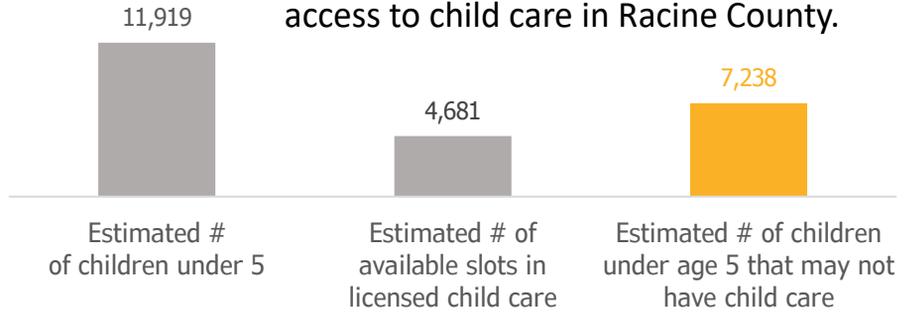


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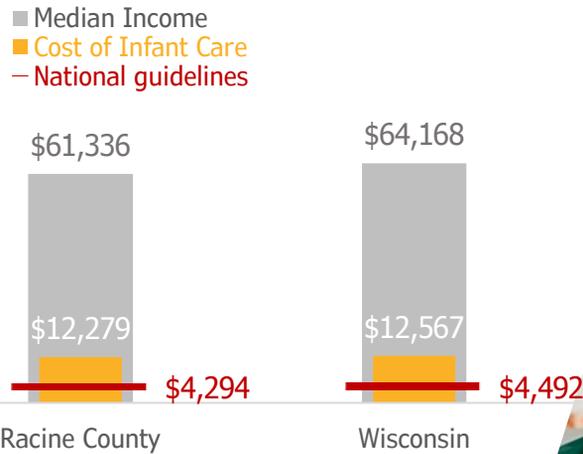
Availability of Care

OVER **7,000** children under age 5 may not have access to child care in Racine County.



Cost of Care

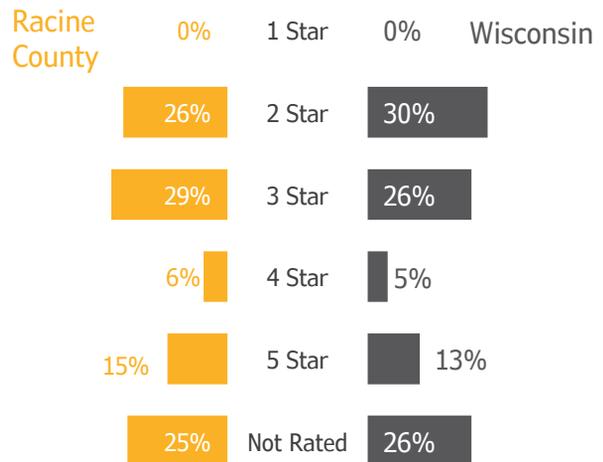
Infant care costs **\$12,279/year** in Racine County. That's 20% of the median income. National guidelines suggest that it should be 7%, or around **\$4,300**.



Quality of Care

ABOUT **15%** of child care is rated as 5 star in Racine County, compared to 13% at the state level.

Child care providers in WI can be rated from one to five stars. Five stars is the highest rating, meaning the provider meets most state standards.



Data Notes

- The number of children in Racine County under age 5 was from the United States Census Bureau 5-year estimate of the 2019 American Community Survey, Table DP05. Retrieved November 8, 2021 from <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=dp05&g=0400000US39&tid=ACSDP5Y2019.DP05>.
- The number of available child care slots for Racine County is an estimate calculated using the Licensed Child Care Directory published by the Department of Children and Families. Application type was limited to “Licensed Family” and “Licensed Group.” “From age” was limited to 0 to 4 years. Retrieved November 2021 from <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/lcc-directories>.
- Infant child care costs for the state of Wisconsin were retrieved from the Economic Policy Institute. Retrieved October 2021 from <https://www.epi.org/child-care-costs-in-the-united-states/#/WI>. Site last updated October 2020.
- Infant child care costs for Racine County were calculated using the Department of Children and Families 2017 Market Rate Survey. The average weekly price per slot for Racine County in age group 0-1 in group regulation type was multiplied by 52. Retrieved June 2020 from <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/2017-market-rate-survey-results-data.pdf>.
- The median household income for Racine County and the state of Wisconsin was from Data USA. Retrieved November 2021 from <https://datausa.io/>.
- The quality rating system for Wisconsin is called Youngstar. Participation in YoungStar is voluntary for child care providers that do not accept certain kinds of state funding, so not all providers participate in the program and receive a rating. Additional information is available at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>.
- The percentage of providers by star rating was calculated using the Licensed Child Care Directory published by the Department of Children and Families. Retrieved November 2021 from <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/lcc-directories>.