

Expand Quality Infant Toddler Child Care Programs

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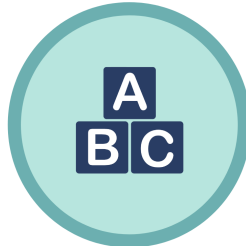


North Carolina is considered a “child care desert” when it comes to quality infant toddler child care, with more than three families with babies competing for every available licensed space.

CHILD CARE DESERTS EXIST ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE



On average, there is only **1** licensed child care space for every **5** babies.



Only **18.7%** of infants and toddlers can be served in the existing supply of programs.



1/3 of counties have 5 or fewer four- or five-star programs serving babies. **2** counties have 0 programs.

THERE ARE EXTREME SHORTAGES OF INFANT TODDLER CHILD CARE, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL COUNTIES



25 counties have 3-5 babies for every licensed child care space.

64 counties have 5 or more babies for every licensed child care space.

10 counties have 10 or more babies for every licensed child care space.

90%

of the counties with 5 or more babies for every licensed child care space are in rural Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties.

WORKING PARENTS WITH BABIES NEED ACCESS TO QUALITY INFANT TODDLER CARE

62%

of parents of infants and toddlers are working.



Access to quality child care allows parents to remain in the workforce and support their families.



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