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ALL OKLAHOMA CHILDREN ARE SAFE, HEALTHY, EAGER TO LEARN AND READY TO SUCCEED BY THE TIME THEY ENTER SCHOOL.

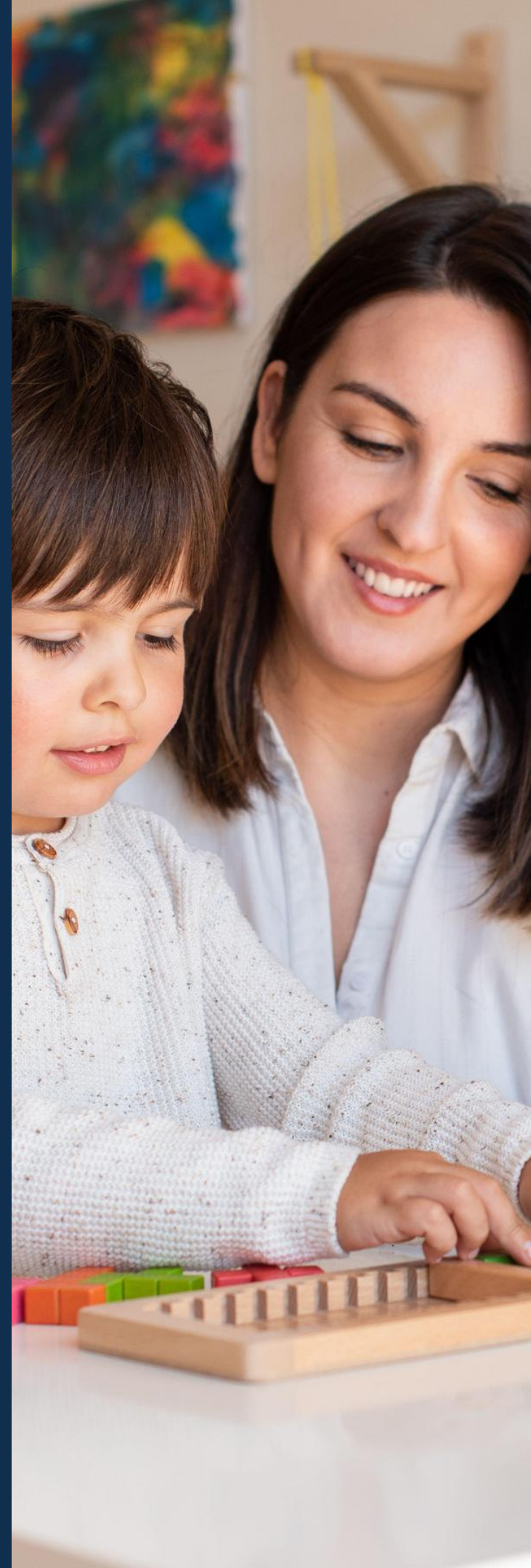
MISSION

LEAD OKLAHOMA IN COORDINATING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM THAT STRENGTHENS FAMILIES AND ENSURES ALL CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL.

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS (OPSR)

Created in 2003 (State Statute - HB 1094) out of a Governor's Task Force:

- Annually report to the legislature and governor on the status of young children and school readiness indicators
- State's Early Childhood Advisory Council (Head Start Act of 2007)
- SB 1408 (2022)
 - Administer the statewide CCR&R Network
 - Administer the Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success
- HB 2778 (2025)
 - Administer the Teacher Retention & Recruitment Program (TRR) for Early Childhood Programs



Responsibilities

- Public-Private Partnership Board
- Comprehensive Plan for the Early Care & Education System
- Child Care Resource & Referral Network
- Teacher Recruitment & Retention
- Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Preschool Development Grant Birth – Five

Roles & Responsibilities of Your Local CCR&R

All Consultants

- Conduct in-person visits regularly and follow up as needed to support and mentor.
- Observe and give feedback specific to the program's needs, such as lesson plans, interactions, and best practices.
- Provide training and mentoring using helpful tips to set goals and make action plans.
- Help programs navigate and understand accreditation, QRIS, and licensing requirements.
- Connect families and providers with community resources.
- Support teachers by using best practices in classroom management and behavioral support such as Pyramid Model framework and Conscious Discipline curriculum.

Child Care Consultant (CC)

All the duties listed above specializing in children ages 3+

- Supports curriculum planning, health and safety, and ways to keep children engaged.
- Shares helpful behavior and guidance strategies to support positive child development including individualized plans.
- Classroom management skills, such as room arrangement.

Infant Toddler Consultant (IT)

All the duties listed above specializing in children ages 0-3

- Observes caregiver interactions and daily routines to support strong relationships.
- Provides guidance on infant and toddler development and responsive caregiving.
- Helps design safe, engaging environments.
- Implements training for safe sleep practices, health and safety, and curriculum planning.

