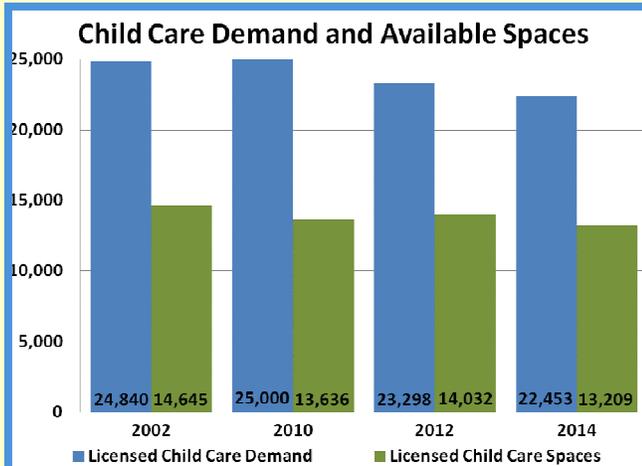


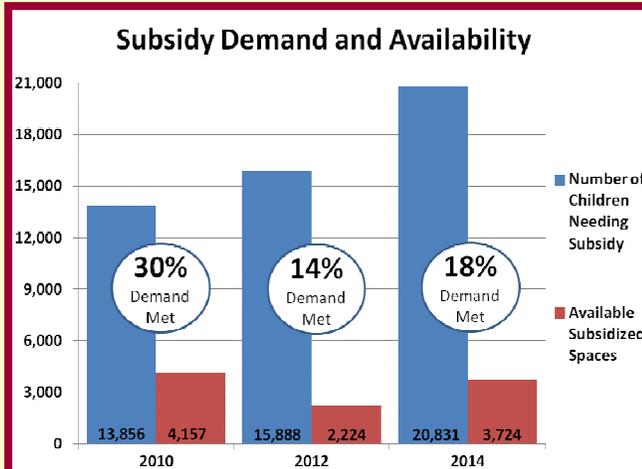
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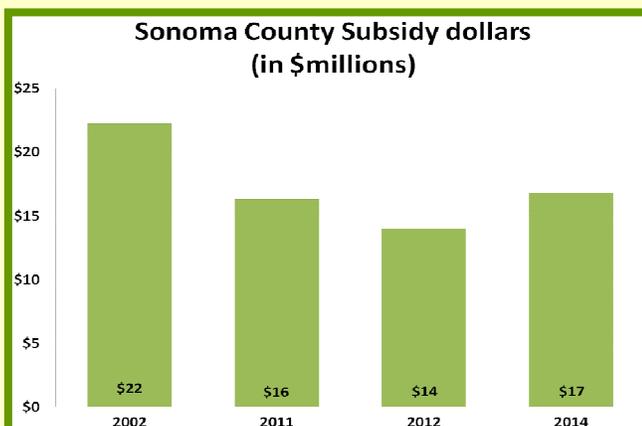
Notes: For 0-12 year-olds, supply has met only 55-60% of demand over the past 12 years (59% of demand in 2014). These supply numbers reflect licensed capacity, but not all facilities choose to enroll to maximum capacity, so the supply gap is even greater. Although there is more demand than there are spaces available, some facilities still have openings, as available child care may not meet families' needs for affordability, child's age, geographic location, hours, type of service, quality, etc.

Data sources: The Economic Impact of the Child Care Industry in Sonoma County, 2002 & 2012; Child Care Needs Assessment, Sonoma County - 2009 & 2014 Draft; CA Resource and Referral Network Portfolio (does not include license-exempt center spaces)



Notes: Child care subsidy slots increased somewhat in 2014, however the numbers of children eligible for slots increased significantly. The 2014-2015 State Budget approved partial restoration of subsidy funding, but only about 1/4 of the funding that was lost.

