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2024 Child Care Aware of Washington

Child Care Data Report

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Child Care Providers

109

Licensed Capacity

4,251

Reported Vacancies

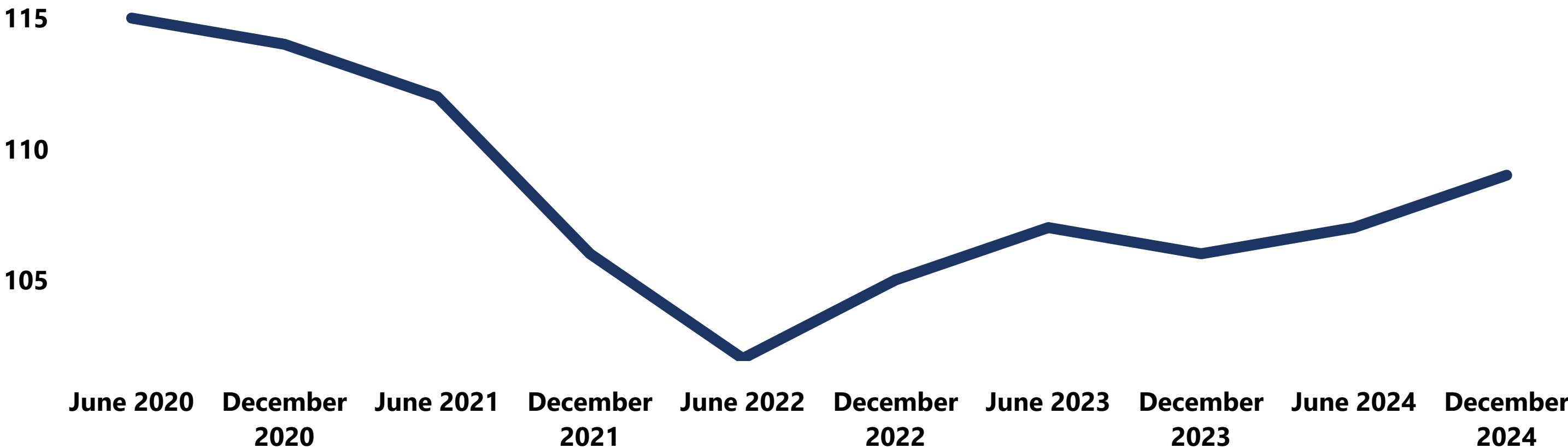
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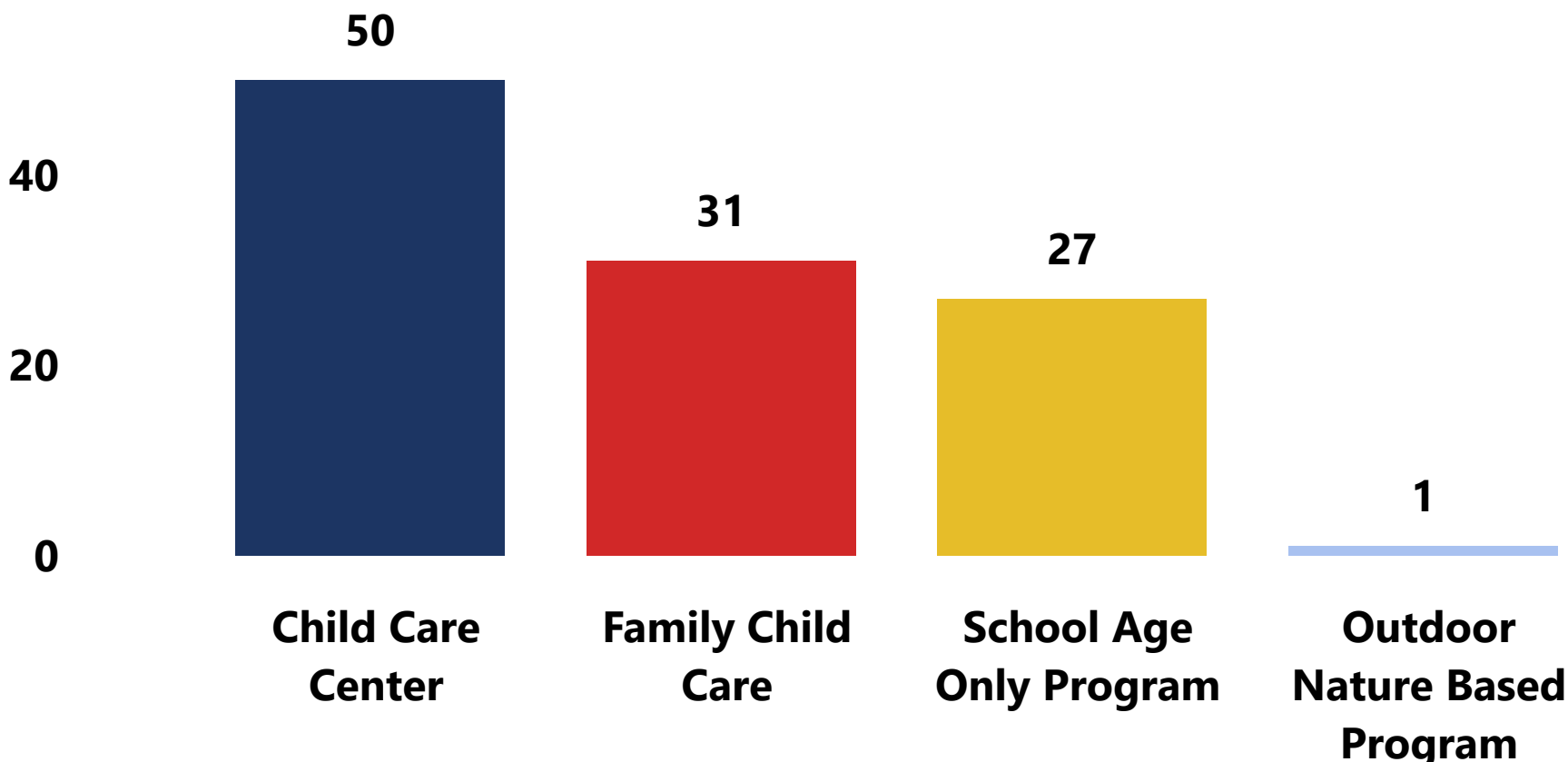
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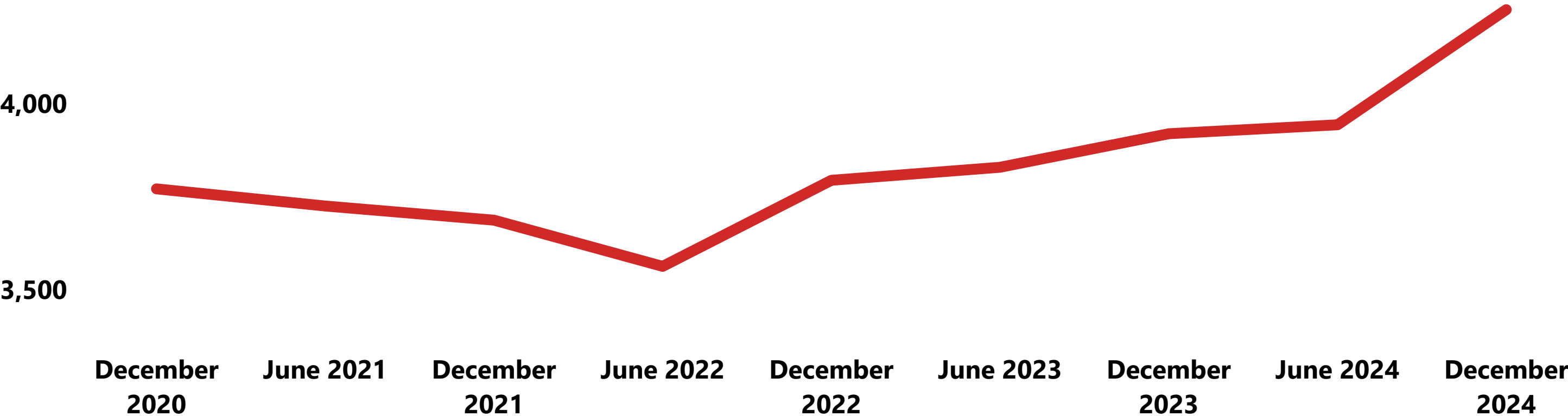
Number of Child Care Providers



