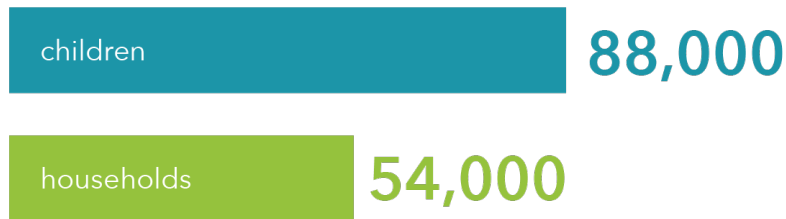


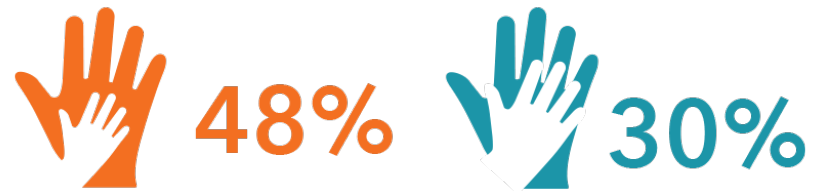
There is a need for more supports for child care to support more families able to work.

More than 88,000 children in 54,000 households are in need of ECL services in Alaska



Note: Children 0 through 12 years of age.

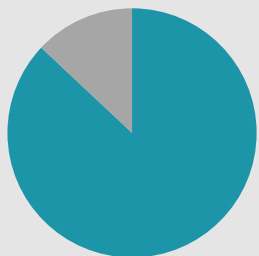
Children in ECL Services



Of children under 6 years of age

Of children 6 - 12 years of age

94% of children not in ECL services stay home with a household member.

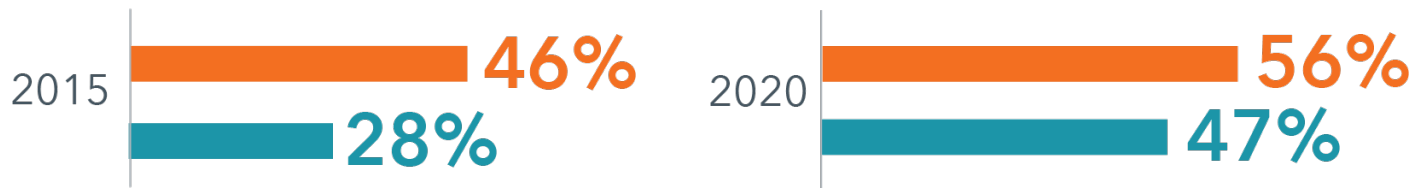


87% of Alaska households with children in ECL services report that it allows the adults to be employed

Access to early care & learning services is becoming increasingly difficult for Alaska families.

Difficulty accessing services has increased since 2015.

● Under 6 years of age ● 6 - 12 years of age



Difficulty finding care is greater in rural communities than urban areas.



For those households with children in ECL services, 52% found it difficult or very difficult to find services.

Child care is expensive and for many families not affordable.

Full-time center-based care for a family with two children can cost over **\$15,000** per year.

Average cost of care as a percentage of household income



Cost of care averages **17%** of household income each year for families with children



12% of household income for married couple households



23% of household income for single male households



34% of household income for single female households



Financial assistance from an employer or the government is used to help pay for ECL services for **12%** of children.

Child care services make a stable workforce possible.

16% of Alaska's residents can participate in the workforce because of ECL services, earning a higher income and enjoying a higher standard of living.



43,300

Parents and caregivers are in the workforce because of ECL services



\$1.9 billion

In wages are earned by parents and caregivers because of ECL services

\$41,000 ↑

Average increase in earnings for a two-parent household with the second parent in the labor force

\$62,000 ↑

Average earning for a single father able to participate in the labor force

\$50,000 ↑

Average earnings for a single mother able to participate in the labor force



1 in 5, or 22%, of Alaska's residents cannot fully participate in the labor force due to the cost, availability, or quality of ECL services.

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Businesses benefit from supporting employee child care needs.

8 out of 10 employees in Alaska report their employer accommodates at least some of their ECL needs.



● 49%
Very accommodating

● 9%
Not accommodating

● 32%
Somewhat accommodating

● 7%
Don't know/
refused



Employers who support employees with children benefit in a number of ways:

42%

Better employee retention

34%

Higher job satisfaction

12%

Greater productivity

6%

Reduced training costs/lower turnover

5%

Easier recruiting