

CHILD CARE GAP MAP FACT SHEET

The Economic Impact of America's Child Care Gap

In the United States there are **14,824,878** children in potential need of child care. Unfortunately, there are only **10,833,062** available child care slots within a reasonable driving distance, resulting in a gap of **4.2 million**.

The gap costs the U.S. economy billions

For every child care slot parents need but cannot access, the economy loses between **\$52,000 and \$79,000 each year**, stemming from reduced workforce participation, lower productivity, decreased household earnings, impact on business earnings, and tax losses.

10-Year Economic Loss

\$216-\$329 Billion

AT A GLANCE

4.2 million children lack reasonable-distance access to child care

28.2% child care gap limits economic potential

URBAN IMPACT

2.9 million children without access (27.1% gap)

RURAL IMPACT

1.2 million children without access (31.5% gap)



Visit childcaregap.org to map the gap and view the impact by state, county, congressional districts, and more.



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