

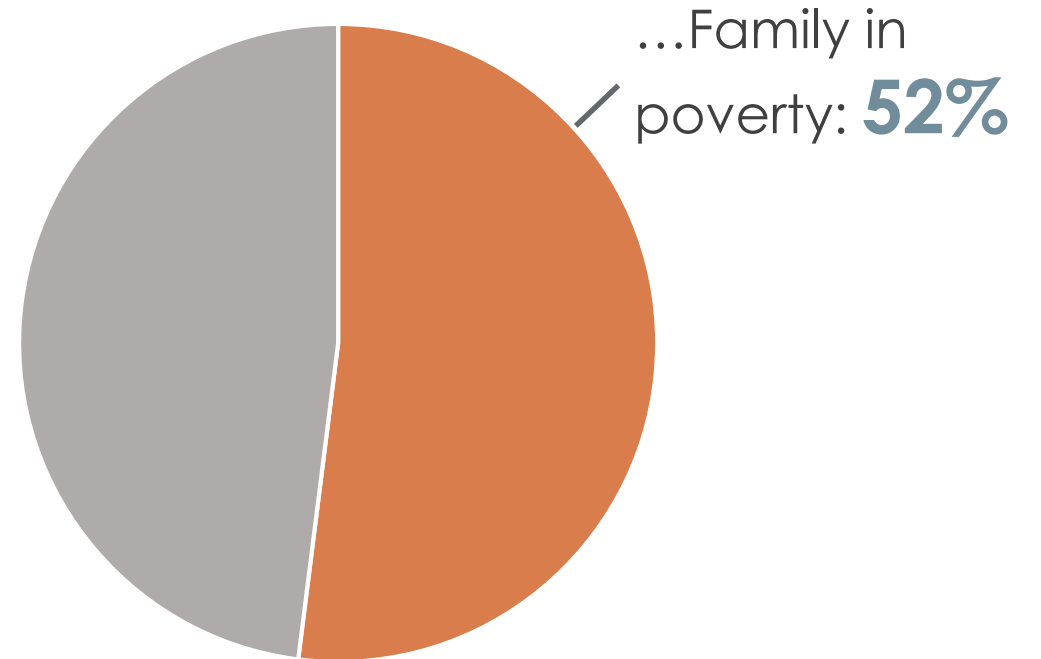
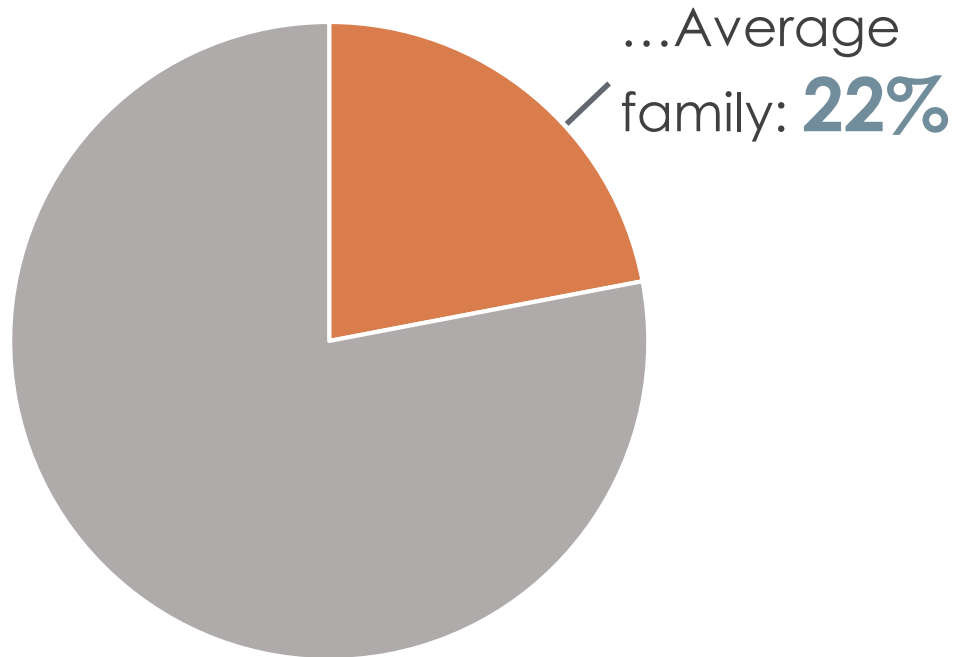
Child Care in Texas:

Barriers to Access and Impacts on Families

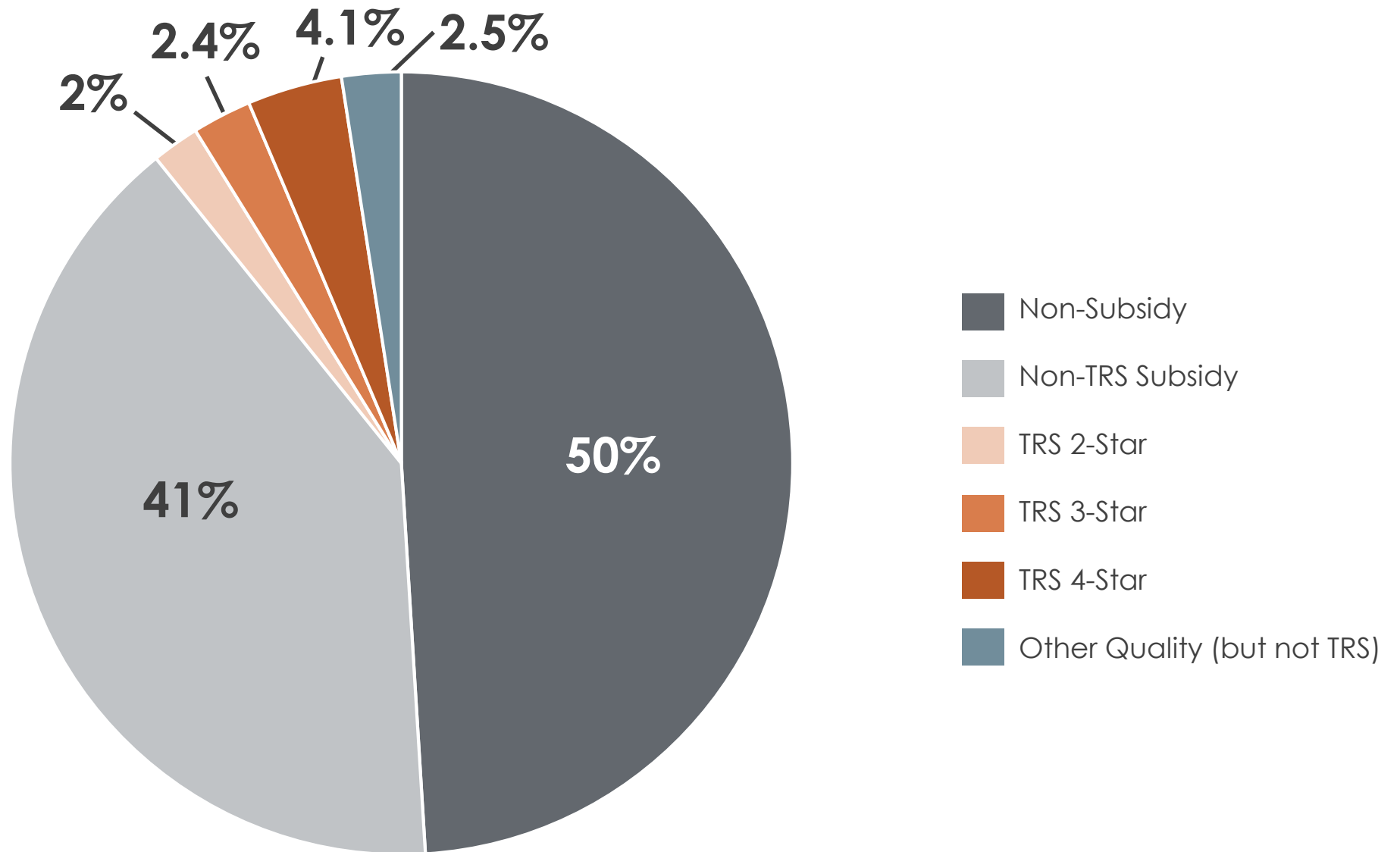
children
at Risk

High costs put child care out of reach for many Texas families.

Portion of income going to child care, for...



A family of 4 with **one infant and one toddler** can expect to pay much more for child care than the federally recommended **7%** of annual income.