Business Consultant (BC)

Specializes in Leadership and Business Practices

- Helps improve budgeting, financial records, hiring, and HR.
- Provides support with grant writing, fundraising ideas, and finding helpful community resources.
- Shares tools and resources to help your program run more smoothly, such as Brightwheel.
- Provides guidance on strengthening daily operations.
- Provides mentorship to enhance leadership development.

Hispanic Consultant (HC)

All the duties listed above specializing in Hispanic outreach.

- Provides support in Spanish.
- Translates tools, resources, and training materials when needed.
- Fosters connections between the child care provider, DHS, and the Hispanic community.

Need Help Finding CCR&R Services?

Contact:

OPSR
CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

OPSR Child Care Resource & Referral
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 400
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
P: (405) 942-5001
F: (405) 942-3740
E: ccr@okschoolreadiness.org
www.okschoolreadiness.org

Child Care Referrals

If a family is moving or needs alternative care options, they can call a referral specialist at 1-800-438-0008 (Para Español 405-525-8783) or search online at www.stage.worklifesystems.com/parent/23 for potential options that meet their individual needs.

More Information Contact:
Erin Bell
Program Manager
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
405-429-4219 | ebell@okschoolreadiness.org
IMAGINATIONLIBRARY.COM

Getting Quality Care

Love of reading by gifting funding shared by Dolly Parton, Canada,

QR Code

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

1,700 Children Receiving Care

1,135 Employees Participating

590 Early Childhood Program

\$3.1 Million Investment (July 2025 – August 2026)



Helping Oklahoma's Child Care Workforce: Child Care Assistance for Child Care Professionals

The Oklahoma Strong Start Program provides child care assistance to eligible staff working in licensed child care facilities. The program helps address the state's child care workforce shortage by easing costs so providers can stay focused on the children they care for.

Who's Eligible?

To qualify, applicants must:

Work 20 hours per week (on average), either:
Directly with children (care, supervision, education)
In a supporting role at a licensed child care facility

Work in a facility that:

- Is licensed under the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act
- Participates in the DHS Child Care Subsidy Program

Meet income limits:

- Two-parent household: ≤ \$120,000/year gross income,
- Single-parent household: ≤ \$60,000/year gross income, or
- Have children enrolled in a child care program that participates in the DHS Care Subsidy Program

Program Benefits



Lower child care costs for eligible staff in licensed facilities



No co-pays for qualifying families through DHS Child Care Subsidy



Income-based support for single- and two-parent households

The three-year pilot is led by the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness and Oklahoma Human Services, with funding authorized by House Bill 2778 and provided through the federal Preschool Development Grant.

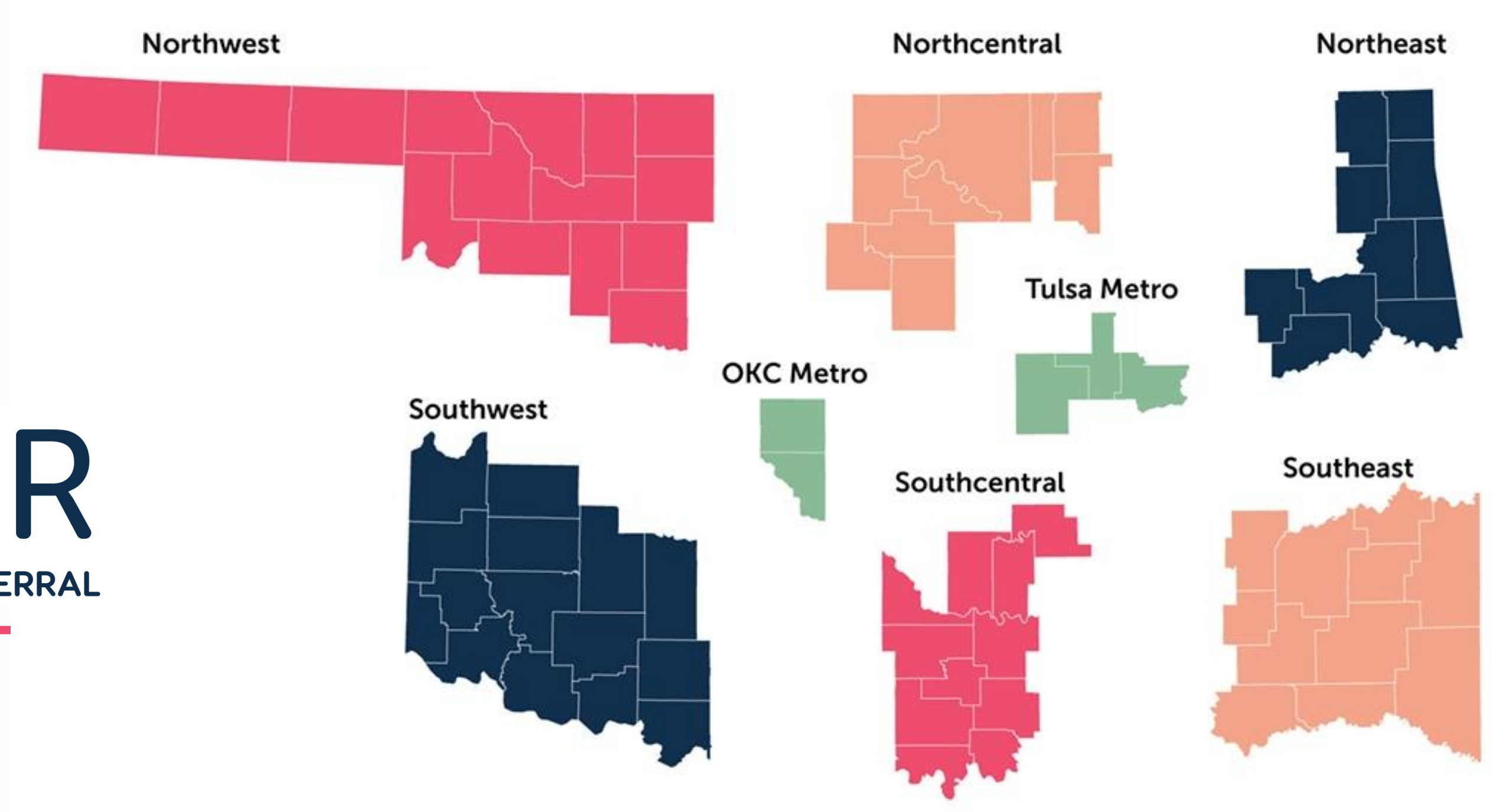
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Learn more at