Data source: Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County—2012 and 2014 Zip Code Priorities, American Institute for Research



Notes: After a \$3 million increase in subsidy funding in Sonoma County in 2013-2014, funding is still only at 77% of pre-recession levels.

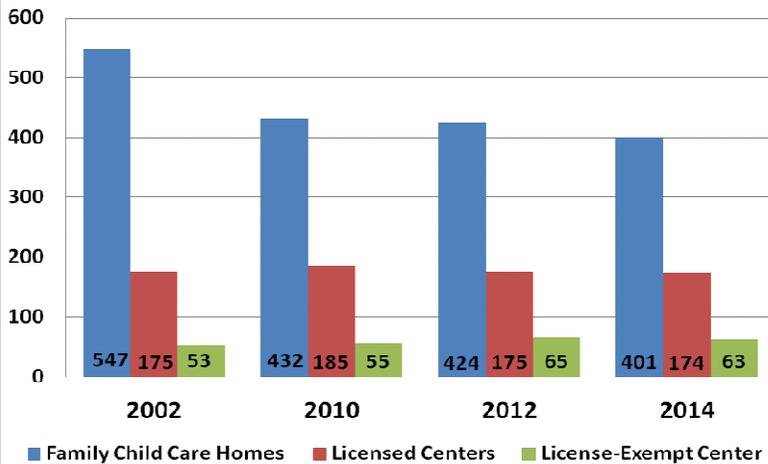
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## Changes in Child Care Supply



**Notes:** In 2014, Sonoma County began to recover from the recession, but numbers of child care facilities continued to decrease.

**Data sources:** Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, River to Coast Children's Services.

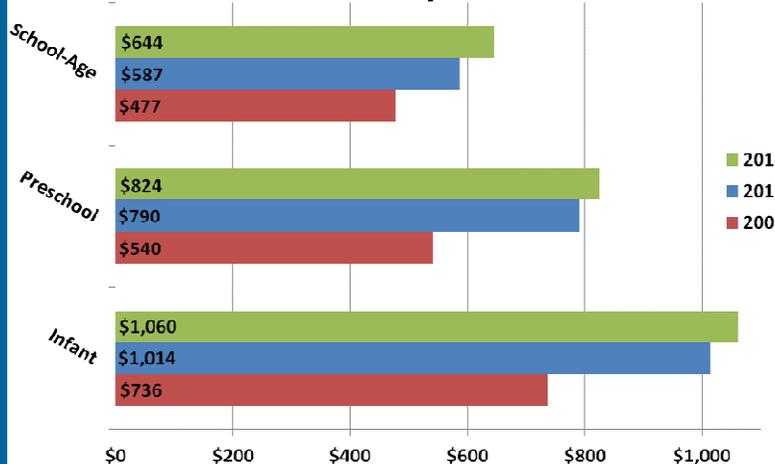
## Use of License-Exempt Individuals Providing Care in Alternative Payment Contracts

From all Alternative Payment agencies	2012	2013
Number of License-Exempt AP Providers	461	199
Total AP providers	926	531
% LE Providers	50%	37%

**Notes:** Families receiving subsidy in the Alternative Payment Programs can choose care in licensed facilities or with license-exempt individuals (family, friends and neighbors). Families often choose license-exempt care for evenings, weekends, varying schedules and infant care. Factors that explain the drop in use of license-exempt care may include: fewer infants in care, lower provider payment rates and/or licensed provider expansions of days and hours.

**Data sources:** Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, Family Youth and Children's Services/SCHSD, River to Coast Children's Services, SonomaWORKS/SCHSD

## Average Full-Time Monthly Cost of Care in Child Development Center



**Notes:** For a family earning the county median income with two children, child care costs comprise 29% of household income. Based on a minimum wage of \$9/hr, child care costs for one preschooler will be 53% of a single parent's gross income.

**Data sources:** Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, River to Coast Children's Services, 2013 Child Care Portfolio—CA Child Care R&R Network