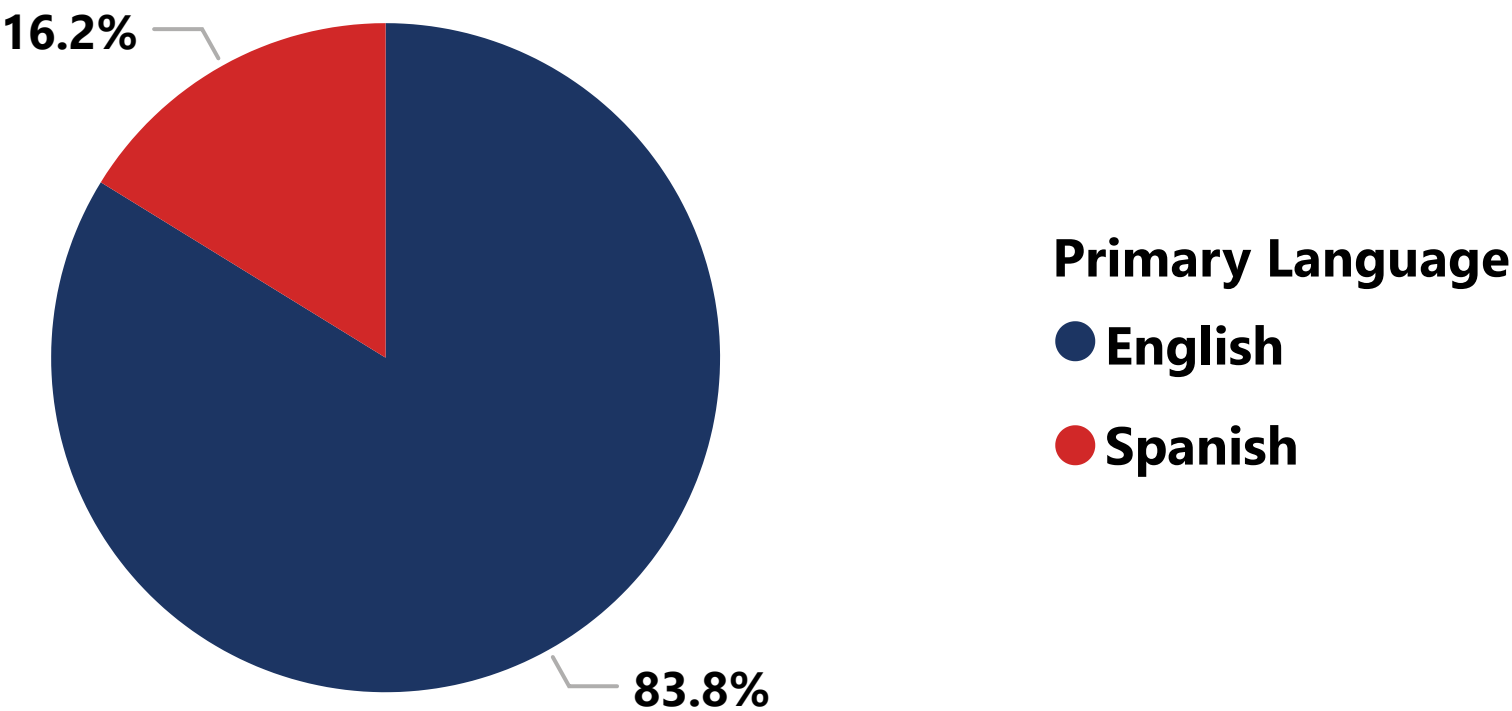
Child Care Providers by Type of Care

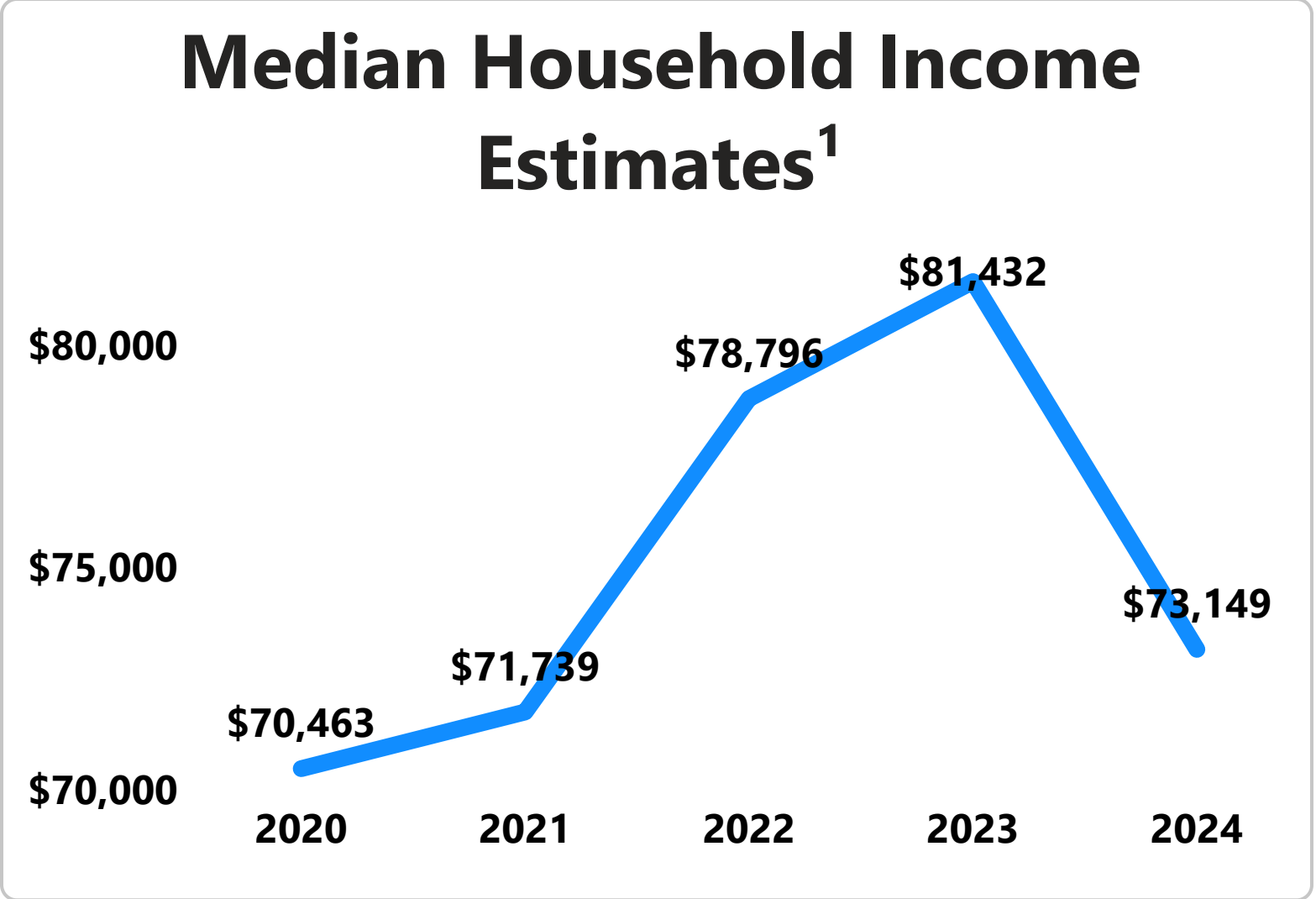
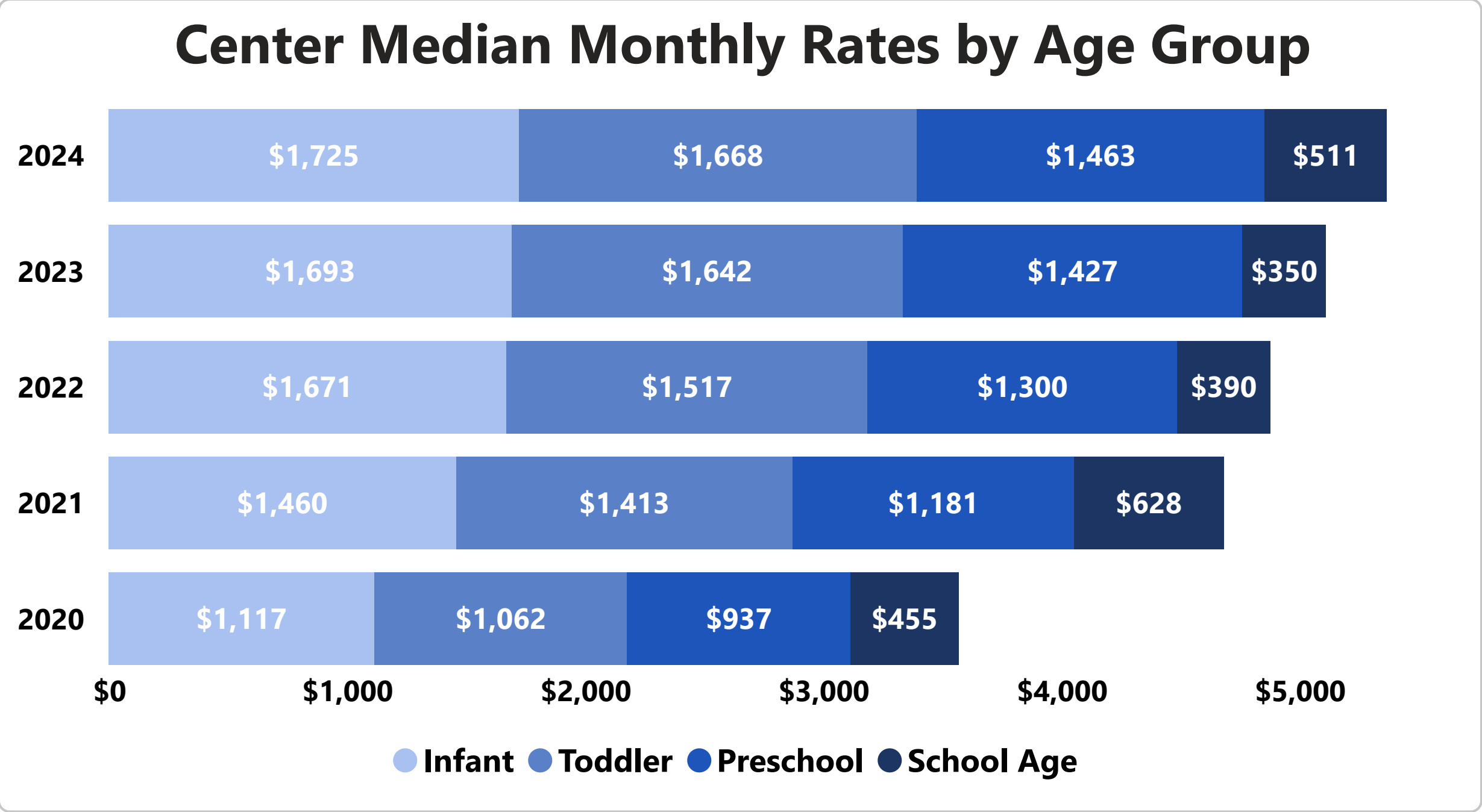