okschoollreadiness.org/oklahoma-strong-start-program





8 regional CCR&R Agencies that cover all 77 counties.

6 Rural Regions, 2 Metro Regions



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TRAININGS

Personalized on a variety of topics, such as safe sleep, behavior and guidance, and business operations.

THRIVE SUMMIT

This conference is specifically for Family Child Care Homes. This conference is normally held in the spring.

HISPANIC CONFERENCE

This conference is a child care conference that is conducted fully in Spanish. This conference is for both Family Child Care Homes and Centers. It is normally in June.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

On-site coaching on classroom environments, teacher-child interactions, accreditation, and program administration & leadership to name a few.

Telehealth & Teletherapy

- 960 early care and education employees
- 71% Primary, 29% Dependents
- 65% are one-time use
- 89% Virtual Urgent Care, 11% Behavioral



Telehealth for Child Care Professionals

Getting to a doctor can be hard when your workday is dedicated to caring for children.

Now, child care professionals, their employees, and their dependents can seek medical advice anytime, anywhere — without a copay!



No Copays.
No Hassle.



Care for You
and Your Family.



24/7 Access.
Anywhere, Anywhere.



How It Works



Talk directly with a physician or licensed mental health professional on your schedule, anytime, anywhere within minutes.



Services Offered

- 1 Unlimited use, no per-call fees or copays.
- 2 Services are completely confidential and available to employees and their dependents.
- 3 Prescriptions are called into your local pharmacy.



Telemedicine



24/7 access to a board-certified doctor for non-emergency care for your employees and their families anywhere, and even orders. Help with many common conditions, including:

cold & flu, fever, rashes, allergies, sore throat, and more.



Teletherapy



24/7 access to experienced therapists, counselors, psychiatrist and behavioral health specialist to support many common issues, including:

alcohol and substance use, stress, life changes, trauma, and more.

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OKLAHOMA SHARED SERVICES

Shared Services is a *free* platform for child care providers, offering:

- Thousands of child care specific templates
- Discounts from Lakeshore & Kaplan
- Aquire4Hire - a free job posting board across multiple sites
- Additional health care benefits (At a reduced rate)

<https://www.oksharedservices.org/>



CCR&R PARENT SUPPORTS

One of the main tenets of CCR&R is to help parents access resources, locate child care, and access other services.