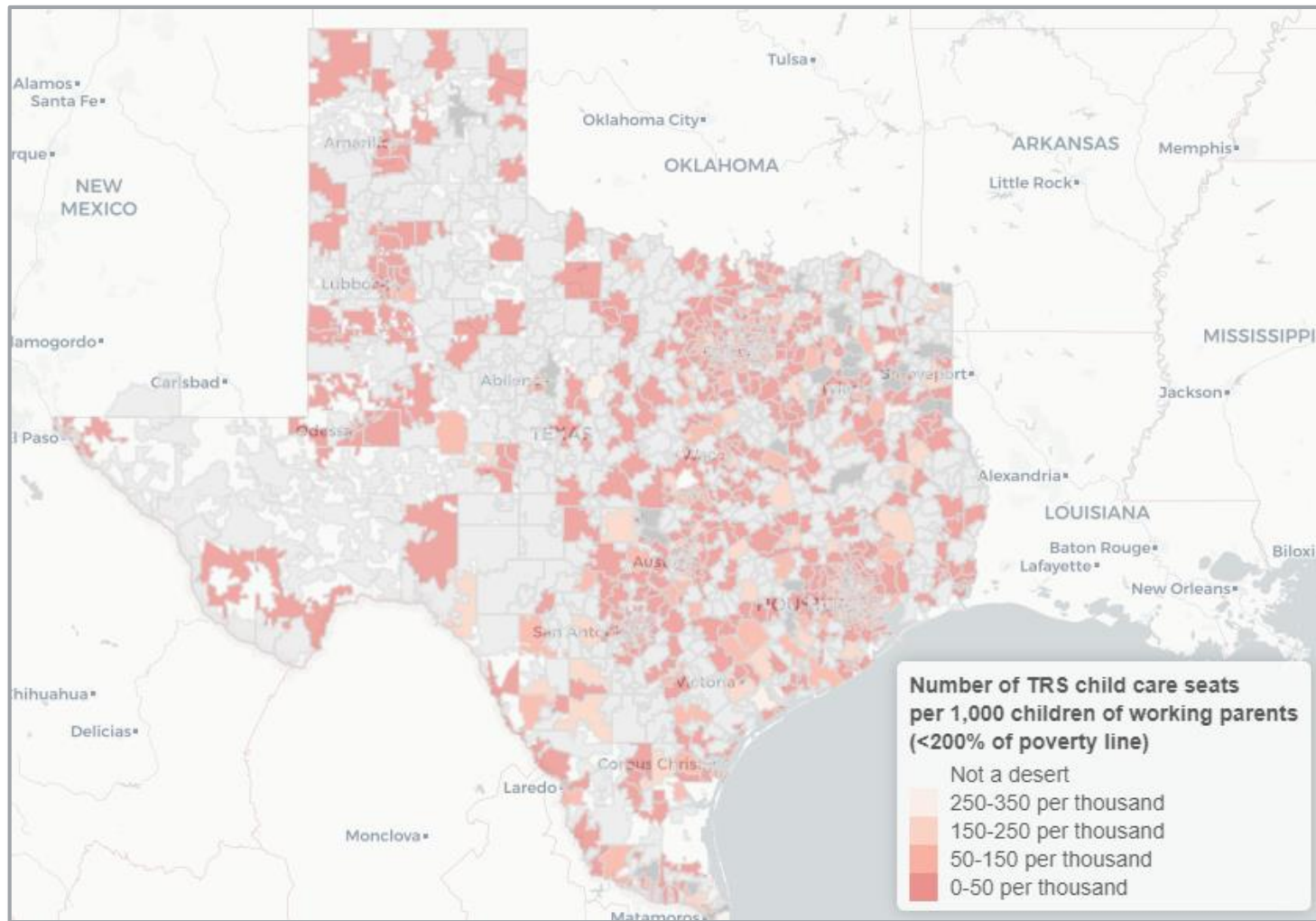
Child Care Providers in Texas by Quality Certification

Texas Rising Star Deserts

74% of eligible children* in Texas live in a subsidized child care desert.

95% live in a TRS desert.

**Children under 6 with low-income, working parents*



Male vs. Female Workforce Participation



95% of men living with children under 5 in Texas participate in the workforce.



Compared to only **61%** of women with young children.