Total Child Care Capacity



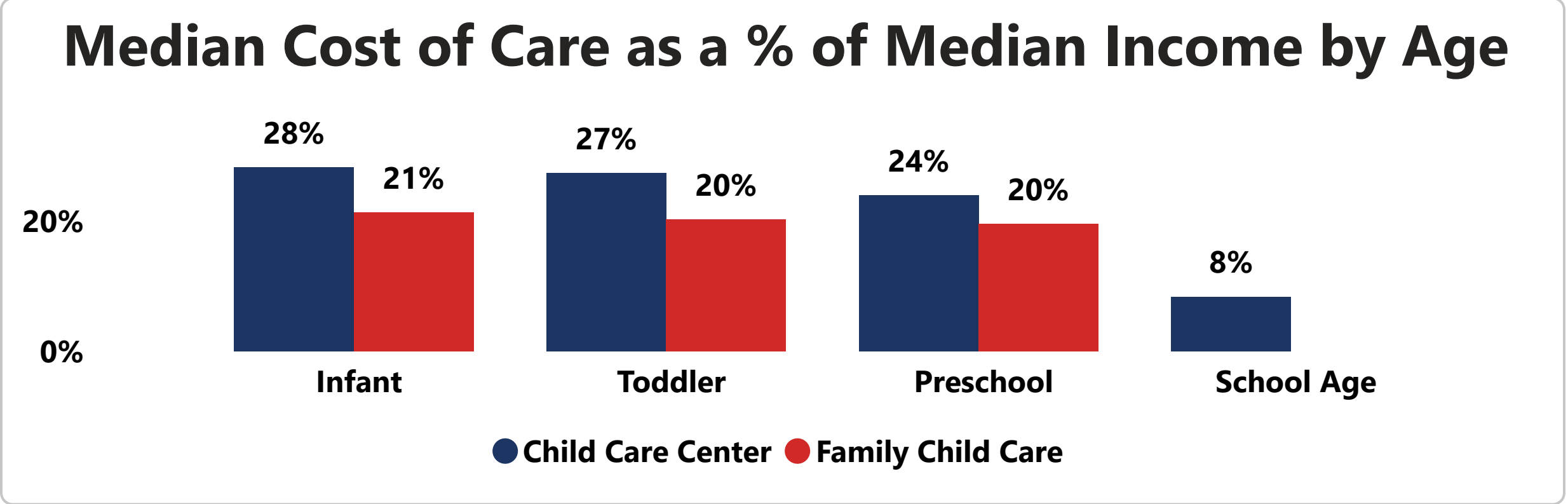
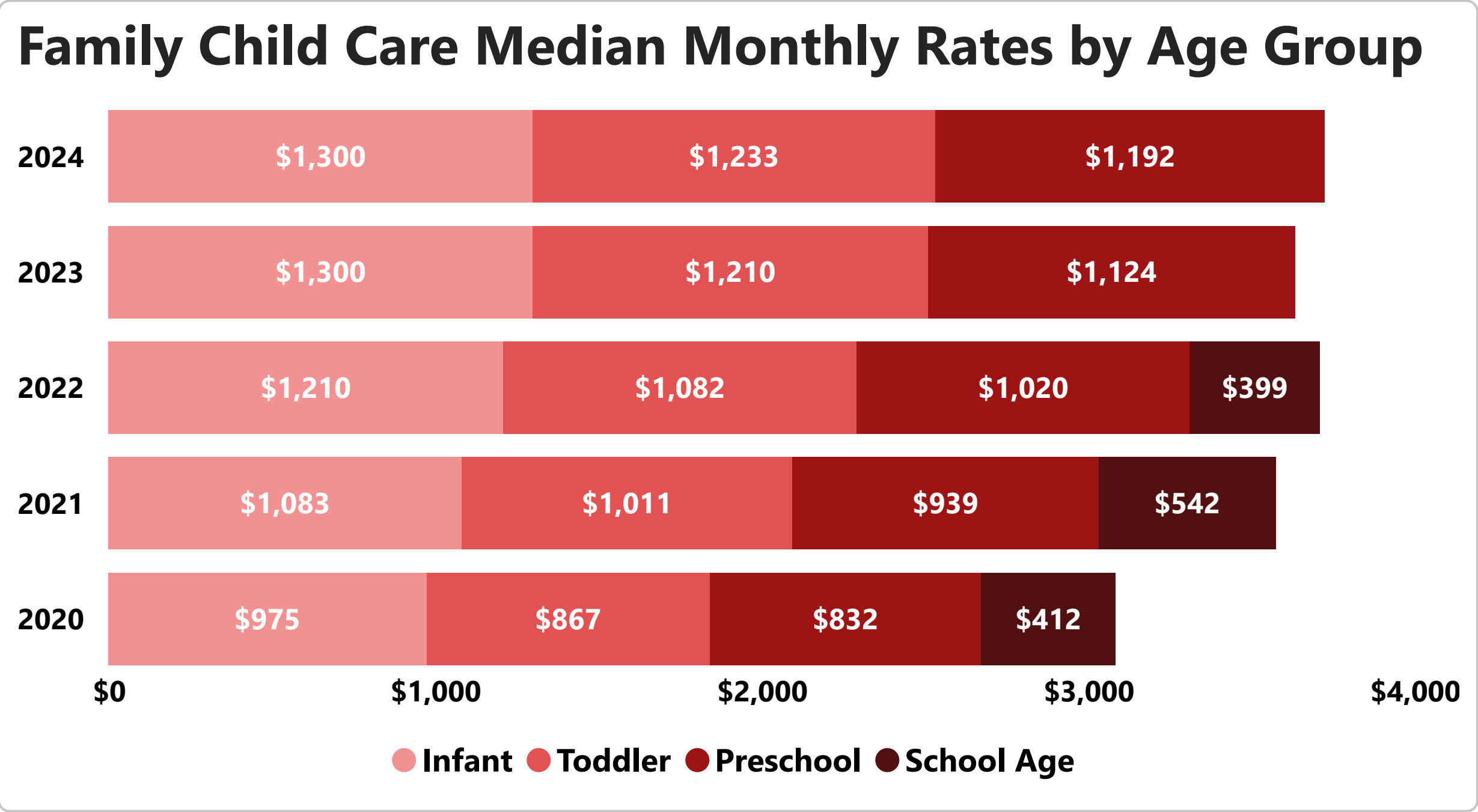
Top Primary Provider Languages