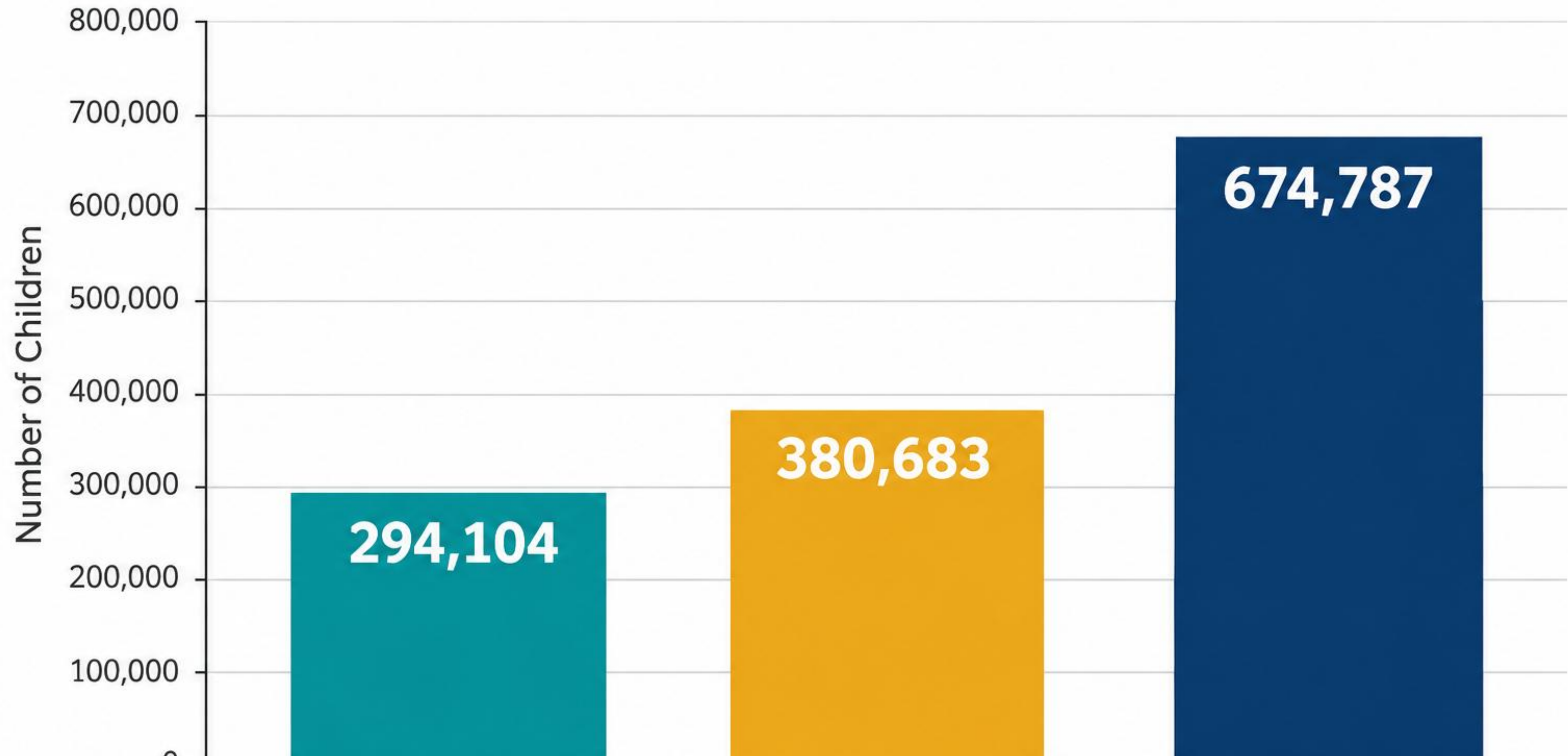
We help families:

- Find Care via the Statewide Call Center or online
- Through Community outreach events
- Partnership with community agencies

2,546 families were served with child care referrals in FY26
"I really do appreciate this service. I really just don't know what I would have done without it."



Oklahoma Child Population, Ages 0–12



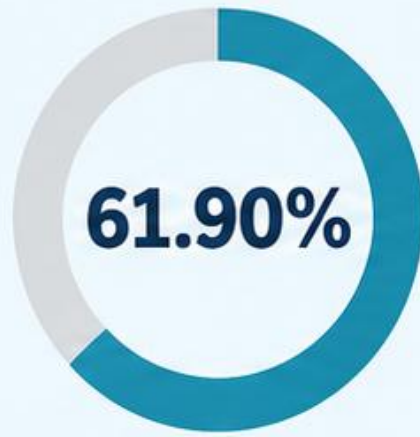
All Working Parents in Oklahoma

Ages 0–5



182,095

All working parents
(ages 0–5 population)



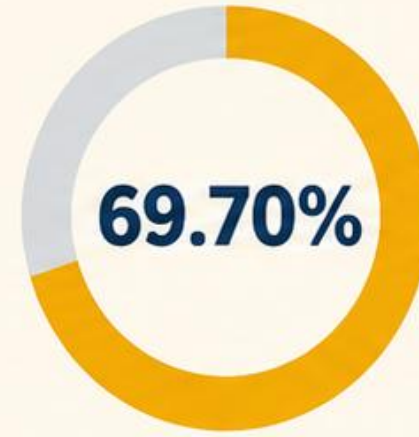
of 0–5
population

Ages 6–12



265,212

All working parents
(ages 6–12 population)



of 6–12
population

Ages 0–12 (Total)



