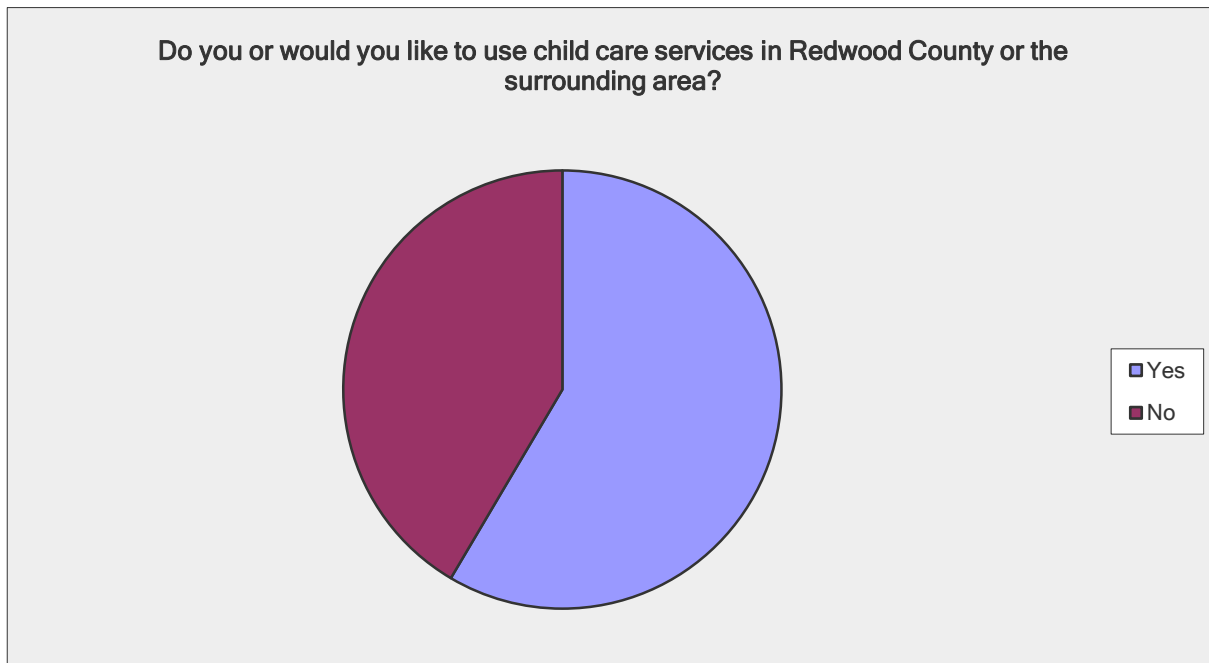


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Do you or would you like to use child care services in Redwood County or the surrounding area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	58.5%	168
No	41.5%	119
	<i>answered question</i>	287
	<i>skipped question</i>	1



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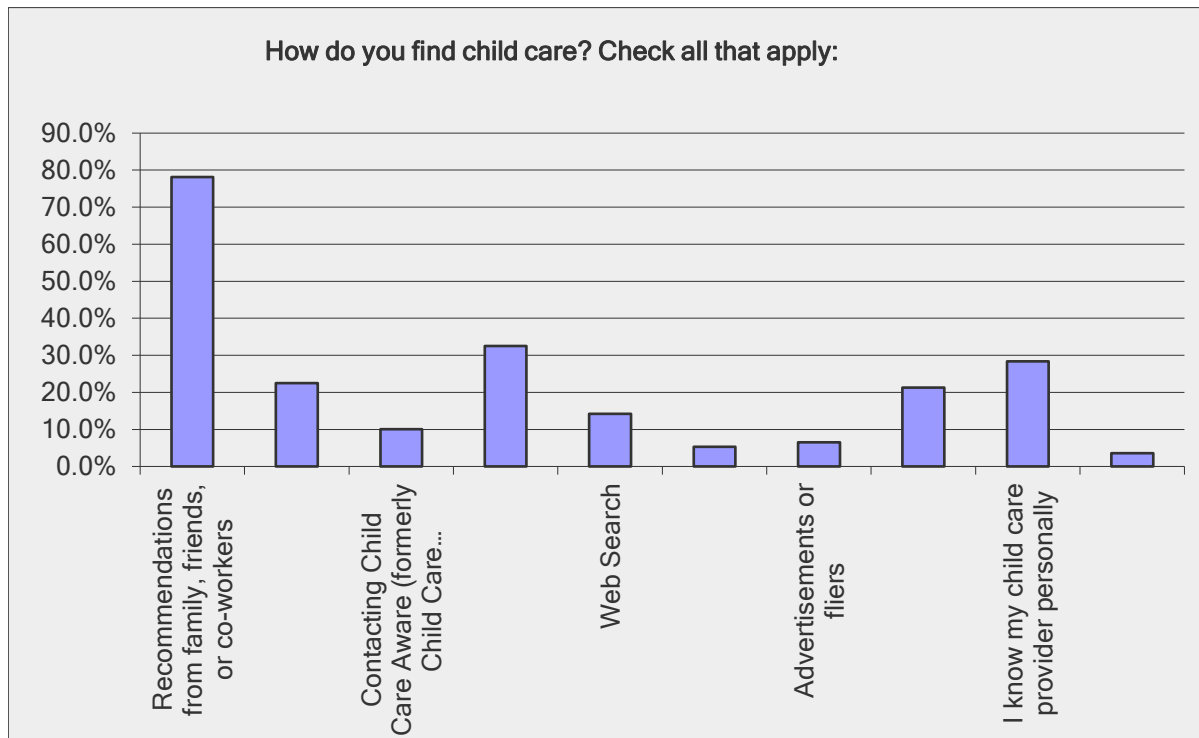
How do you find child care? Check all that apply:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Recommendations from family,	78.1%	132
Recommendations from previous	22.5%	38
Contacting Child Care Aware	10.1%	17
Redwood County Department of	32.5%	55
Web Search	14.2%	24
On-line child care website	5.3%	9
Advertisements or fliers	6.5%	11
Child care programs in the	21.3%	36
I know my child care provider	28.4%	48
Chamber of Commerce	3.6%	6
Other (please specify)		17
<i>answered question</i>		169
<i>skipped question</i>		119

