





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.



77%

of Utahns live in a child care desert.

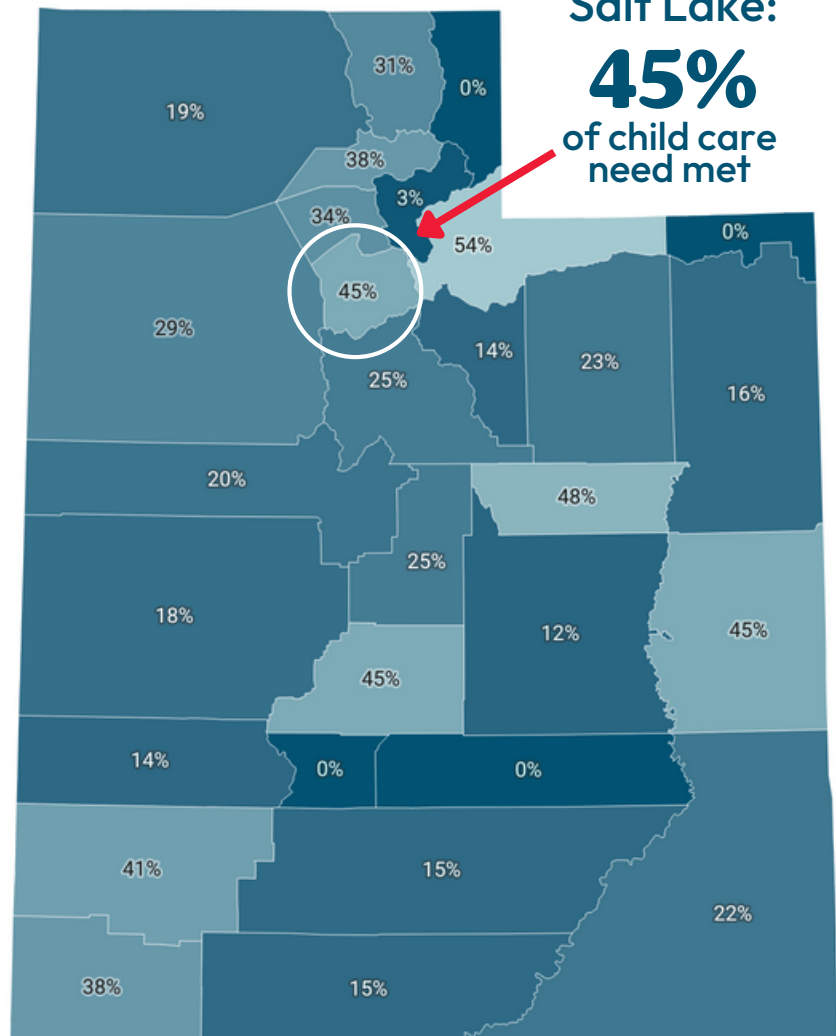
Utah's economy loses **\$1.36 Billion** each year due to lack of child care access.

84%

of parents feel overwhelmed by the cost of care.

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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