447,307

All working parents
(ages 0–12 population)



of 0–12
population

Oklahoma Licensed Child Care



Child Care Centers

Programs

1,403

Slots

105,820



Child Care Homes

Programs

1,266

Slots

12,253



All Licensed Care

Programs

2,669

Slots

118,073

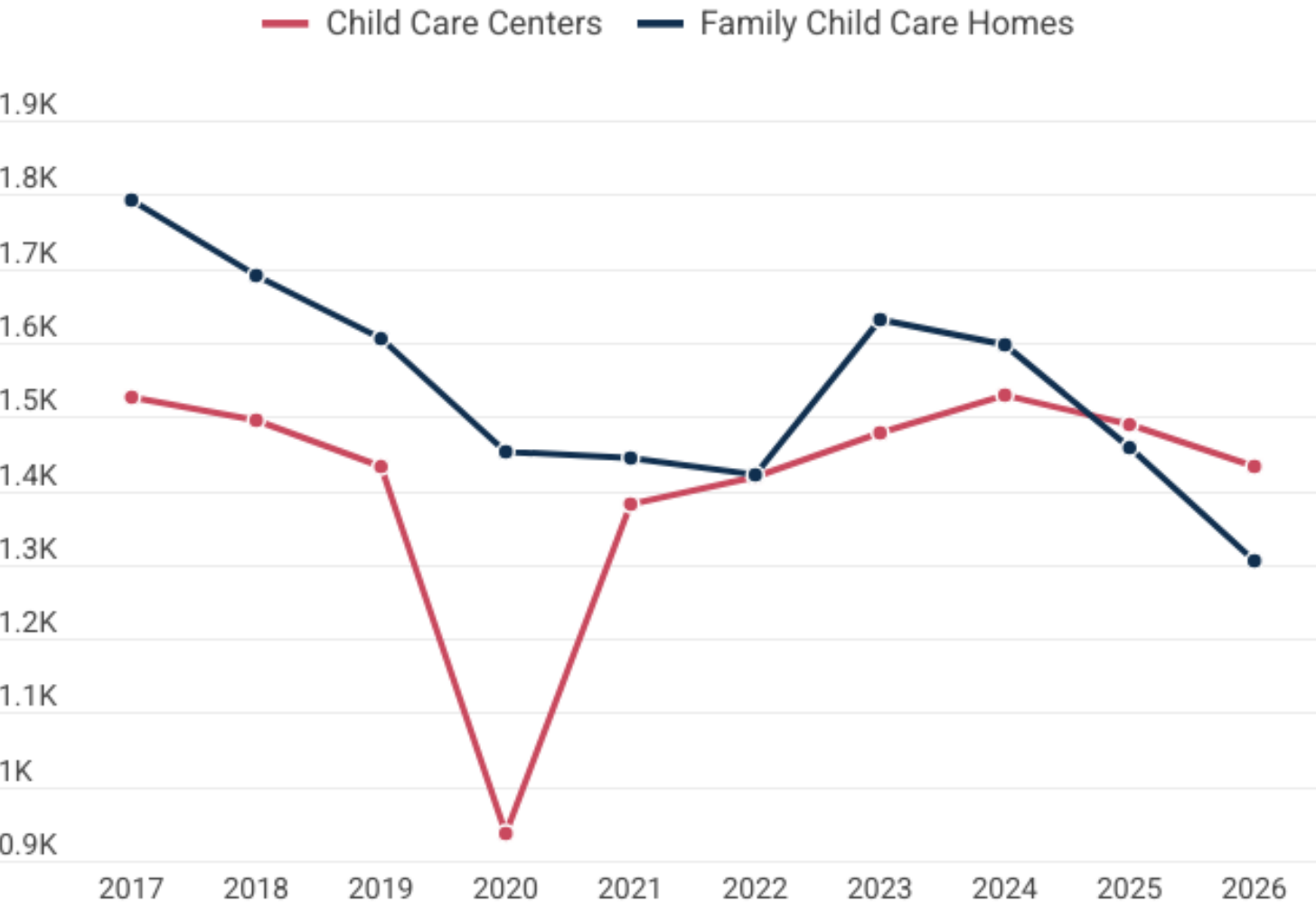
Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Supply

Comparison of August 2024 and August 2026

 Date	 Child Care Centers	 Family Child Care Homes	 Number of Programs	 Licensed Capacity
Aug-24	1,533	1,563	3,096	127,583
Aug-26	1,403	1,266	2,669	118,073
Change (2024 to 2026)	 -130 (-8.5%)	 -297 (-19.0%)	 -427 (-13.8%)	 -9,510 (-7.5%)