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	I do not have children so this survey does not apply to me.	
2	Jun 27, 2016 4:53 PM	school child care	
3	Jun 27, 2016 4:39 PM	Calling all of the registered child care providers	
4	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids.	
5	Jun 22, 2016 5:48 PM	Word of mouth	
6	Jun 22, 2016 12:09 PM	Spouse is a provider I got lucky with my daycare, she happen to be starting up when i needed daycare.	
7	Jun 21, 2016 3:01 PM	Otherwise i would still be looking	
8	Jun 20, 2016 3:30 PM	Ask friends to watch the kids	
9	Jun 20, 2016 2:32 PM	Facebook	
10	Jun 17, 2016 3:11 AM	Multiple family members care for my children	

We took what we could find when we needed it. We have been lucky to find a good provider that was just opening when we were searching for a new provider once our old

- 11 Jun 17, 2016 3:02 AM one closed.
- 12 Jun 16, 2016 9:34 PM State license look up
- 13 Jun 16, 2016 6:39 PM MN state web site of licensed childcare providers
- 14 Jun 16, 2016 6:09 PM Playzone was the only place that had infant availability when I needed it
- 15 Jun 16, 2016 5:26 PM I called Health & Human Services for a list of providers in the county as well.
- 16 Jun 16, 2016 3:58 PM St. John's has child care
- 17 Jun 16, 2016 2:57 PM Jakpot Junction Playzone childcare services



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Are you currently using child care services? If yes, please identify the type of services you use:

of children

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Response Count
Infant (Birth to 11 months)	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
Toddler (11 to 36 months)	54	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	59
Preschool (3 to 5 years)	60	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	72
After School Care (K-6th grade)	27	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
After School Care (7-9th grade)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Summer Care	12	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27

											Question Totals	
											<i>answered question</i>	137
											<i>skipped question</i>	151

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Please mark the type of child care needed:

of children

Answer Options	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Response Count
Full Time	3	64	39	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	114
Half days (5 days a week)	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Partial Week (2 or 3 times per week)	1	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
After School Care	0	26	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Early mornings or Evenings/Late night	0	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Overnight Care	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sick Child Care	0	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
Summer Care	2	15	18	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40

	Question Totals
What specific hours do you need child care?	135
	<i>answered question</i> 157
	<i>skipped question</i> 131

Number	Response Date	What specific hours do you need child
1	Jul 9, 2016 6:38 AM	6am to 6 pm
2	Jul 8, 2016 3:08 PM	07/15/2016
3	Jul 8, 2016 2:48 PM	07/15/2016
4	Jul 8, 2016 11:27 AM	7am-5pm
5	Jul 8, 2016 4:11 AM	Only when I sub so more of a drop in type care
6	Jul 8, 2016 3:25 AM	08/05/2016
7	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	I do not have children.
8	Jul 6, 2016 1:46 PM	6:30 a - 5:30 p Monday-Friday
9	Jul 5, 2016 8:37 PM	24-32
10	Jul 1, 2016 5:26 PM	4 to 2:30

11 Jun 30, 2016 1:43 PM 3am to 3pm
12 Jun 30, 2016 3:12 AM 2 pm - 5 pm
13 Jun 29, 2016 3:55 AM 4 pm to 3:15 am
14 Jun 29, 2016 3:43 AM unknown at this point in time.
15 Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM none
16 Jun 29, 2016 3:14 AM 06/04/2016
17 Jun 29, 2016 2:53 AM 4pm to 11pm is the time slot we most need filled
18 Jun 28, 2016 6:19 PM 7:30am to 4:30pm
19 Jun 28, 2016 2:50 PM 7:30am-5pm
20 Jun 28, 2016 11:30 AM 4 pm - 2:30 am
21 Jun 27, 2016 9:28 PM Dont have children yet
22 Jun 27, 2016 9:16 PM 5:30am -4:45pm
23 Jun 27, 2016 7:58 PM 7am-5:00pm
24 Jun 27, 2016 4:55 PM 7 am to 6 pm
25 Jun 27, 2016 4:39 PM 7:30 - 4:30
26 Jun 27, 2016 4:39 PM 7:45 - 4:45
27 Jun 27, 2016 4:34 PM 6:45 AM- 5:15 PM
28 Jun 27, 2016 1:41 PM 745AM-5PM
29 Jun 23, 2016 9:27 PM 07/15/2016
30 Jun 23, 2016 8:01 PM 7am-6pm
every other week 2
31 Jun 23, 2016 6:20 PM days and every
32 Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM no kids.
33 Jun 23, 2016 4:30 PM 5am-6pm
34 Jun 23, 2016 3:23 PM 5:30am-5pm
35 Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM 4pm-12am
36 Jun 22, 2016 8:51 PM 730-545
37 Jun 22, 2016 7:02 PM 7:30am-5:30pm
38 Jun 22, 2016 7:01 PM 07/15/2016
39 Jun 22, 2016 6:58 PM 08/04/2016
40 Jun 22, 2016 6:31 PM
41 Jun 22, 2016 6:14 PM 730 to 5
42 Jun 22, 2016 6:12 PM School Hours
43 Jun 22, 2016 6:12 PM 8:30AM - 4:00PM
44 Jun 22, 2016 6:07 PM 730-500
45 Jun 22, 2016 6:07 PM 730 to 5
46 Jun 22, 2016 6:07 PM 7-5:00

47	Jun 22, 2016 6:05 PM	7am-5pm
48	Jun 22, 2016 5:57 PM	6:30am-6:30pm
49	Jun 22, 2016 5:48 PM	07/15/2016
50	Jun 22, 2016 5:29 PM	7:30 A.M - 5:00 p.m.
51	Jun 22, 2016 3:07 PM	7am-4pm
52	Jun 21, 2016 4:05 PM	3-6 during school year, 8-4 in summer
53	Jun 21, 2016 3:58 PM	07/15/2016
54	Jun 21, 2016 3:01 PM	08/05/2016
55	Jun 20, 2016 6:35 PM	school and one will go to kindergarten this year - other 2 will
56	Jun 20, 2016 4:25 PM	7:30 to 5:00
57	Jun 20, 2016 4:05 PM	7:30 - 5pm
58	Jun 20, 2016 3:56 PM	07/15/2016 7:30 am - 5 pm - 2 older go to school but need before and after care. I can
59	Jun 20, 2016 3:43 PM	find child care for school age, I am
60	Jun 20, 2016 3:37 PM	7:30AM TO 5PM
61	Jun 20, 2016 3:33 PM	7 am. to 5:30 pm.
62	Jun 20, 2016 2:32 PM	8am-5pm
63	Jun 20, 2016 12:28 PM	07/15/2016
64	Jun 20, 2016 11:41 AM	07/15/2016
65	Jun 19, 2016 12:41 PM	08/04/2016
66	Jun 18, 2016 5:36 AM	07/05/2016
67	Jun 18, 2016 4:18 AM	07/15/2016
68	Jun 17, 2016 7:53 PM	08/05/2016
69	Jun 17, 2016 6:42 PM	8am-330 school hours
70	Jun 17, 2016 6:39 PM	M-F 7:30-4:30
71	Jun 17, 2016 6:00 PM	8:30am-5pm
72	Jun 17, 2016 3:50 AM	07/15/2016
73	Jun 17, 2016 3:41 AM	6am-230pm
74	Jun 17, 2016 3:11 AM	Rotating 12 hr shifts 7a-730p, 7p-7:30a; one child has split time with her dad and is in the metro area
75	Jun 17, 2016 3:02 AM	6:45am-8pm
76	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	03/06/2016
77	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	7am-5pm
78	Jun 17, 2016 1:25 AM	6;45am till 7:45 pm
79	Jun 17, 2016 1:10 AM	07/15/2016
80	Jun 17, 2016 1:01 AM	07/15/2016