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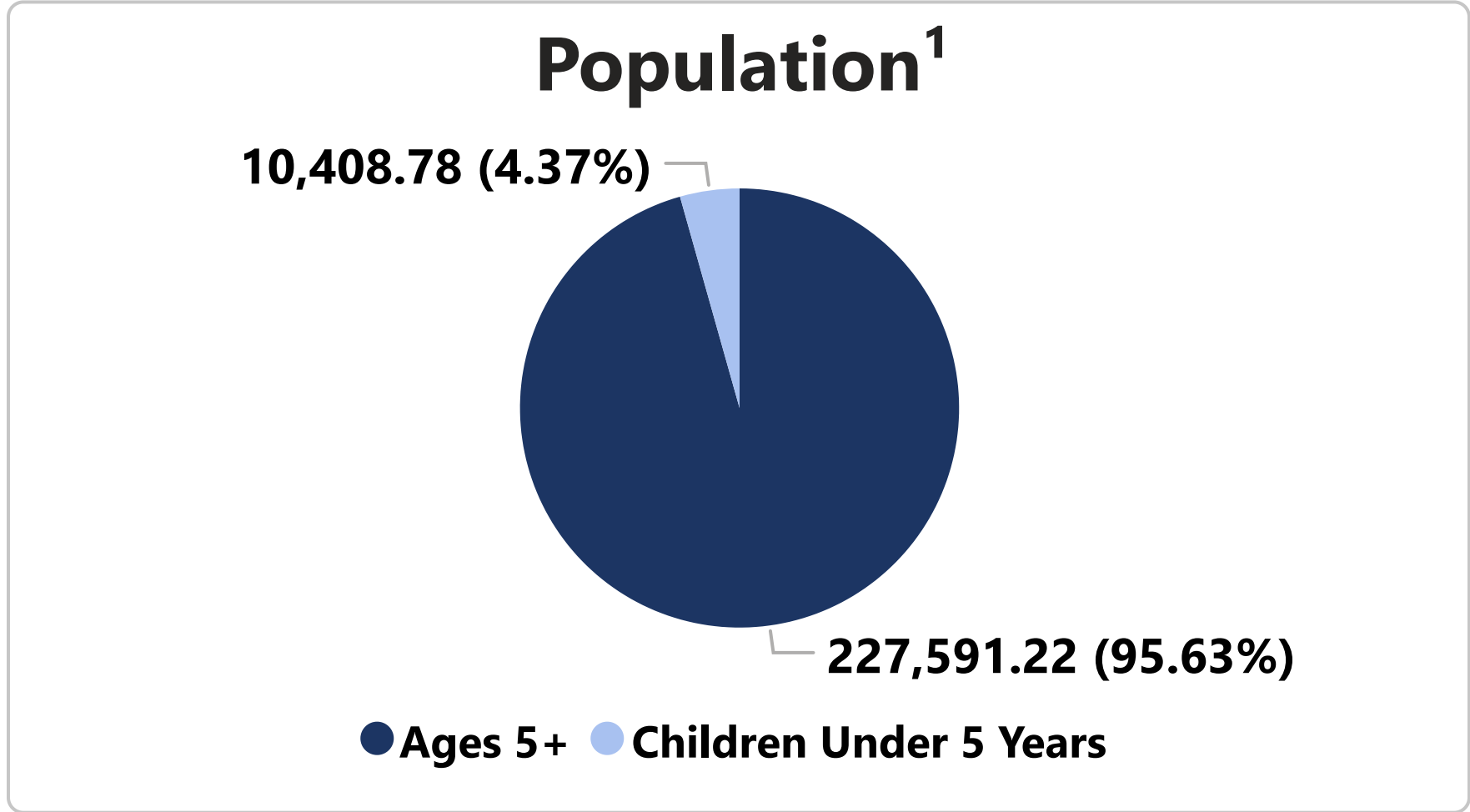
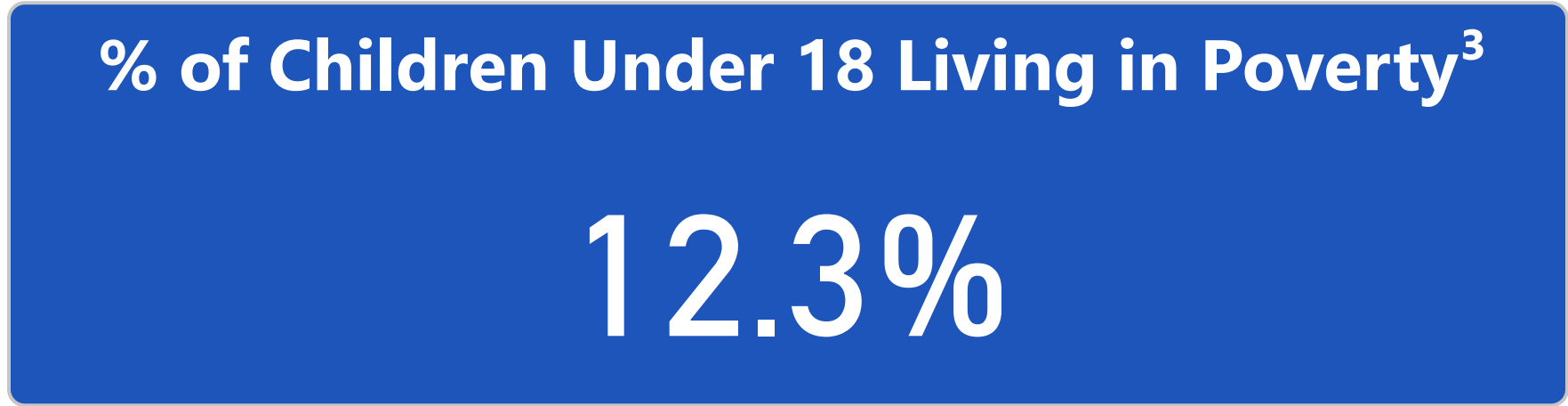
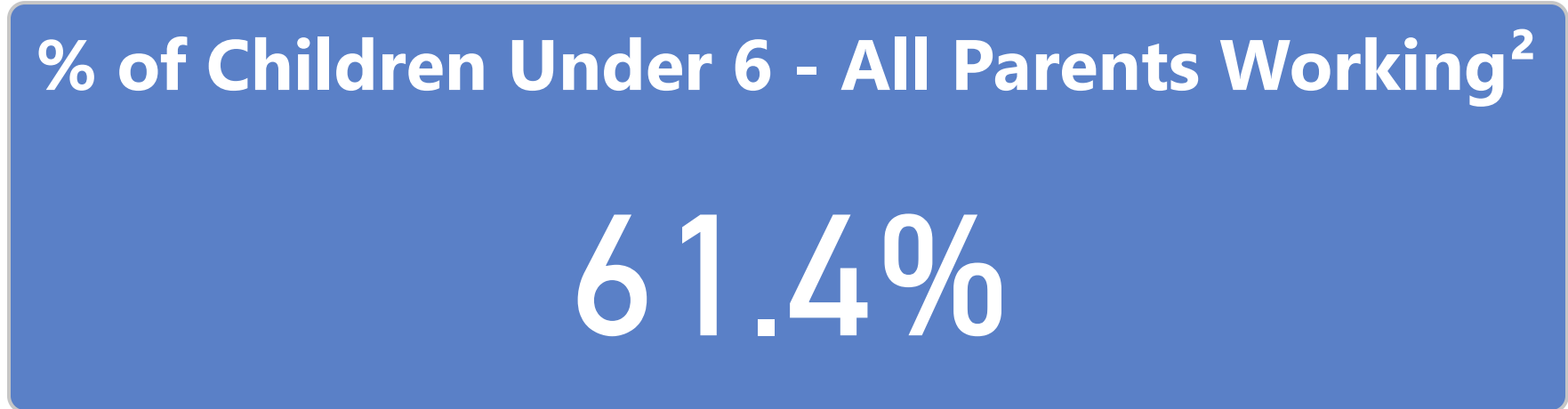
Licensed Providers Accepting Subsidies
74%



