



# childcare for Alaska's future

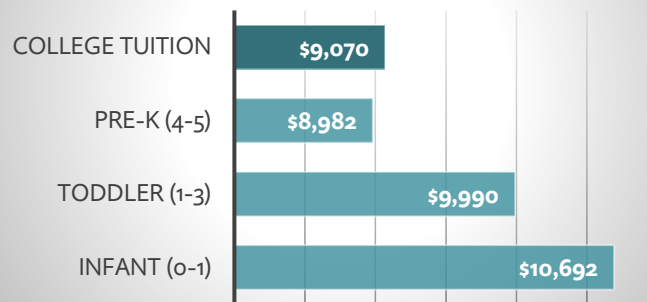
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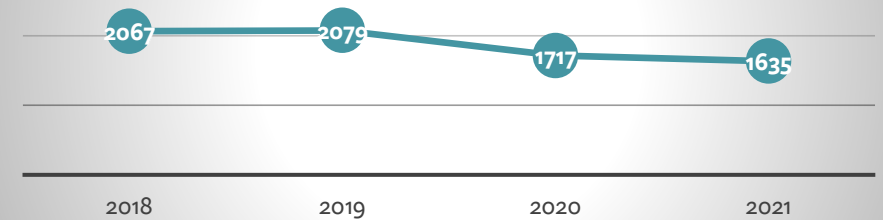
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The annual cost of childcare in Alaska is **more expensive** than a year of tuition and fees at UAA, UAF and UAS. As a result, parents are leaving the workforce to stay at home with young children.

## Average Annual Cost: Child Care vs. College



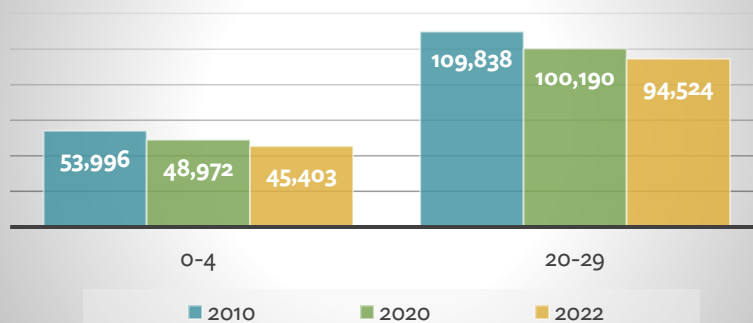
## Child Care Workforce



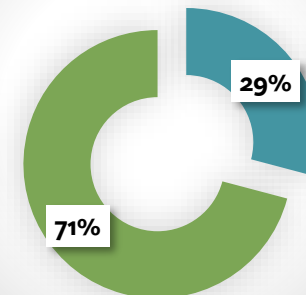
Alaska's childcare workforce **decreased 21%** between 2018 and 2021.

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 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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