81	Jun 17, 2016 12:04 AM	08/04/2016
82	Jun 16, 2016 11:55 PM	08/05/2016
83	Jun 16, 2016 11:27 PM	8:30- 3:30
84	Jun 16, 2016 10:53 PM	07/15/2016
85	Jun 16, 2016 10:35 PM	7:30 am to 5:30 pm
86	Jun 16, 2016 9:44 PM	Part time whenever is available
87	Jun 16, 2016 9:34 PM	07/05/2016
88	Jun 16, 2016 9:30 PM	08/05/2016
		daycare from 6:45-5:30 because that's as late as my providers are open. My day shift goes to 7:30pm so whenever I work that I need to
89	Jun 16, 2016 9:10 PM	align an alternate babysitter to pick my kids up and take care of them
90	Jun 16, 2016 8:32 PM	07/15/2016
91	Jun 16, 2016 8:25 PM	7:30 am to 4 pm
92	Jun 16, 2016 8:20 PM	07/15/2016
93	Jun 16, 2016 8:17 PM	Mornings,all day and after school
94	Jun 16, 2016 7:52 PM	Full time during summer, before and after school during school year.
95	Jun 16, 2016 7:15 PM	08/05/2016
96	Jun 16, 2016 6:58 PM	07/15/2016
		May need over night occasionally and early mornings. also after
97	Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM	school. I don't know specific times right now as family is in transition.
98	Jun 16, 2016 6:39 PM	7 am- 4:30 pm
99	Jun 16, 2016 6:37 PM	08/03/2016
100	Jun 16, 2016 6:34 PM	8 to 5. M thru F
101	Jun 16, 2016 6:23 PM	6:45am-7:45 pm
102	Jun 16, 2016 6:21 PM	7:30 am - 4:45 pm
103	Jun 16, 2016 6:18 PM	8 to 530pm
104	Jun 16, 2016 6:10 PM	From 7:15-4:30
105	Jun 16, 2016 6:09 PM	
106	Jun 16, 2016 5:30 PM	during reg 8-5 job hours
107	Jun 16, 2016 5:26 PM	Monday - Friday 7a-5:30p
108	Jun 16, 2016 5:24 PM	745 - 444
109	Jun 16, 2016 5:21 PM	
110	Jun 16, 2016 5:09 PM	7am - 5pm
111	Jun 16, 2016 5:05 PM	6:30 to 3:30
112	Jun 16, 2016 5:03 PM	8am to 5pm
113	Jun 16, 2016 4:57 PM	8am-5pm
114	Jun 16, 2016 4:26 PM	During the school year only - before and after and during school hours

115	Jun 16, 2016 4:15 PM	7am - 5pm
116	Jun 16, 2016 4:13 PM	8-3 Monday through Friday
117	Jun 16, 2016 4:12 PM	7:30am-6:30pm
118	Jun 16, 2016 4:05 PM	07/15/2016
119	Jun 16, 2016 3:58 PM	08/05/2016
120	Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM	07/05/2016
121	Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM	07/05/2016
122	Jun 16, 2016 3:52 PM	8-3 Monday through Friday
123	Jun 16, 2016 3:38 PM	730 to 400
124	Jun 16, 2016 3:36 PM	07/15/2016
125	Jun 16, 2016 3:34 PM	hours vary between 7 am and 10 pm
126	Jun 16, 2016 3:34 PM	7:30 - 4
127	Jun 16, 2016 3:28 PM	07/15/2016
128	Jun 16, 2016 2:57 PM	8am-4pm
129	Jun 16, 2016 1:02 PM	Monday-Friday 7:30-5pm
		We currently pay for a minimum of 20 hours per week and that works
130	Jun 16, 2016 12:18 PM	well for our family. Occasionally I only use 16 hours of care.
131	Jun 16, 2016 2:37 AM	8 am and 5 pm
132	Jun 16, 2016 2:21 AM	08/05/2016
133	Jun 13, 2016 2:15 PM	8-5pm M-F
134	Jun 13, 2016 1:46 PM	8-5pm M-F
135	Jun 11, 2016 1:00 AM	08/12/2016

