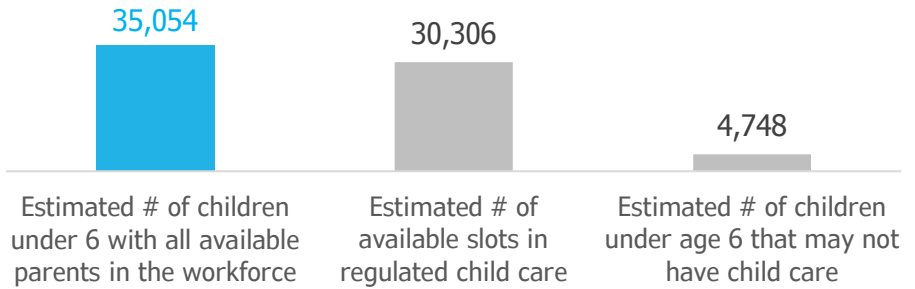


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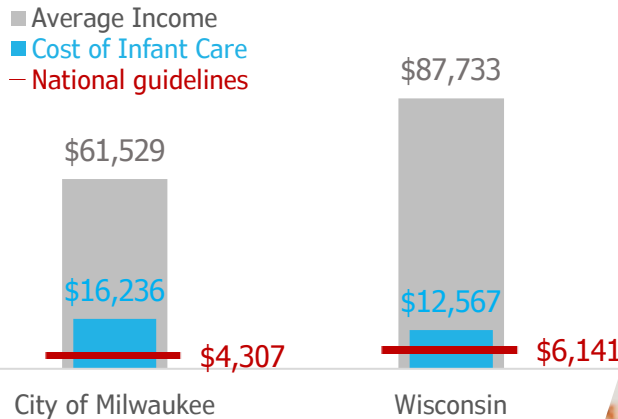
Availability of Care

ALMOST **5,000** children under age 6 may not have access to child care in Milwaukee.



Cost of Care

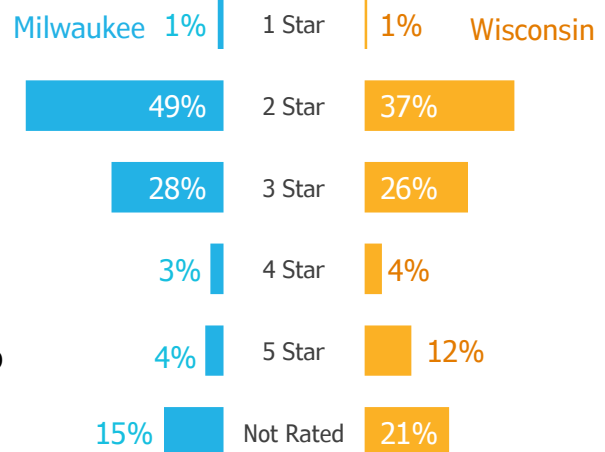
Infant care costs **\$16,236/year** in Milwaukee. That's 26% of the average income. National guidelines suggest that it should be 7%, or around **\$4,300**.



Quality of Care

ABOUT **4%** of child care is rated as 5 star in Milwaukee, compared to 12% 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 Milwaukee under age 6 was from the United States Census Bureau 5-year estimate of the 2021 American Community Survey, Table B23008. The number of children that may need child care was calculated by using “Living with both parents: Both parents in workforce”, “Living with father: In labor force”, and “Living with mother: In labor force”. Retrieved February 8, 2023 from <https://data.census.gov/table?g=1600000US5553000&d=ACS+5-Year+Estimates+Detailed+Tables&tid=ACSDT5Y2021.B23008>.
- The number of available child care slots for Milwaukee and the percentage of providers by star rating is an estimate calculated using the Licensed Child Care and Certified Child Care Directories published by the Department of Children and Families. Application type was limited to “Licensed Family”, “Licensed Group”, and “Public School”. “From age” was limited to 0 to 5 years. Includes Head Start but does not include school-based community learning centers. Retrieved December 2022 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 February 2023 from <https://www.epi.org/child-care-costs-in-the-united-states/#/WI>. Site last updated October 2020.
- Infant child care costs for Milwaukee were calculated using the Department of Children and Families 2022 Market Rate Survey. Special request; data not publicly available. The average weekly price per slot for Milwaukee County in age group 0-1 in group regulation type was multiplied by 52.
- The average household income for Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin was from the United States Census Bureau 5-year estimate of the 2021 American Community Survey, Table S1901. Retrieved February 2023 from https://data.census.gov/table?q=S1901&g=0400000US55_1600000US5553000&tid=ACSST5Y2021.S1901.
- 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>.

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