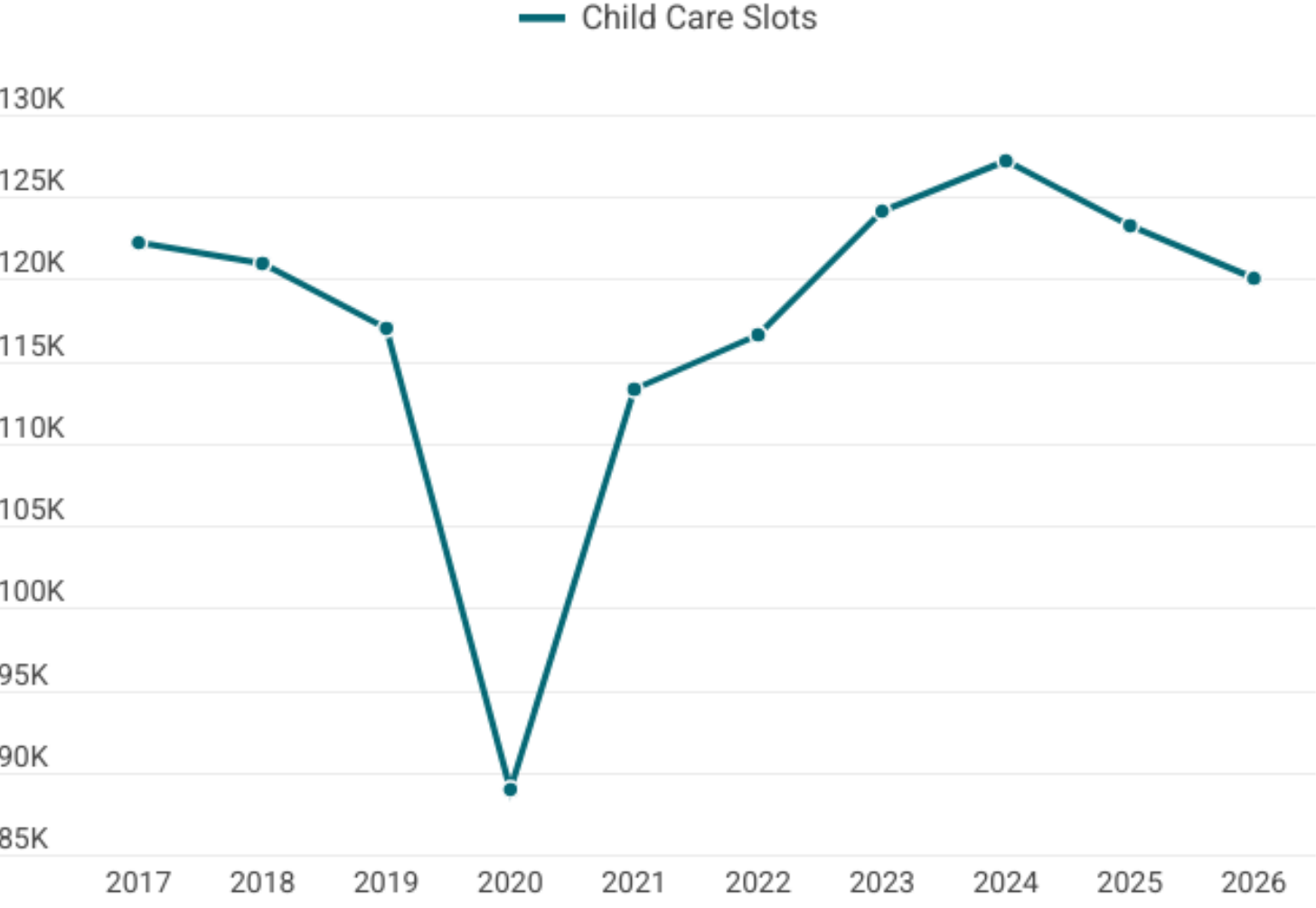
Programs and Slots

Number of Programs, 2017-2026



OPSR, WLS Data from June of each Fiscal Year

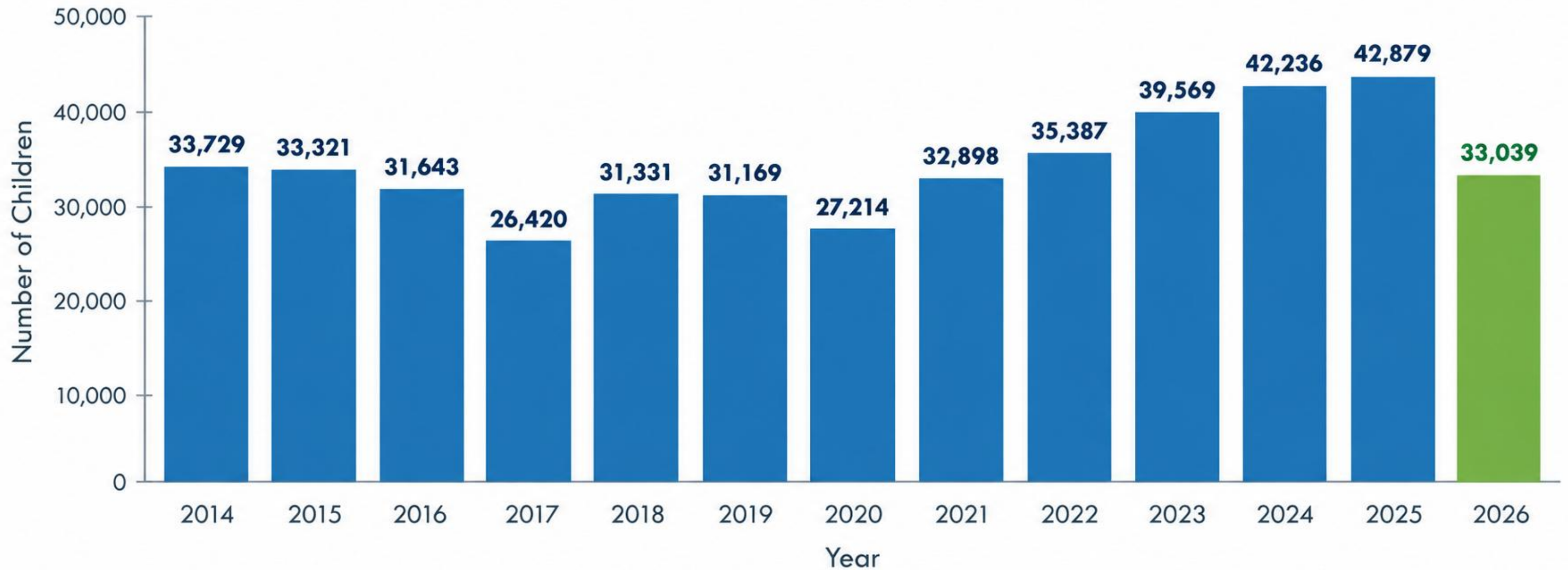