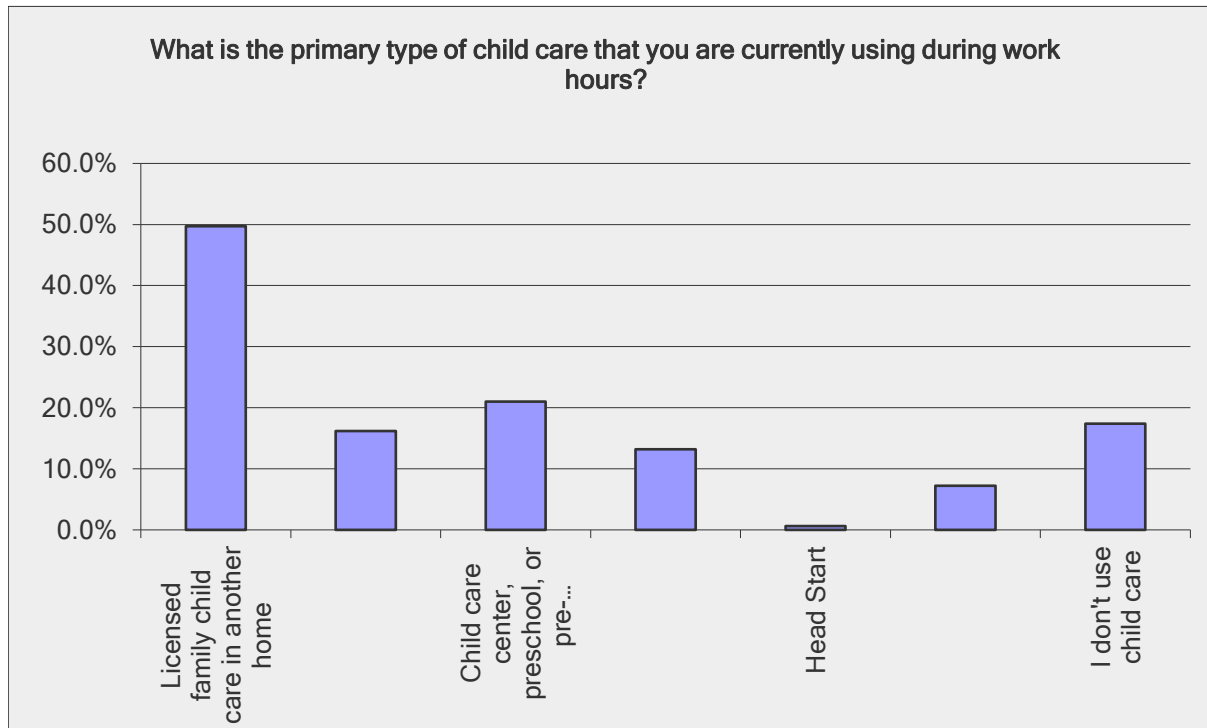
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What is the primary type of child care that you are currently using during work hours?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Licensed family child care in another	49.7%	83
Unlicensed child care in another	16.2%	27
Child care center, preschool, or pre-	21.0%	35
After-school program	13.2%	22
Head Start	0.6%	1
Nannying or babysitting in your home	7.2%	12
I don't use child care	17.4%	29
Other (please explain)		22
<i>answered question</i>		167
<i>skipped question</i>		121

Number	Response Date	Other (please explain)	Categories
1	Jul 8, 2016 2:48 PM	No infant availability in redwood	
2	Jul 8, 2016 4:11 AM	Only a sitter if I'm subbing	
3	Jun 29, 2016 3:43 AM	Wife is stay at home mother We are due for our first child in Nov. and have had difficulty finding a provider with infant space, I work overnights and my	
4	Jun 29, 2016 2:53 AM	husband works a swing shift	
5	Jun 27, 2016 9:28 PM	Dont have children yet	
6	Jun 23, 2016 6:20 PM	we take care of granddaughter every other weekend friday saturday and sunday	
7	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids. I am the Grandma and have a daughter expecting twins in few months- I have a 9 year old grandson from the same family	
8	Jun 22, 2016 11:06 PM	that stays home during the summer months.	
9	Jun 22, 2016 7:02 PM	For the summer	
10	Jun 22, 2016 5:48 PM	Can not find daycare for twins- mother is watching	
11	Jun 22, 2016 5:29 PM	We have been unable to find Licensed Day Care that will take an Infant!	
12	Jun 21, 2016 7:29 PM	I do not have children, but will in the near future	
13	Jun 18, 2016 2:28 PM	Relatives or other family friends	
14	Jun 17, 2016 6:42 PM	Right now I don't need child care but I do during the school year	
15	Jun 17, 2016 3:11 AM	Family members take turns watching my children	

- 16 Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM My 14 yr old
- 17 Jun 16, 2016 9:44 PM Work from home
- 18 Jun 16, 2016 9:34 PM Family members after 4pm
- 19 Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM kid's older brother babysit some and grandma does also for the summer.
- 20 Jun 16, 2016 6:23 PM Grandparents (no childcare available for 3, 16 mo, and newborn in 1 location)
- 21 Jun 16, 2016 2:57 PM Jackpot Playzone
- 22 Jun 16, 2016 12:18 PM Their grandmother fills in as needed.



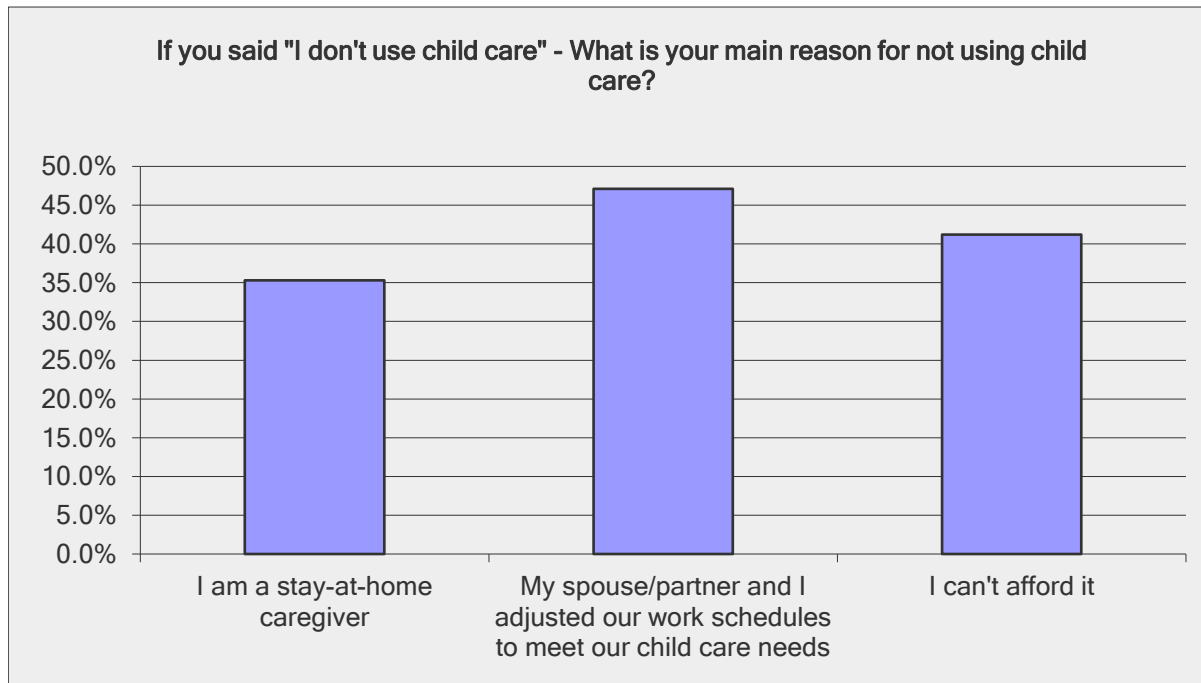
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If you said "I don't use child care" - What is your main reason for not using child care?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a stay-at-home caregiver	35.3%	6
My spouse/partner and I adjusted our work	47.1%	8
I can't afford it	41.2%	7
Other (please specify)		33
<i>answered question</i>		17
<i>skipped question</i>		271

