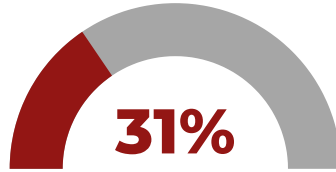


Child Care Barriers for Black Pregnant and Parenting Families in St. Louis

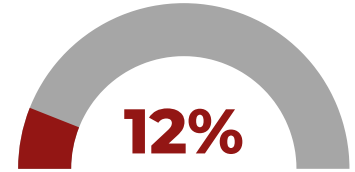
Logistical Barriers

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In a perfect world, child care would be in the neighborhood with plenty of staff and educational and nutritional resources.



31% of St. Louis families are unable to secure a child care slot, representing over 20,870 children.



12% of providers offer non-standard hours of care, accounting for only 8 open slots per 100 children who need that care.

Economic Barriers

The financial burden of paying for child care is highest on Black families.

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The expense of child care puts families in a position of having to make choices about housing, food, transportation, savings, and more.

\$44,700

Average annual income of Black, single-parent families in Missouri and an average of 2 to 3 children.

\$626

Median monthly child care cost per child in St. Louis. The average financial burden on these families is 28% of household income and may be even higher in some cases.



COVID-19 Barriers

960+

child care centers have closed in Missouri since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of which were in North St. Louis City and County.

Necessary safety and hygiene precautions can be a burden on child care facilities.