Child Care Slots, 2017 - 2026



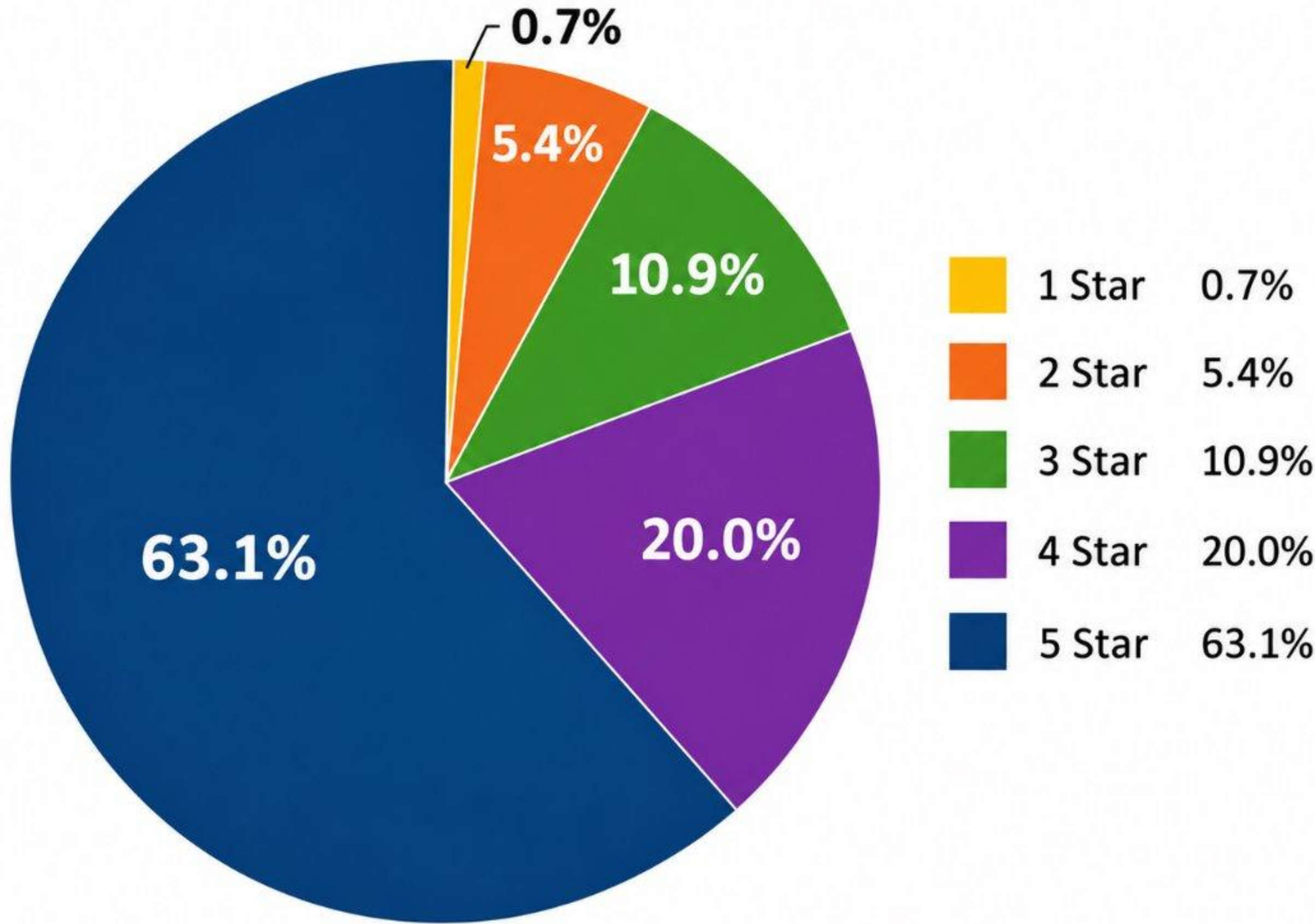
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Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy