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jul 8, 2016 2:48 PM	Nothing available	
2	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	I do not have children.	
3	Jul 5, 2016 10:31 PM	Children are grown	
4	Jun 29, 2016 8:53 PM	No child yet.	
5	Jun 29, 2016 3:43 AM	Wife is a stay at home mother, at least temporarily	
6	Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM	None	
7	Jun 29, 2016 2:53 AM	We are still trying to make arrangements for our first baby due in Nov.	
8	Jun 29, 2016 2:52 AM	My kids are grown up	
9	Jun 28, 2016 5:51 PM	don't have children yet	
10	Jun 28, 2016 5:33 PM	kids to old	
11	Jun 27, 2016 9:24 PM	grown up kids	
12	Jun 27, 2016 5:57 PM	All my children are out of school.	
13	Jun 24, 2016 11:16 AM	No kids daycare age	
14	Jun 23, 2016 6:20 PM	no one to take care of granddaughter on weekends every other weekend friday saturday and sunday	
15	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids.	
16	Jun 23, 2016 4:30 PM	No providers in area to meet needs	
17	Jun 23, 2016 3:29 PM	I don't have any children at home.	
18	Jun 23, 2016 3:23 PM	Not neede at this time	
19	Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM	i dont have babies	

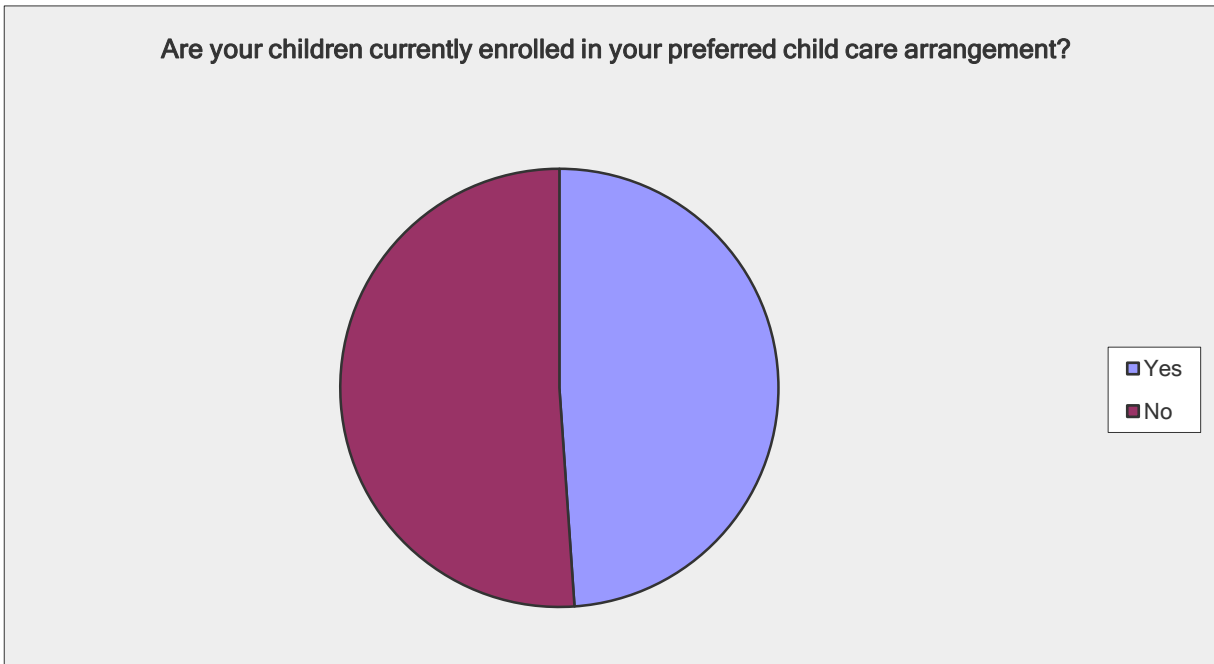
- 20 Jun 22, 2016 5:29 PM We are unable to find a Licensed Child Day Care
- 21 Jun 22, 2016 12:45 PM Sons mother is a stay at home mom
- 22 Jun 22, 2016 12:09 PM Kids are old enough to be left alone
- 23 Jun 21, 2016 7:29 PM I do not have children, but will in the near future
- 24 Jun 20, 2016 1:42 PM Children adults
- 25 Jun 18, 2016 2:28 PM No openings for infants
- 26 Jun 16, 2016 8:25 PM Baby hasn't come yet
- 27 Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM we are getting by without it right now.
- 28 Jun 16, 2016 6:37 PM No infant opening
- 29 Jun 16, 2016 6:07 PM No children yet
My children are old enough now to stay home alone during day time hours, prior to that we utilized
- 30 Jun 16, 2016 4:57 PM school child care program at St. John's and/or sitters in the home.
- 31 Jun 16, 2016 4:26 PM No children at this time
- 32 Jun 16, 2016 3:53 PM I have no children
- 33 Jun 16, 2016 3:29 PM I haven't had kids yet, but I plan to use it when I do start having kids.





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Are your children currently enrolled in your preferred child care arrangement?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	48.9%	85
No	51.1%	89
<i>answered question</i>		174
<i>skipped question</i>		114



