

WASHINGTON STATE  
**Child Wellness Survey**

**2024-2025**

The 2024-2025 Washington Child Wellness Survey (CWS) asked Washington families about their children aged 0-5. Parents and caregivers answered questions about their child's wellbeing. King County families participated in the Best Starts for Kids Health Survey instead, but those results are added to CWS data to show statewide trends.

**Primary Source of Childcare**



**39%**

Parent(s) or only occasional care is needed



**20%**

Child care center or full-day preschool



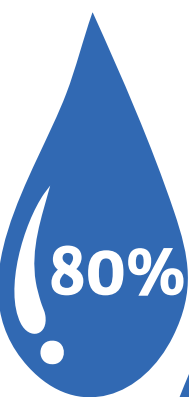
**9%**

Kindergarten

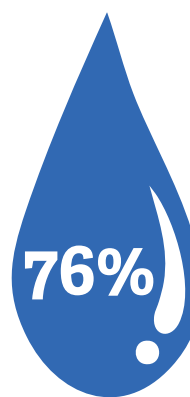
These are the top three responses. Other types of child care include babysitters, Pre-K, neighbors and more.

**Child Care Environment**

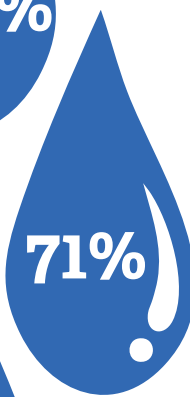
Percent of families that feel their child's care is excellent in...



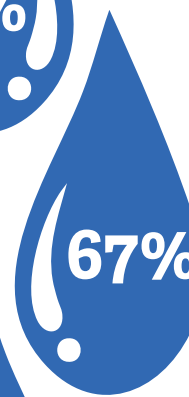
providing safety for their children



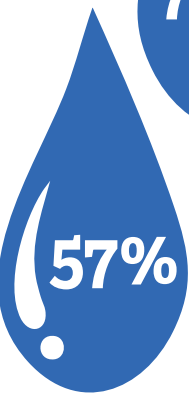
providing a nurturing environment



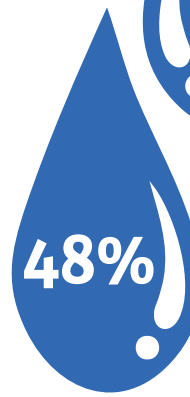
meeting cultural/language needs



helping their child be ready for school



Providing flexibility for parents



meeting their budgets

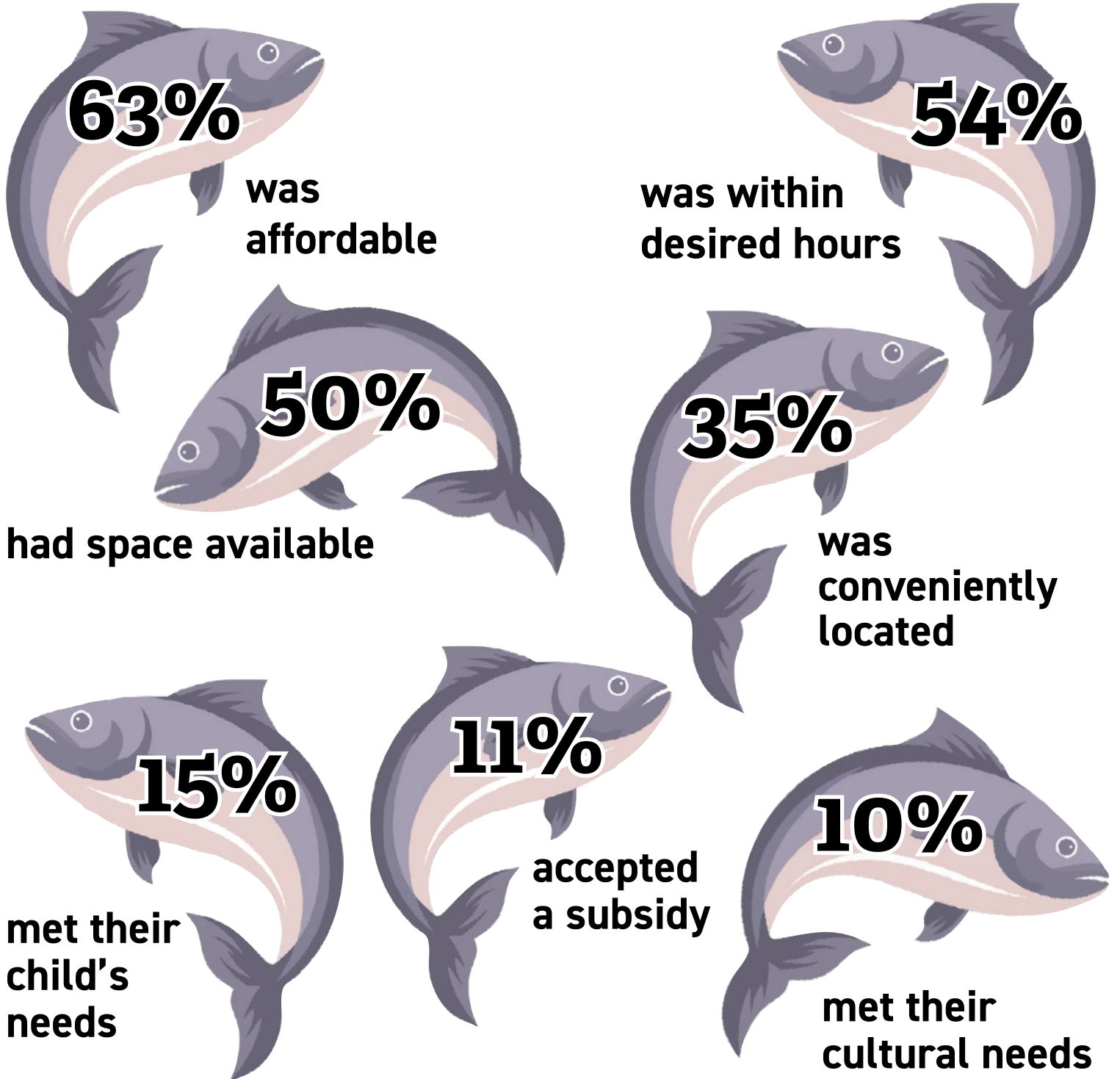


# Child Care Challenges

**26%**

of families experienced challenges finding child care that met their family's needs

Percent of families that feel their child's care is excellent in...



## Impact of Unreliable Child Care

