

Florida's 2021 CHILD CARE SURVEY



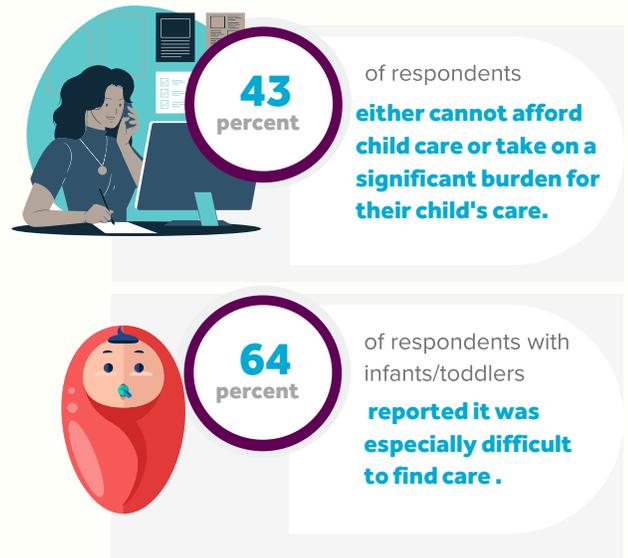
ABOUT THE SURVEY

The Children's Movement of Florida wanted a clear picture of the challenges families have encountered in their search for and experience with child care in Florida. In June and July 2021, we conducted online surveys in both English and Spanish. Here is a snapshot, including data points from our English-language respondents.

A full survey report will be available soon at www.childrensmovementflorida.org.

KEY FINDINGS

- 1 When defining quality, parents emphasize the student-teacher relationship and a safe and loving environment.
- 2 Parents mostly feel the quality of their child's care could improve.
- 3 Affordability is a top barrier to families accessing quality care.
- 4 Parents especially struggle to find care for infants and toddlers.



Today, with nearly \$3.5 billion of pandemic recovery funds allocated specifically to support child care and early learning in Florida, we have an opportunity to better meet the needs of children and families.

Let's invest more to support high-quality early learning, starting with our youngest learners. Addressing parent needs will positively impact prosperity in our state. Working parents make up 87% of Florida's workforce. When they can find and afford high-quality early learning for their children, we will see ripple effects across the whole economy.