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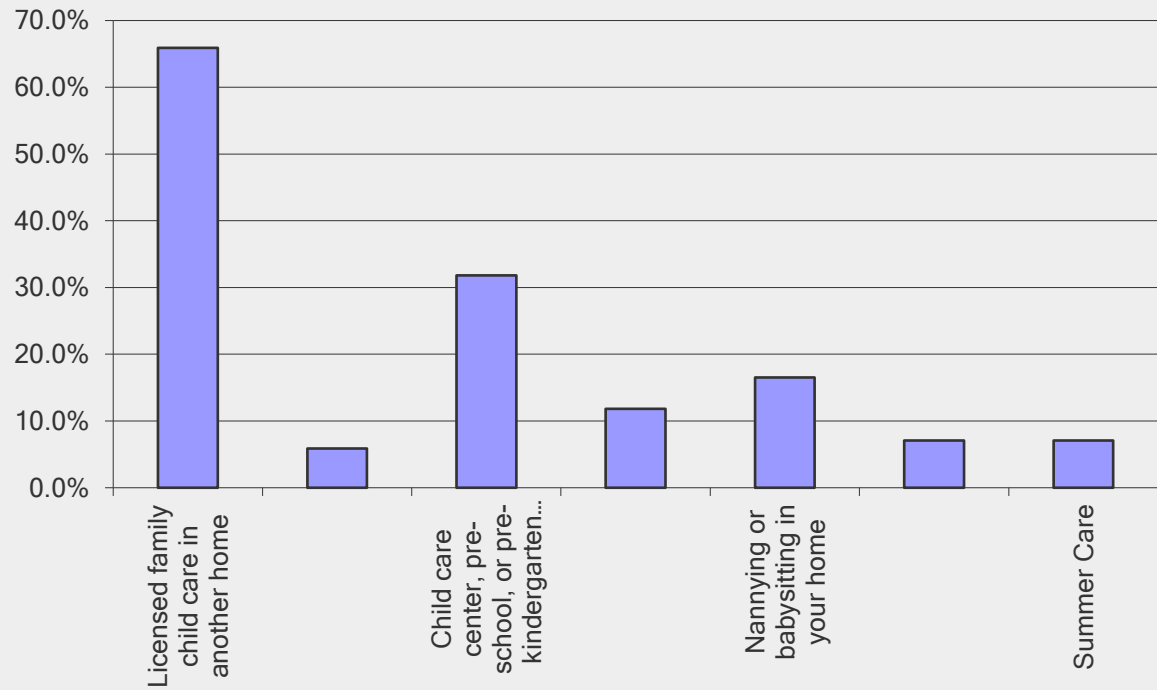
If they are not enrolled in their preferred child care option - What is your preferred child care arrangement?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Licensed family child care in another home	65.9%	56
Unlicensed child care in another home	5.9%	5
Child care center, pre-school, or pre-After-school program	31.8%	27
Nannying or babysitting in your home	11.8%	10
I would prefer not to use child care	16.5%	14
Summer Care	7.1%	6
In what community would your preferred child care be	7.1%	6
		47
<i>answered question</i>		85
<i>skipped question</i>		203

Number	Response Date	In what community would your preferred child care be located?	Categories
1	Jul 8, 2016 11:23 AM	Redwood Falls	
2	Jul 1, 2016 5:26 PM	Redwood Falls	
3	Jun 30, 2016 1:43 PM	renville	
4	Jun 29, 2016 3:55 AM	commutity center	
5	Jun 29, 2016 3:43 AM	Redwood Falls	
6	Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM	None	
7	Jun 29, 2016 2:53 AM	Redwood Falls, Danube, or Olivia	
8	Jun 27, 2016 9:28 PM	Dont have children yet	
9	Jun 27, 2016 9:16 PM	redwood falls	
10	Jun 27, 2016 4:55 PM	Closer to home (Redwood Falls) currently driving 23 miles to daycare providers home	
11	Jun 27, 2016 4:34 PM	Springfield MN	
12	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids.	
13	Jun 23, 2016 3:23 PM	Franklin, MN	

14	Jun 22, 2016 11:06 PM	Lamberton, Wabasso, Redwood Falls.
15	Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM	i dont have babies
16	Jun 22, 2016 8:51 PM	Wabasso
17	Jun 22, 2016 7:02 PM	Lamberton
18	Jun 22, 2016 6:14 PM	Lamberton, Wanda, Sanborn.
19	Jun 22, 2016 6:07 PM	Lamberton
20	Jun 22, 2016 6:07 PM	Lamberton
21	Jun 22, 2016 5:57 PM	Lamberton
22	Jun 22, 2016 5:48 PM	Lamberton redwood Wanda wabasso. Anywhere! I'm desperate
23	Jun 22, 2016 5:29 PM	Lamberton
24	Jun 20, 2016 3:30 PM	RWF, Delhi, Belview
25	Jun 20, 2016 2:32 PM	Redwood
26	Jun 20, 2016 12:28 PM	Redwood Falls
27	Jun 20, 2016 11:22 AM	Redwood Falls
28	Jun 18, 2016 2:28 PM	Redwood
29	Jun 18, 2016 5:36 AM	Redwood Falls
30	Jun 17, 2016 7:53 PM	Redwood falls
31	Jun 17, 2016 6:42 PM	Redwood falls
32	Jun 17, 2016 3:41 AM	Morgan
33	Jun 17, 2016 3:11 AM	Redwood falls i would like to find a place that was open for the hours i need instead of running around
34	Jun 17, 2016 3:02 AM	trying to find someone to drop off and pick up at random times
35	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	Redwood
36	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	RWF
37	Jun 17, 2016 1:25 AM	Redwood
38	Jun 16, 2016 10:35 PM	Walnut Grove
39	Jun 16, 2016 9:44 PM	City of Redwood Falls
40	Jun 16, 2016 8:25 PM	Redwood Falls
41	Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM	redwood falls, mn
42	Jun 16, 2016 6:39 PM	Redwood Falls
43	Jun 16, 2016 6:23 PM	Redwood Falls
44	Jun 16, 2016 4:15 PM	Morgan or Redwood Falls
45	Jun 16, 2016 4:12 PM	Redwood Falls or Wabasso
46	Jun 16, 2016 3:58 PM	Redwood
47	Jun 16, 2016 3:34 PM	Redwood Falls

If they are not enrolled in their preferred child care option - What is your preferred child care arrangement?



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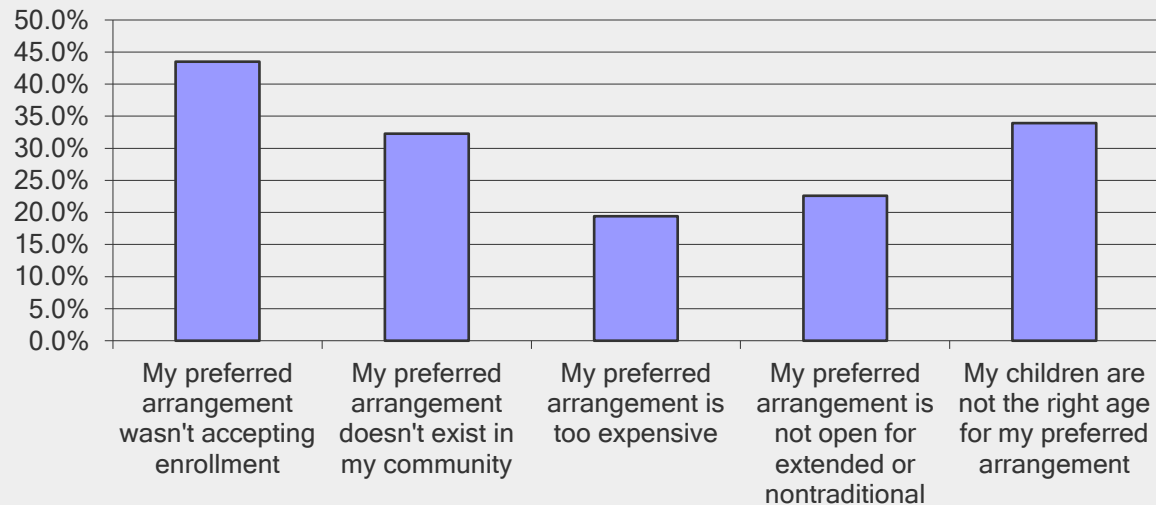
What is the main reason that your children aren't enrolled in your preferred child care arrangement?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My preferred arrangement wasn't	43.5%	27
My preferred arrangement doesn't	32.3%	20
My preferred arrangement is too	19.4%	12
My preferred arrangement is not	22.6%	14
My children are not the right age for	33.9%	21
Other (please specify)		34
<i>answered question</i>		62
<i>skipped question</i>		226

