



childcare for Alaska's future

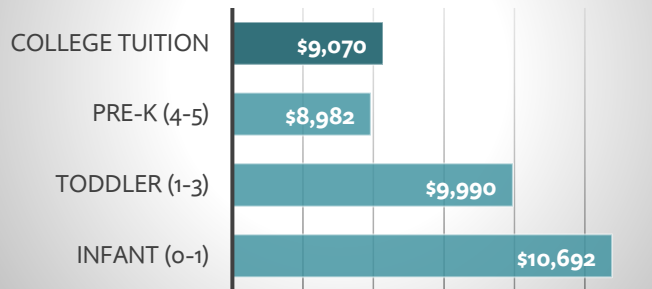
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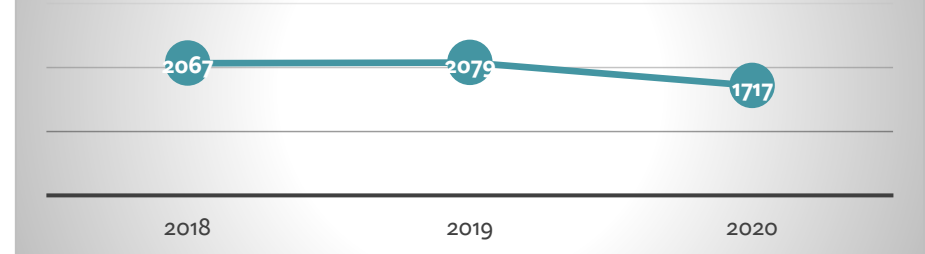
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The annual cost of childcare in Alaska is **more expensive** than a year of tuition and fees at UAA, UAF and UAS. As a result, parents are leaving the workforce to stay at home with young children.

Average Annual Cost: Child Care vs. College



Child Care Workforce

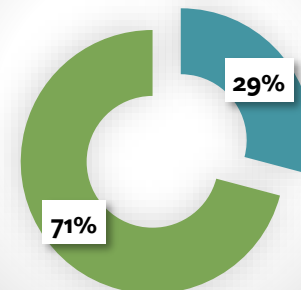


Alaska's childcare workforce **decreased 20%** between 2018 and 2020.

Improving Availability

Increasing Alaska's contribution to the Child Care Grant Program from **\$1.5M to \$15M annually** would increase wages from **\$15 to \$19.25 per hour**. Increased wages will improve retention of workers and increase childcare availability to Alaskan families.

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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