

Juneau Child Care By The Numbers, 2013

Everything you need to know regarding Juneau child care

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Access to quality child care in Juneau was identified as the number one Strategic Issue facing the community in 2012 by Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships.



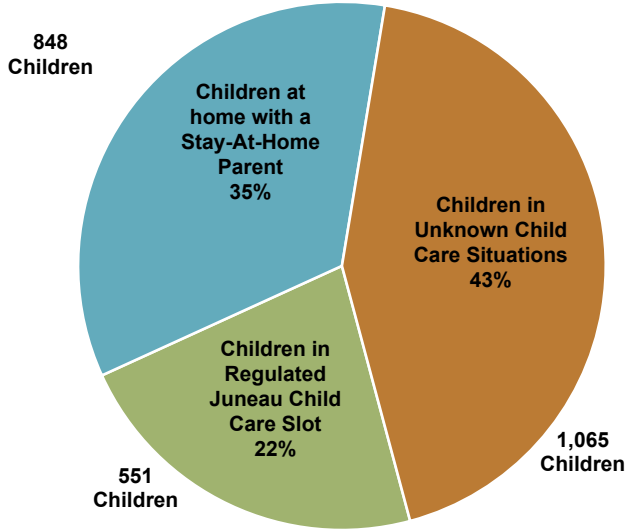
JUNEAU POPULATION UNDER AGE SIX 2012¹	2,464
TOTAL LICENSED CHILD CARE SLOTS IN JUNEAU 2013³	551
JUNEAU CHILDREN UNDER AGE SIX IN UNKNOWN CHILD CARE SITUATIONS 2012²	1,065
JUNEAU CHILDREN UNDER SIX: PERCENT WITH NO STAY-AT-HOME PARENT⁴	66%
RATIO OF LICENSED CHILD CARE SLOTS TO CHILDREN UNDER SIX⁴	1 TO 4.5
AVERAGE ANNUAL CHILD CARE COST PER CHILD 2010³	\$9,184
AVERAGE ANNUAL CHILD CARE WAGES IN JUNEAU 2012¹	\$23,650
AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES IN JUNEAU 2011¹	\$45,216
AVERAGE ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL TEACHER WAGES IN JUNEAU 2012¹	\$66,510
SALARY NEEDED TO AFFORD THE FAIR MARKET RENT FOR A 2-BEDROOM APT⁵	\$53,040
TURNOVER RATE FOR ALL JUNEAU CHILD CARE WORKERS 2012³	97%
ANNUAL CHILD CARE TURNOVER RATE IN ALASKA 2012⁶	46%
ANNUAL CHILD CARE TURNOVER RATE NATIONALLY⁷	33%
TOTAL CHILD CARE WORKERS IN JUNEAU 2013³	124
CHILD CARE WORKERS WITH A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE OR AT LEAST 12 2013³	20

Sources: 1 Alaska Department of Labor; 2 American Community Survey; 3 AEYC; 4 Sheinberg Associates analysis; 5 National Low Income Housing Coalition; 6 Institute of Medicine and National Research Council; 7 NAEYC

Juneau Child Care Challenges

There are several key challenges that limit the amount and quality of child care in Juneau

Total Juneau Kids Under Kindergarten Age = 2,464



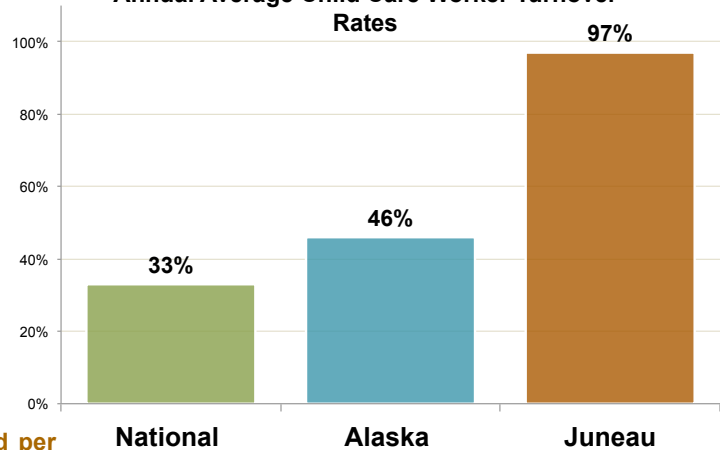
Not enough child care to meet the needs of the community

There are more than 2,400 kids in Juneau under kindergarten age, but only enough child care slots in approved or licensed child care facilities to take fewer than one in five of these children.

Since two-thirds of Juneau children under the age of six live in households with no stay at home parent, that means that nearly half (1,065) of our birth to 5 year olds are in unknown child care situations. Local surveys have confirmed the high usage of non-regulated child care in Juneau.

High Turnover Rates

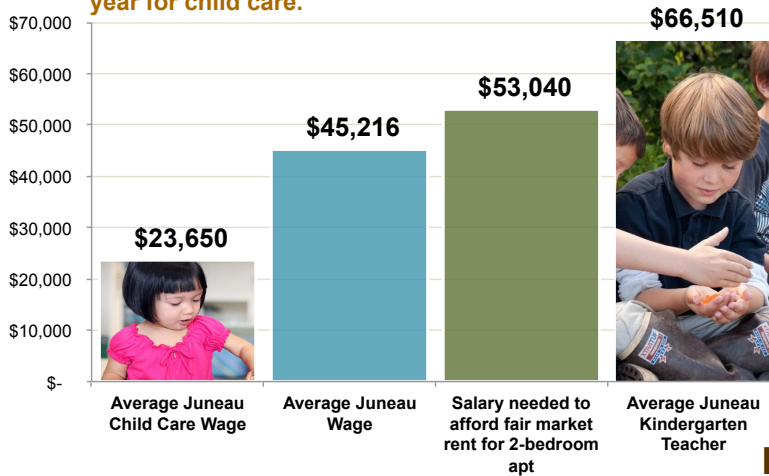
Annual Average Child Care Worker Turnover Rates



The 2012 turnover rate for child care workers in Juneau was 97% for Juneau childcare programs community wide. This compares to 46% statewide and 33% nationally. High turnover rates are blamed on the low compensation received by Juneau child care workers, combined with the high costs of living.

Low Wages and High Costs

Juneau parents pay an average of \$9,184 per child per year for child care.



Juneau's average wage is twice the average child care wage in Juneau. Despite the fact that Juneau parents pay an average of more than \$9,000 per child per year for child care services, kindergarten teachers were paid 2.8 times more than childcare workers. Unlike elementary school teachers, child care workers have no summer or winter vacations, and likely not getting benefits, such as health insurance or retirement.

While the average annual wage for a child care worker in Juneau was \$23,650 in 2012, the wage needed to be able to afford a two bedroom apartment in Juneau was \$53,040.

Low Child Care Worker Credentials

For every 6 Juneau child care workers in the field, there is only one with basic child development credentials. "Basic child development credential" refers to obtainment of a Child Development Associate or at least 12 credits in Early Childhood Education.