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jul 8, 2016 4:11 AM	Not necessarily a need due to my hours	
2	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	I do not have children.	
3	Jul 5, 2016 10:31 PM	They are grown	
4	Jun 29, 2016 3:43 AM	As of right now, my preferred option is not needed until the fall when my kid starts preschool	
5	Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM	None	
6	Jun 29, 2016 3:14 AM	did not know of this???	
7	Jun 29, 2016 2:52 AM	They are all grown up.	
8	Jun 27, 2016 9:28 PM	Dont have children yet	
9	Jun 27, 2016 9:16 PM	no way is open at 5:30 until 5	
10	Jun 27, 2016 9:13 PM	stepkids	
11	Jun 27, 2016 4:55 PM	there were no infant openings near home with our needs	
12	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids.	
13	Jun 23, 2016 3:23 PM	Not needed at this time	
14	Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM	cause i dont have babies	
15	Jun 22, 2016 6:05 PM	Open child care I don't trust	
16	Jun 22, 2016 12:09 PM	not sure what this is	
17	Jun 21, 2016 7:29 PM	I do not have children, but will in the near future	
18	Jun 20, 2016 3:33 PM	She is in the program that she needs	

- 19 Jun 20, 2016 3:30 PM Dont know what it is
- 20 Jun 20, 2016 1:42 PM children adults
- 21 Jun 18, 2016 2:28 PM Full no openings
- 22 Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM The only center we have is in Morton, I feel it's not centrally located. And its expensive for non employees.
- 23 Jun 17, 2016 1:25 AM Hours that child providers are open
- 24 Jun 16, 2016 9:44 PM Nothing available!
- 25 Jun 16, 2016 8:25 PM Baby isn't born yet
- 26 Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM we are making due at home during the summer
- 27 Jun 16, 2016 5:30 PM there is no summer care available in wabasso, and redwood won't allow children from other schools to attend.
- 28 Jun 16, 2016 5:05 PM I don't understand what this means
- 29 Jun 16, 2016 4:15 PM Having a baby in Sept 2016 and there is no where that can take babies
- 30 Jun 16, 2016 4:12 PM schedule
- 31 Jun 16, 2016 3:58 PM Don't need it
- 32 Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM My child has a disability
- 33 Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM My child has a disability
- 34 Jun 16, 2016 3:29 PM Again, I don't have kids yet.

What is the main reason that your children aren't enrolled in your preferred child care arrangement?



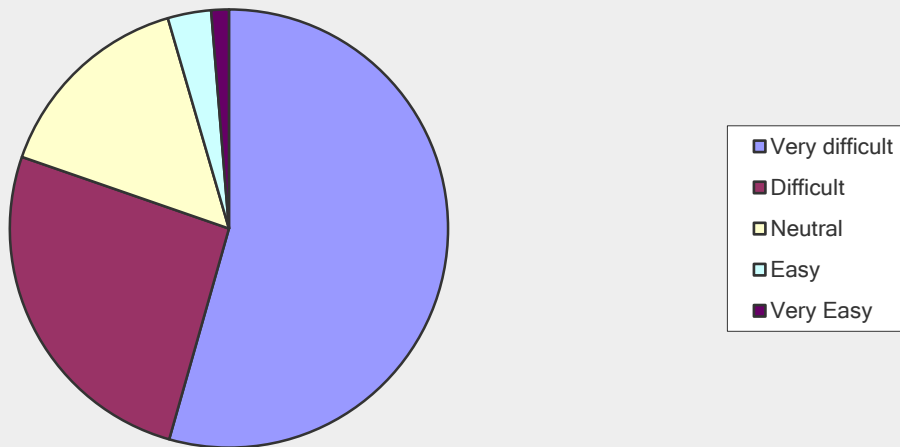
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How difficult would you say it is to enroll in your preferred child care option?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very difficult	54.4%	86
Difficult	25.9%	41
Neutral	15.2%	24
Easy	3.2%	5
Very Easy	1.3%	2
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		130

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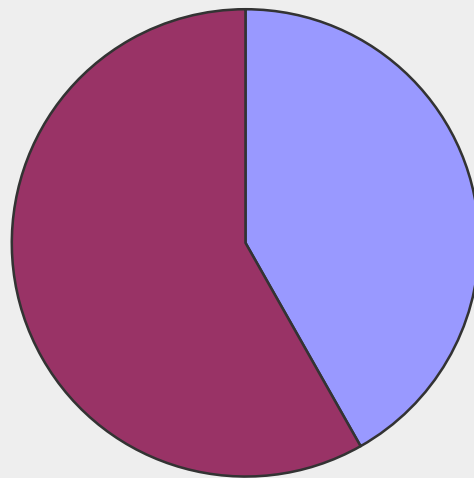


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Would you change your current child care provider if you could?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	41.8%	64
No	58.2%	89
<i>answered question</i>		153
<i>skipped question</i>		135

Would you change your current child care provider if you could?