2014 – 2026



Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy by Star Level



Cost of Care

\$13,000/year

**Average Market Rate for Infant
Care**

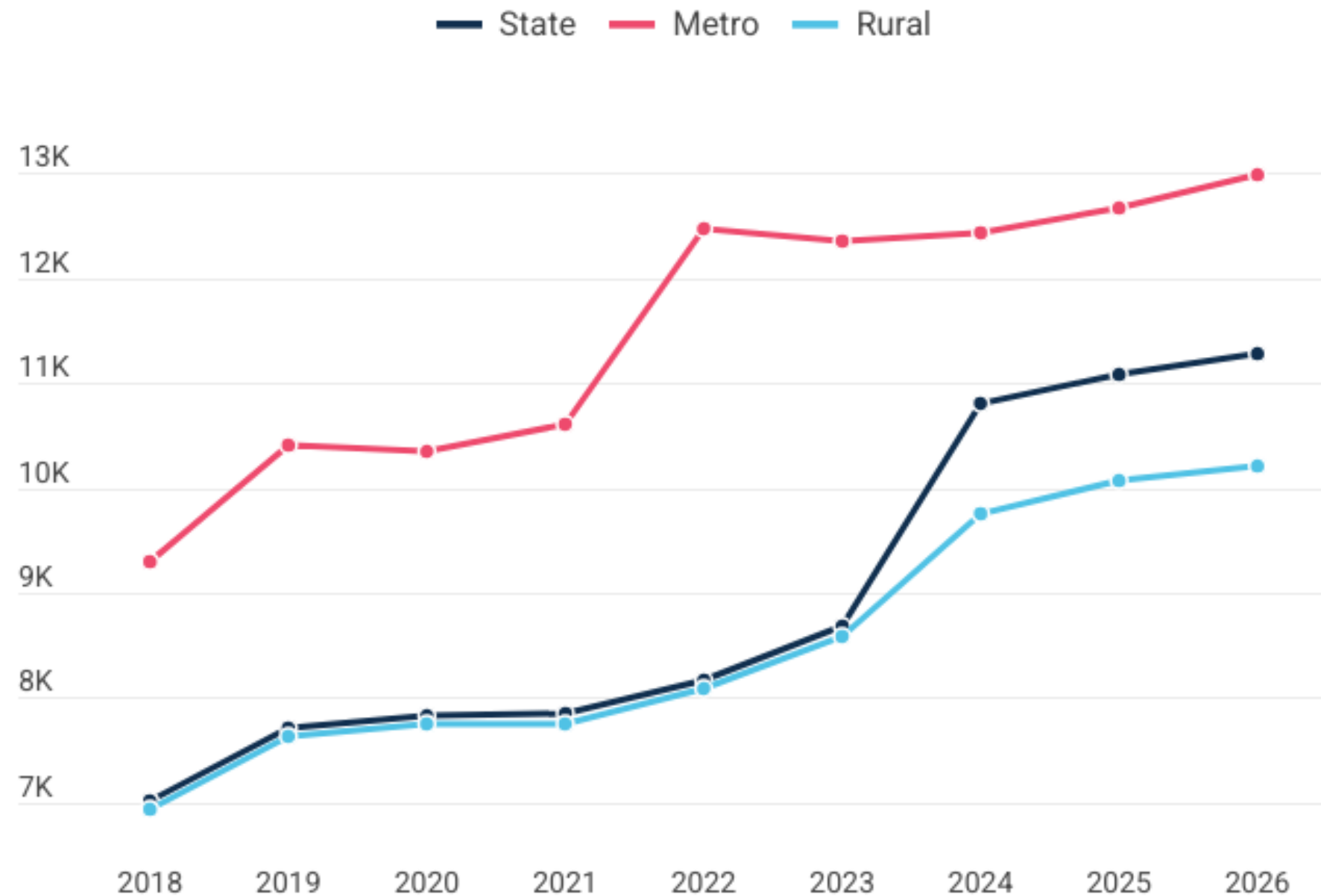
\$16,000/year

Cost to Provide Infant Care

\$5,532/year

Tuition at OU

Cost of Infant Care, 2018 - 2026



OPSR, WLS Data from June of each Fiscal Year

THANK YOU!

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