



# childcare for Alaska's future

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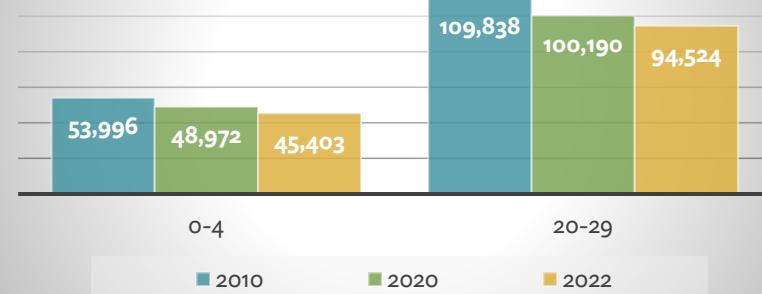
The annual cost of childcare in Alaska is **more expensive** than a year of tuition and fees at UAA, UAF and UAS. As a result, parents are leaving the workforce to stay at home with young children.

## Average Annual Cost: Child Care vs. College

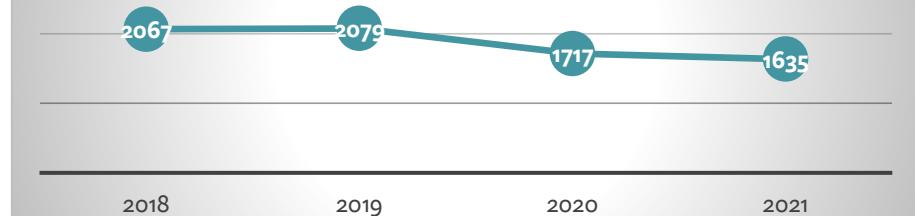


The **0-4** age group **declined** **16%** from 2010-2022, while the **20-29** age group **decreased** by **14%**.

## Population Decline by Age

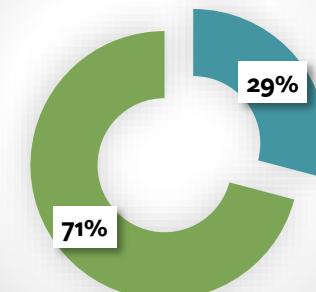


## Child Care Workforce



Alaska's childcare workforce **decreased 21%** between 2018 and 2021.

## Child Care Availability



Alaska has available childcare slots **for only 29%** of all children ages 4 and younger.

# Childcare and the Economy Economic Impact of Alaska's “Childcare Desert”

**\$165M**

Total economic loss resulting from lack of childcare

**7%**

Parents who left a job due to lack of childcare availability

**77%**

Percentage of parents who missed work due to childcare issues

**61%**

Percentage of Alaskan families living in a “childcare desert”

**61%**

Portion of Low-income families impacted by lack of childcare

Source: US Chamber of Commerce Foundation, “How Childcare Impacts Alaska’s Workforce Productivity and the State Economy” (2021)



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