Working Connections Child Care Subsidy Rates

| <u>Child Care Center</u> | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| \$1,919 | \$1,741 | \$1,571 | \$1,418 |
| Infant | Toddler | Preschool | School Age |
| <u>Family Child Care</u> | | | |
| \$1,408 | \$1,280 | \$1,174 | \$1,067 |
| Infant | Toddler | Preschool | School Age |

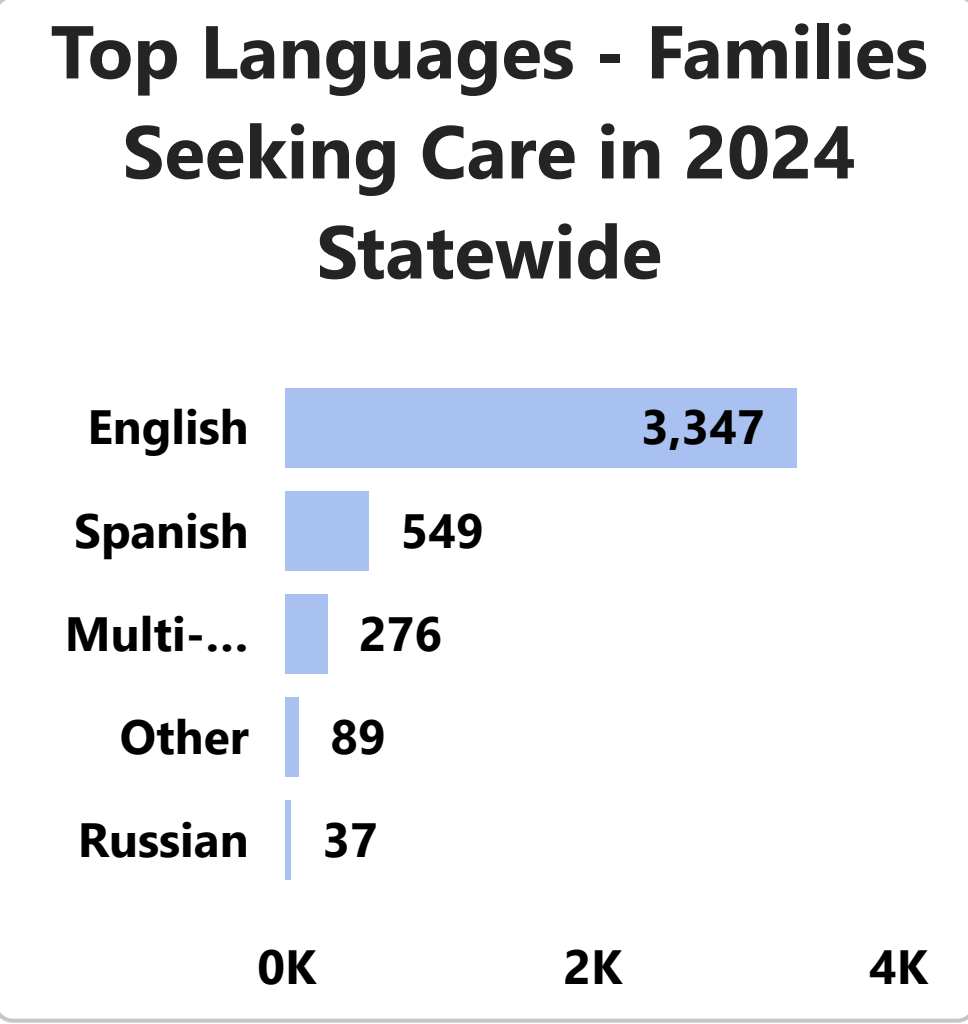
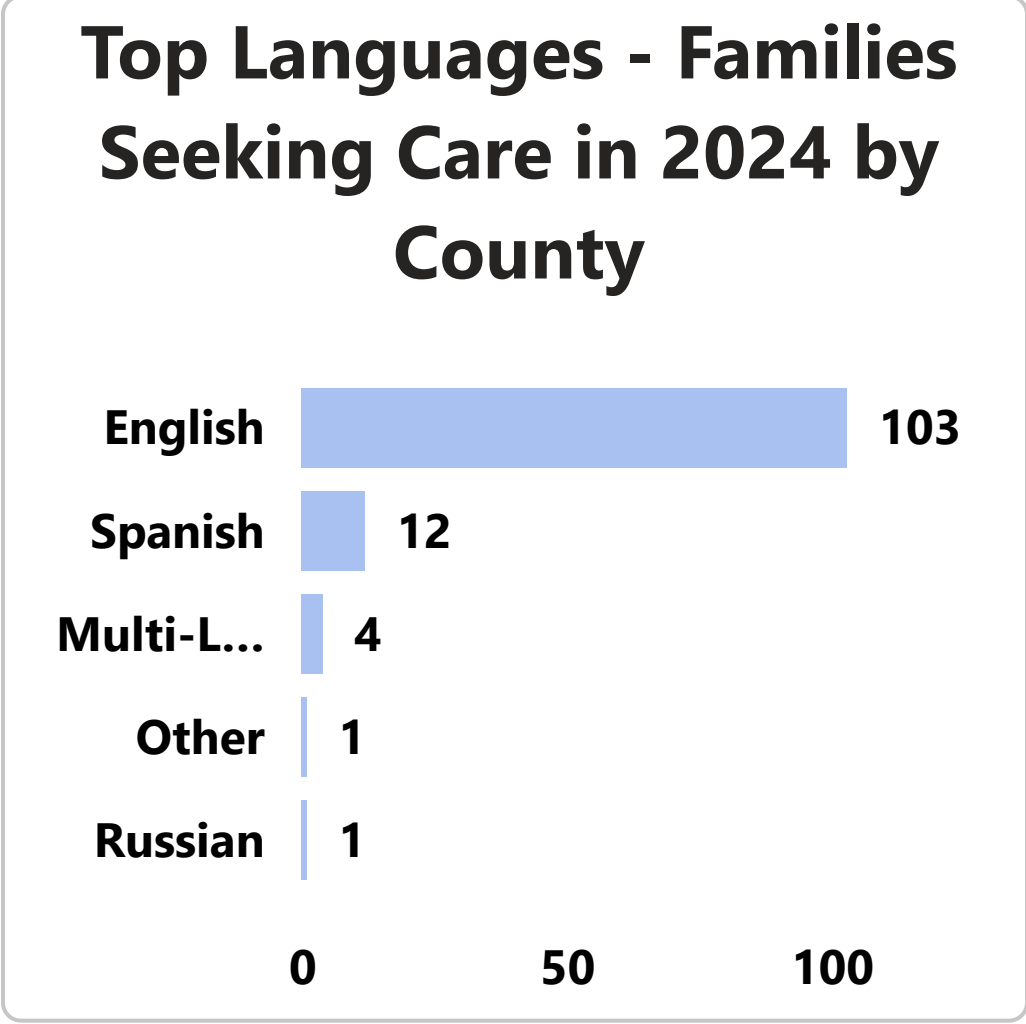
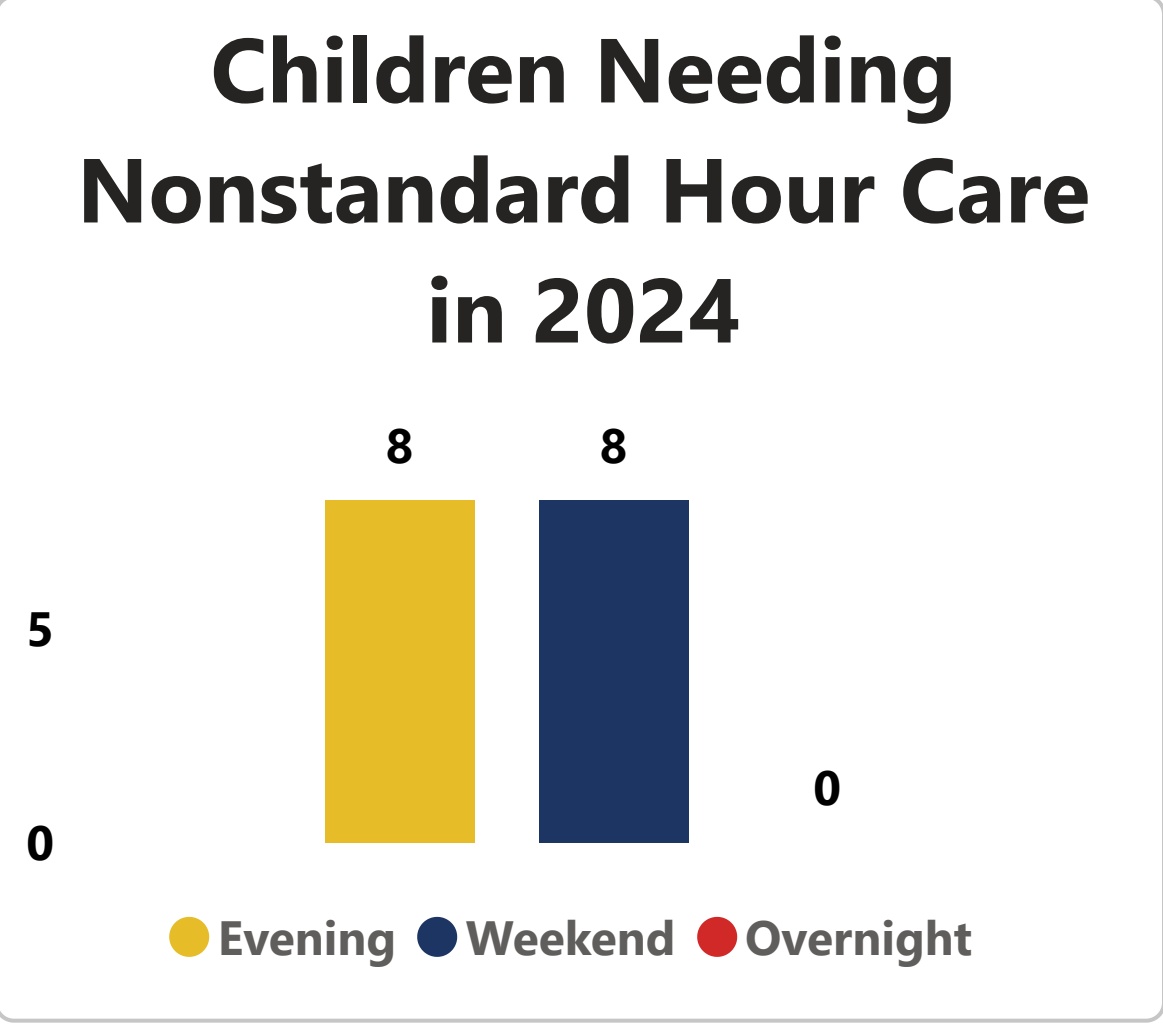
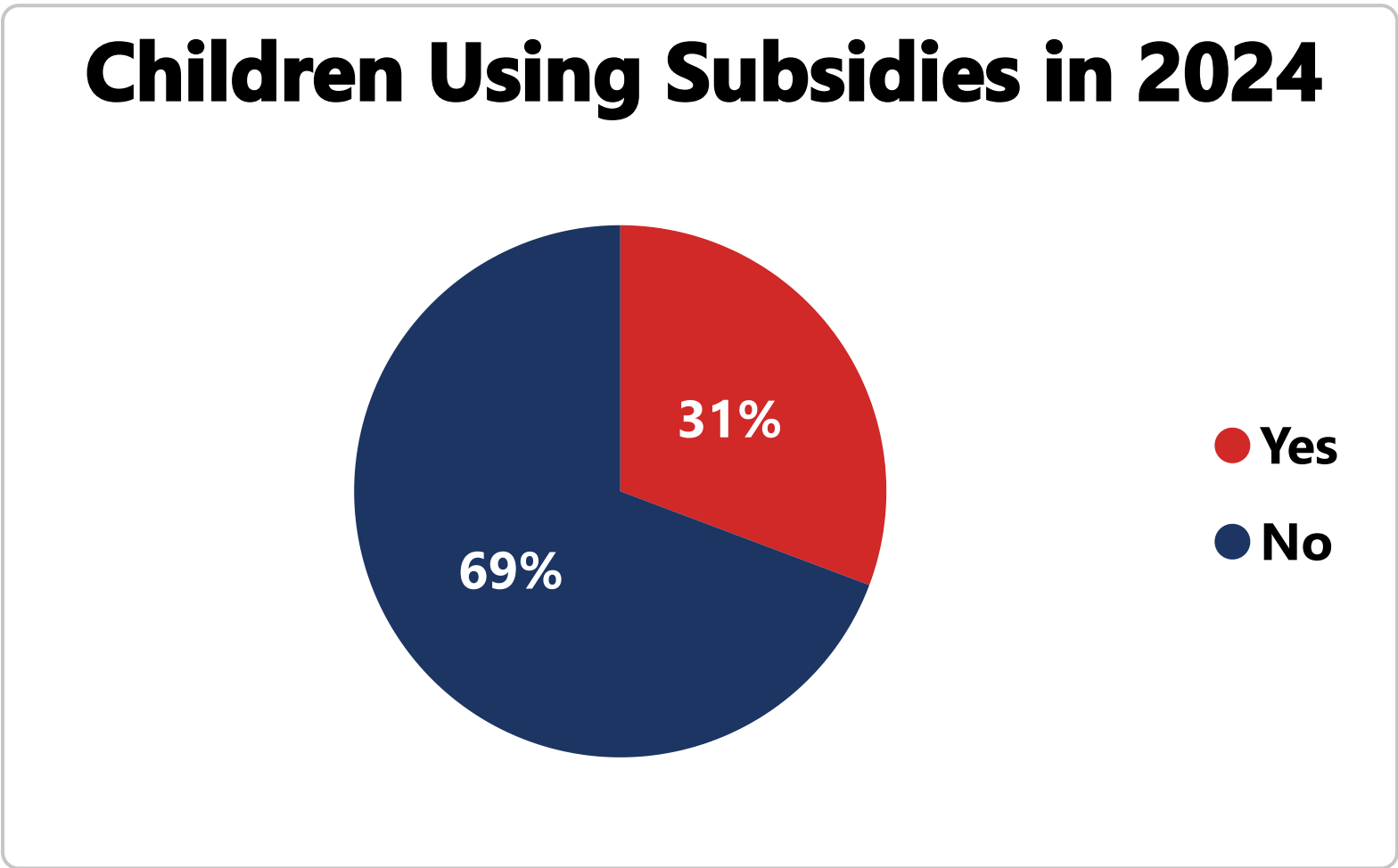
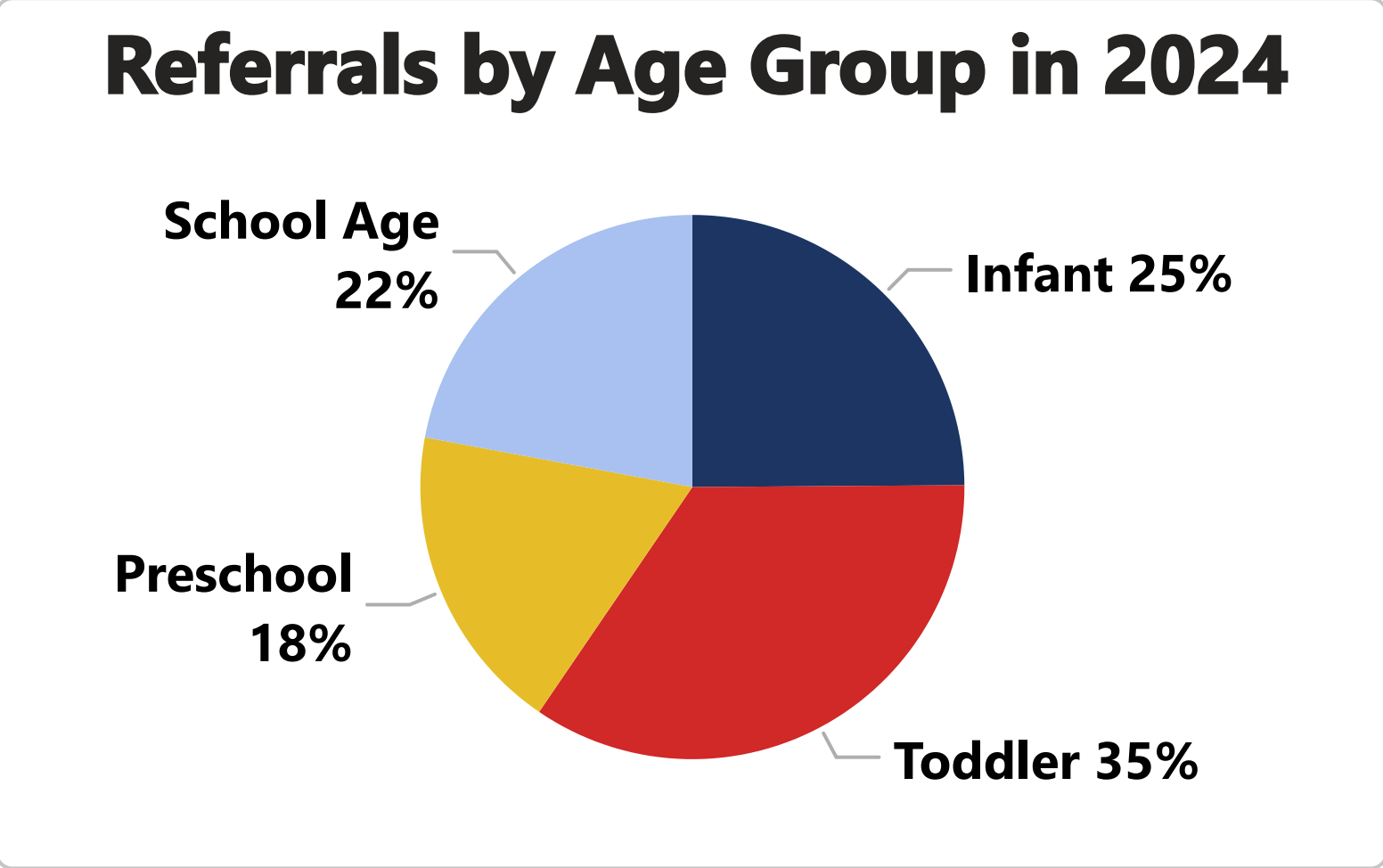
Demographics



