# LICENSED CHILD CARE SUPPLY

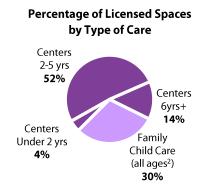
In California more than 11,200 center-based programs and 30,700 family child care homes are licensed to serve over 1 million children ages birth to 12 years. Yet this supply is only available for 25 percent of children with working parents<sup>1</sup>. Since 2008, we have seen the supply shrink year after year. If trends continue, options available for working families will be even more limited.

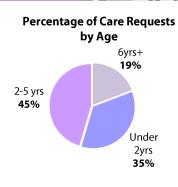


#### **Licensed Child Care**

A majority of center-based programs are licensed to serve children 2-5 years. Only 4% of spaces are dedicated to infants.

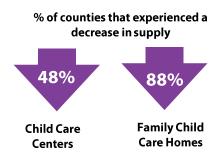
Family child care homes represent a third of the supply, and are more likely to care for infants and toddlers and offer full-time and flexible hours of care<sup>2</sup>.

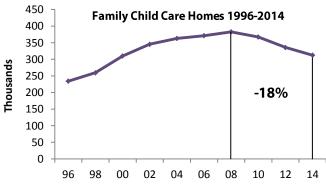




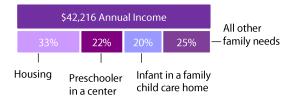
## **Changes in Supply**

Between 2008 and 2014, a large portion of California's counties have experienced a decrease in the number of licensed child care spaces. Family child care homes in particular were severely impacted during the Great Recession and have had a slow recovery since.





## Maximum Income to Qualify for a Child Care Subsidy Family of 3



#### **High Cost of Care**

Families across California struggle to afford care. Child Care Aware of America ranked California the 3<sup>rd</sup> least-affordable state for center-based infant care. Those that cannot access a subsidy will pay close to half of their income on licensed care.



Source: 2015 California Child Care Portfolio. Statistics reflect data from resource and referral databases, January 2014.

- 1. California Child Care Resource & Referral Network estimate based on the total number of licensed slots and the estimated number of children with parents in the labor force.
- 2. Breakdown of age is not available for homes because they are licensed to serve all ages.