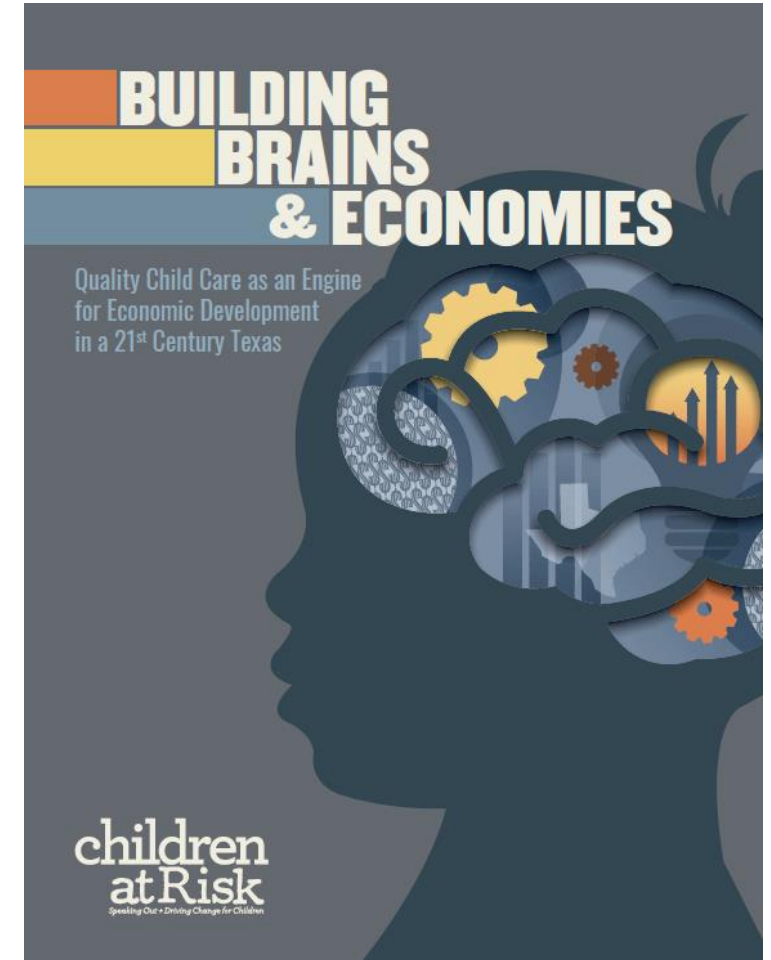
70% of non-working middle-skill workers in the DFW region cite **child care as a top 5 reason** for not participating in the workforce.

These workforce participation gaps between parents living with young kids vary across racial/ethnic groups.

Racial/Ethnic Group	Male Workforce Participation	Female Workforce Participation
Latino	96%	56%
Asian	96%	57%
White	96%	64%
Other	95%	69%
Black	91%	79%

Systems-Change Recommendations

- Expand public **Pre-K/TRS child care partnerships**.
- Grow partnerships between 2- and 4-year colleges to build **career pathways for teachers**.
- Partner with nonprofits and businesses to stabilize **child care businesses**.
- Enroll more **infants and toddlers** in TRS 4-Star care.
- Partner with researchers to understand the **cost of quality** and **reimburse accordingly**.



86th Texas Legislative Session

Understand
government
**investment &
impact.**

SB 1002

HB 680

Connect
publicly-
funded **data
systems.**

SB 1002

HB 680

**Improve
coordination**
with Child
Care
Licensing.

Bill TBA

Improve
supply through
**contract
agreements.**

Bill TBA

Meaningful
**Professional
Development.**

Bill TBA

CHILDREN AT RISK has drafted several bills this legislative session to improve Texas's early childhood education system.

Other Child Care Bills this Session

Safety Regulations

SB 568 (Huffman): Enhanced **penalties/fines** for licensing violations, strengthen **licensing renewal** process, and other licensing changes.

SB 569 (Huffman): Establish standards for **listed family homes**.

SB 705-707 (Watson): Strengthen **reporting, monitoring,** and **teacher training** to reduce child death/neglect.

SB 706 (Watson)/ HB1431 (Guerra): Establish **investigative unit for unlicensed child care facilities**.

SB 707 (Watson)/HB 459 (Hernandez): Requiring **video surveillance**.

Safety Data Collection

SB 708 (Zaffirini)/HB 1682 (Raney): Collect/report **child to teacher ratio** information and **other safety data** from child care providers.

Improved Standards

HB 1808 (Lucio): Update standards for **nutrition, physical activity,** and **screen time** in child care facilities.

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