Helping Families Find Care

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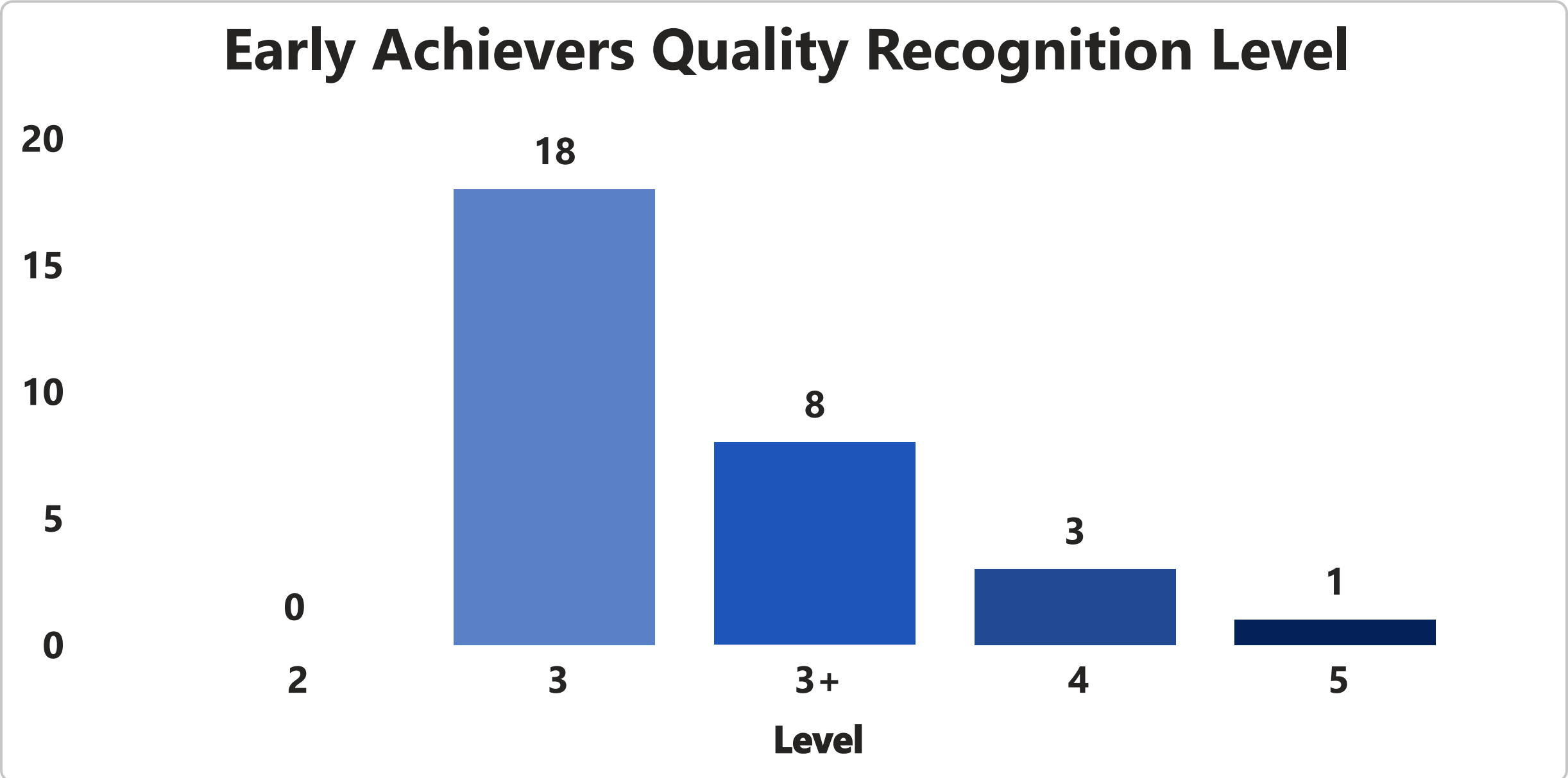
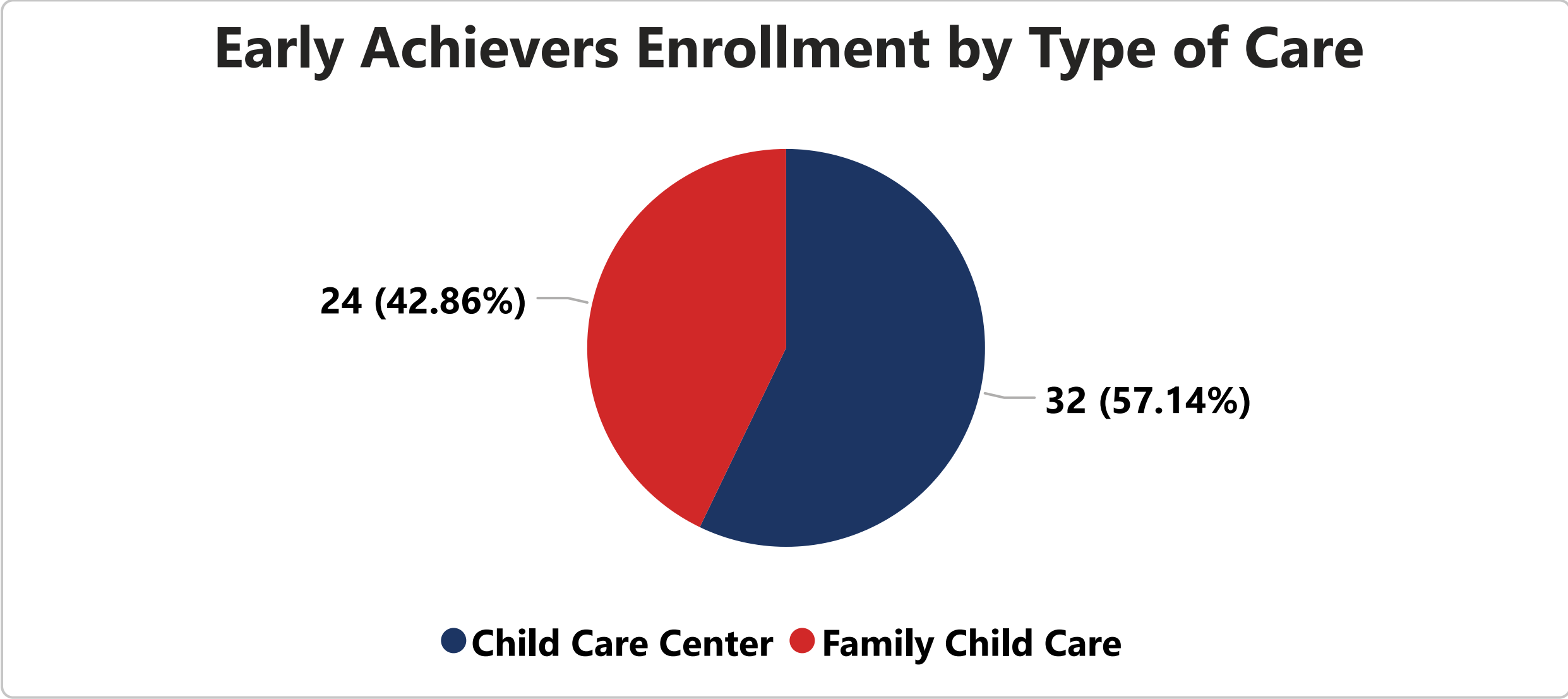
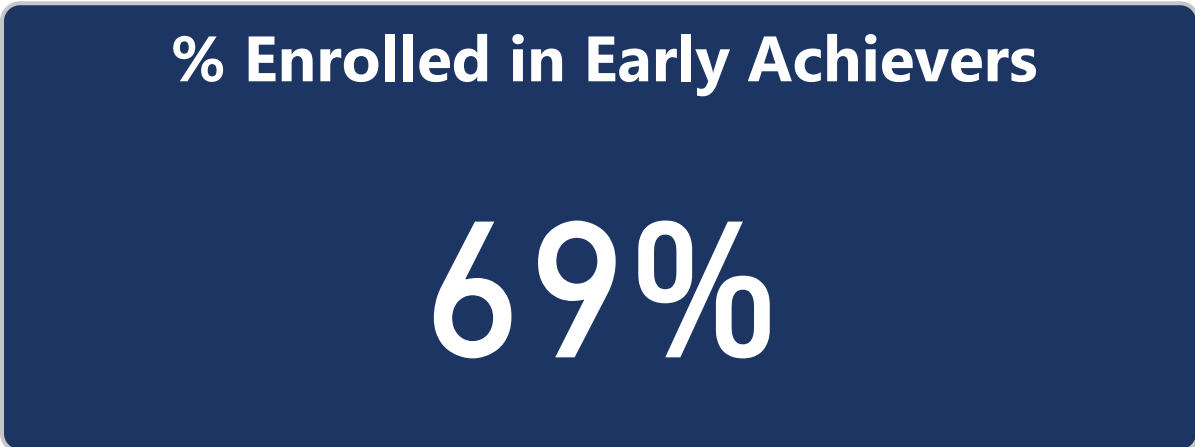
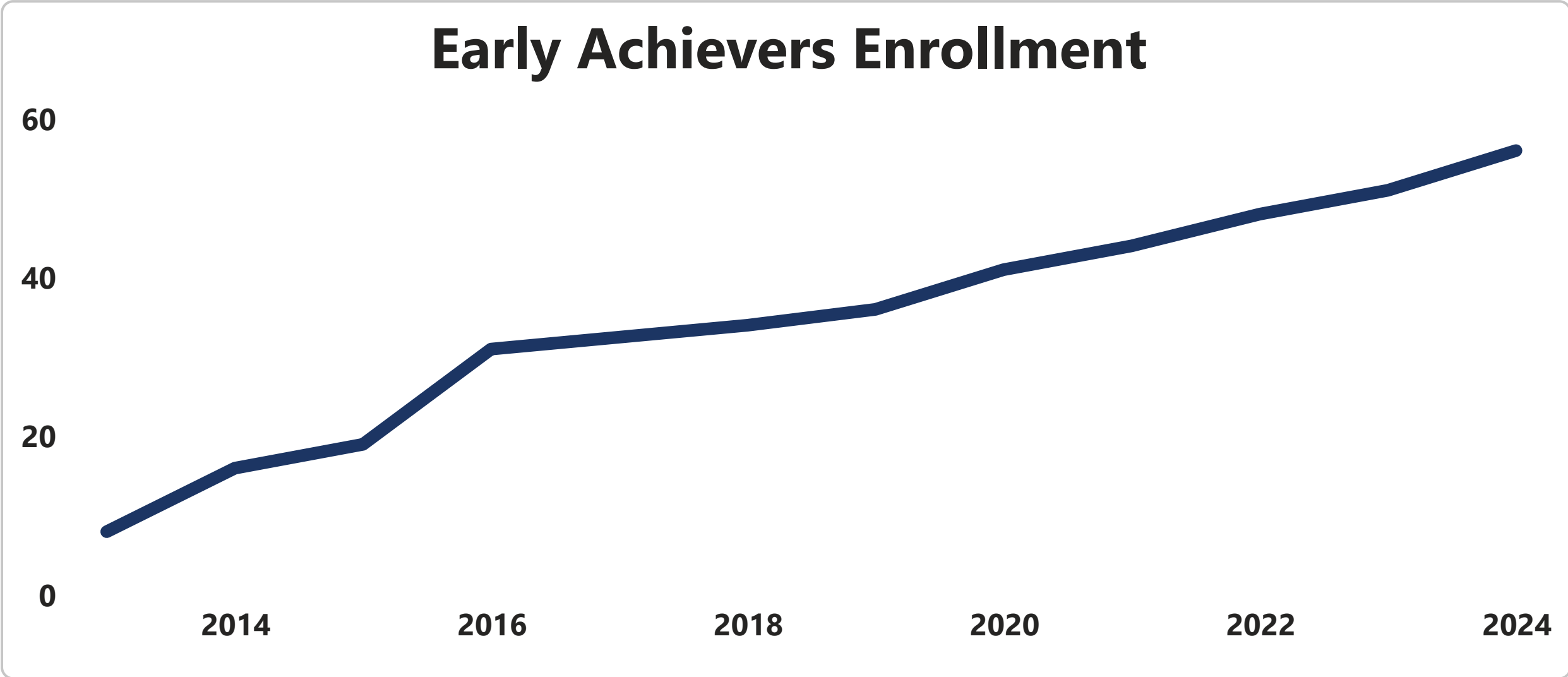
Early Achievers is Washington's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS), which offers training, technical assistance, coaching, mental health consultation, awards, scholarships, and other benefits to child care providers to improve the quality of their care. Child Care providers receive a Quality Recognition Level ranging from Level 2 to Level 5. [Click here](#) to learn more about Early Achievers.

Type of Care

Multiple selections

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The data presented in this report is the result of a collaborative partnership between:

Department of Children, Youth, & Families (DCYF): <https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers>
Cultivate Learning - University of Washington: <https://cultivatelearning.uw.edu/>

Local Regions:

- Child Care Aware of Central Washington - a program of **Catholic Charities:** <https://catholiccharitiescw.org/>
- Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington - a program of **Community-Minded Enterprises:** <https://community-minded.org/>
- Child Care Aware of King and Pierce Counties - a program of **BrightSpark:** <https://www.brightspark.org/>
- Child Care Aware of Northwest Washington - a program of **The Opportunity Council:** <https://www.opppo.org/>
- Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula - a program of **Child Care Action Council:** <https://ccacwa.org/>
- Child Care Aware of Southwest Washington - a program of **Educational Service District 112:** <https://www.esd112.org/ece/>

Data Sources:

- ¹ Washington State Office of Financial Management. (2023). Small area demographic estimates.
- ² U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). American community survey.
- ³ U.S. Census Bureau. (2024). Small area income and poverty estimates.

Additional Resources:

For information on child care provider and staff compensation in Washington state, please view the most recent DCYF Child Care Market Rate Study:
[2024 DCYF Cost of Quality Child Care and Market Rate Study](#)