

Early Education

HAINES BY THE NUMBERS 2020

There is not enough child care to meet the needs of the community

There are **128** kids in Haines under the age of **5.5**. Nearly 95 percent of these children are without a stay-at-home parent and there are only enough licensed child care slots for two out of every five children in this age group. While family, friends and unlicensed programs provide some child care relief for a portion of the year, approximately one fourth of Haines' birth to 5.5 year olds are in unknown child care situations. Children in unknown child care situations are considered those who are not enrolled in a licensed care facility and have all parents working.

There is estimated to be **one licensed child care space for every 12 infants and toddlers**. With just **4%** of infants and toddlers estimated to have at least one stay at home parent, **more than half of Haines' infants and toddlers are in unknown child care situations**. Lack of affordable, quality child care can often restrict household employment.

Low Wages Continue for Child Care Workers

In 2018, the average child care workers in Haines earned just **\$22,992**, just above **one third** the wage of a Haines kindergarten teacher. Childcare workers have no summer or winter vacations and likely no health insurance or retirement benefits.

\$22,992

Average Haines Child Care Wage

\$53,772

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\$61,207

Average Haines Kindergarten Teacher Salary

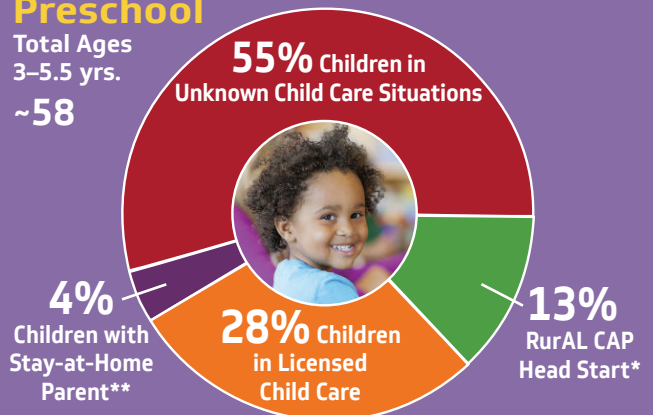
With an annual income of **\$31,160** needed to afford a one-bedroom unit in Haines, child care workers don't earn enough to pay the rent. (Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition). Low wages make attracting and retaining qualified educational professionals for child care positions difficult.



More Licensed Child Care is Needed

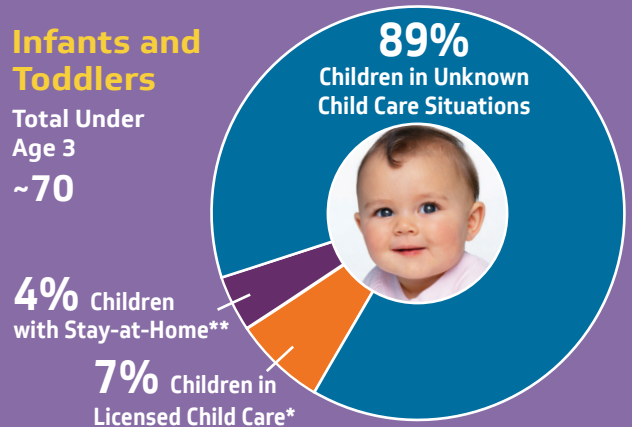
Preschool

Total Ages 3-5.5 yrs.
~58



Infants and Toddlers

Total Under Age 3
~70



* Some children attend multiple programs part-time.

** Children with stay-at-home parents is a 5 year average from the American Community Survey 2013-2017 and does not include parents that work from home.



Haines Child Care BY THE NUMBERS JANUARY 2020

128	Haines Population Under Age 5.5 2018 ¹
52	Total Licensed Child Care Slots in Haines 2019 ³
5	Number of Infant/Toddler Spaces 2019 ³
2 to 5	Ratio of Licensed Child Care Slots to Children Under the age of 5.5 ³
\$22,992	Average Annual Child Care Wage in Haines 2018 ¹
\$53,772	Average Annual Wage in Haines 2018 ¹
\$61,207	Average Annual Kindergarten School Teacher Wage in Haines 2018 ⁴
5	Total Child Care Workers in Haines (in Licensed Facilities) 2019 ³
3	Child Care Workers with Child Development Assoc. or 12+ Credits 2019 ³
60%	Child Care Teachers that meet Qualifications ³
\$8,420	Average Annual Child Care Cost Per Child 2017 ⁵
29%	Children ready for Kindergarten 2019 ⁷
39%	Alaska Children 5 and under with one or more Adverse Childhood Experiences ⁶

Sources: **1** Alaska Department of Labor Census; **2** U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates B23008; **3** AEYC; **4** 2017-2020 HSD Salary Schedule; **5** 2017 Alaska Child Care Market Price Survey Report; **6** 2017 National Survey of Children's Health; **7** Alaska Department of Education & Early Development



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