was checked for each age group and the utilization rate was determined by dividing the total number of slots used by the total number of slots in the sample.