■ Yes
■ No

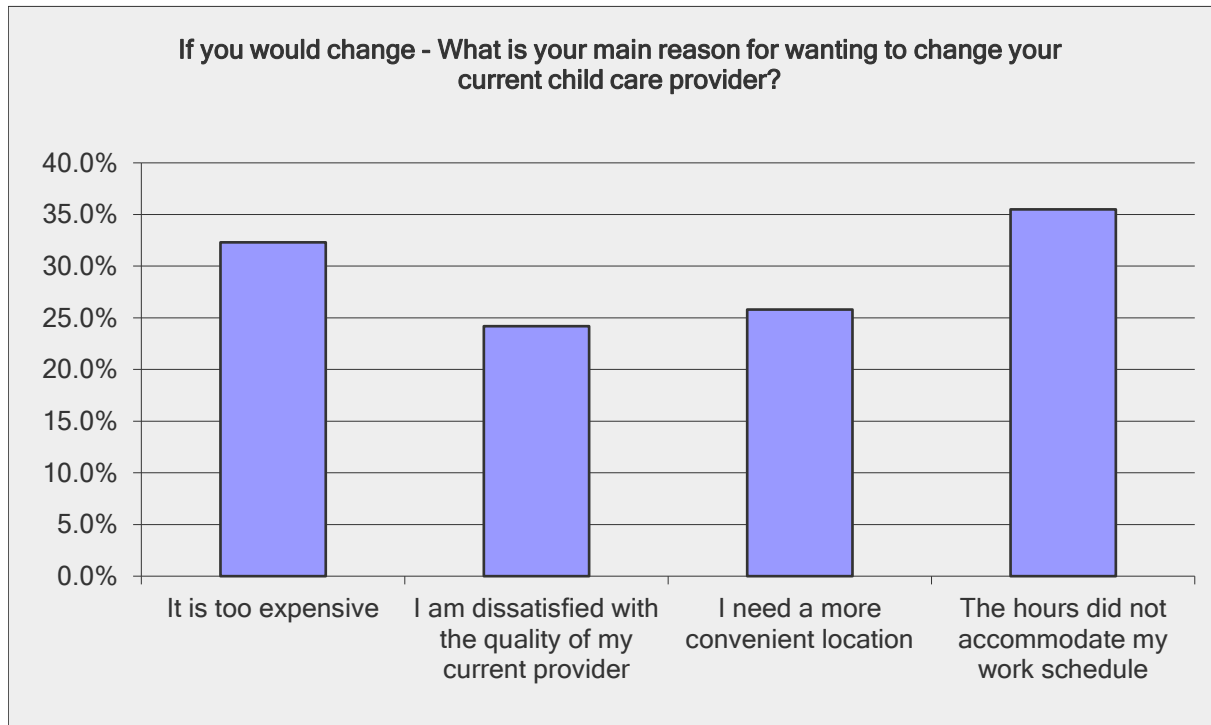
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If you would change - What is your main reason for wanting to change your current child care provider?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
It is too expensive	32.3%	20
I am dissatisfied with the quality of	24.2%	15
I need a more convenient location	25.8%	16
The hours did not accommodate my	35.5%	22
Other (please specify)		28
<i>answered question</i>		62
<i>skipped question</i>		226

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	I do not have children.	
2	Jul 6, 2016 1:46 PM	I would have preferred a Montessori childcare otherwise it is fine	
3	Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM	none	
4	Jun 29, 2016 3:14 AM	mother in law who does daycare watches them	
5	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids.	
6	Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM	if i had babies I am satisfied with the care we have for summer, but come August we likely will not have any options for licensed	
7	Jun 22, 2016 7:02 PM	daycare in the area.	
8	Jun 22, 2016 6:12 PM	Currently use a retired individual so would like to free her up I am satisfied with my provider, There are just not enough in Lamberton for the amount of children. I'm lucky to	
9	Jun 22, 2016 5:57 PM	have my spot and don't want to lose it.	
10	Jun 22, 2016 5:48 PM	Grandma should get to be grandma- not daycare lady	
11	Jun 22, 2016 12:09 PM	none	
12	Jun 20, 2016 3:33 PM	Would need better services for her needs	
13	Jun 20, 2016 3:30 PM	Stability and consistency	
14	Jun 17, 2016 7:53 PM	Longer term care option	
15	Jun 17, 2016 3:11 AM	Getting hard to have family watch them as I work long, rotating shifts	
16	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	My son doesn't want to do it full time. All summer	
17	Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM	had them in after school program during school year but not now.	

- 18** Jun 16, 2016 6:39 PM Safer
- 19** Jun 16, 2016 6:37 PM So I could return to work
- 20** Jun 16, 2016 6:23 PM Interaction with other children, give family members respite
- 21** Jun 16, 2016 5:09 PM If an infant spot doesn't open up
- 22** Jun 16, 2016 5:05 PM Currently driving to Wabasso & we live & work in RWF
This would depend on the hours available and environment. It would be great to have an optoin for daycare that
- 23** Jun 16, 2016 5:03 PM does not close for sick days or vacation, but the environment is extremely important.
- 24** Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM I need someone to be with an older disabled child
- 25** Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM I need someone to be with an older disabled child
- 26** Jun 16, 2016 3:38 PM All he kids together
- 27** Jun 16, 2016 3:34 PM I have an at risk youth and need arrangements for someone 13 years old and no one takes this age group
- 28** Jun 16, 2016 2:57 PM I would like more personal care, more focused time for my grandchildren.

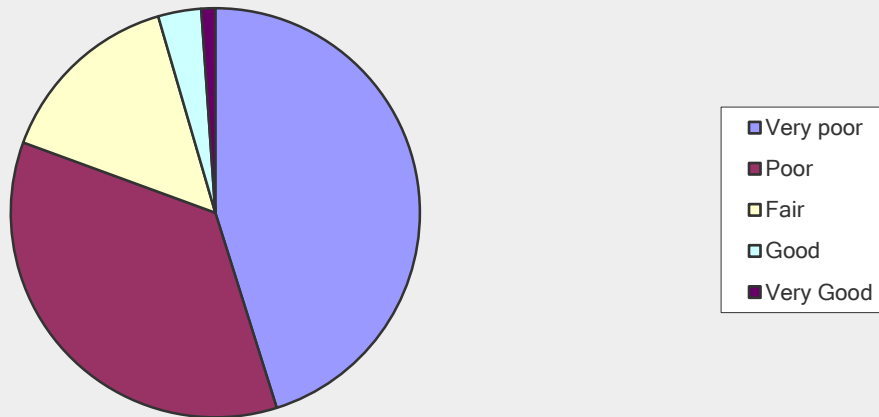


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How would you rate AVAILABILITY of child care options in Redwood County and surrounding area? Note: availability means the access to child care in the area.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very poor	45.1%	79
Poor	35.4%	62
Fair	14.9%	26
Good	3.4%	6
Very Good	1.1%	2
<i>answered question</i>		175
<i>skipped question</i>		113

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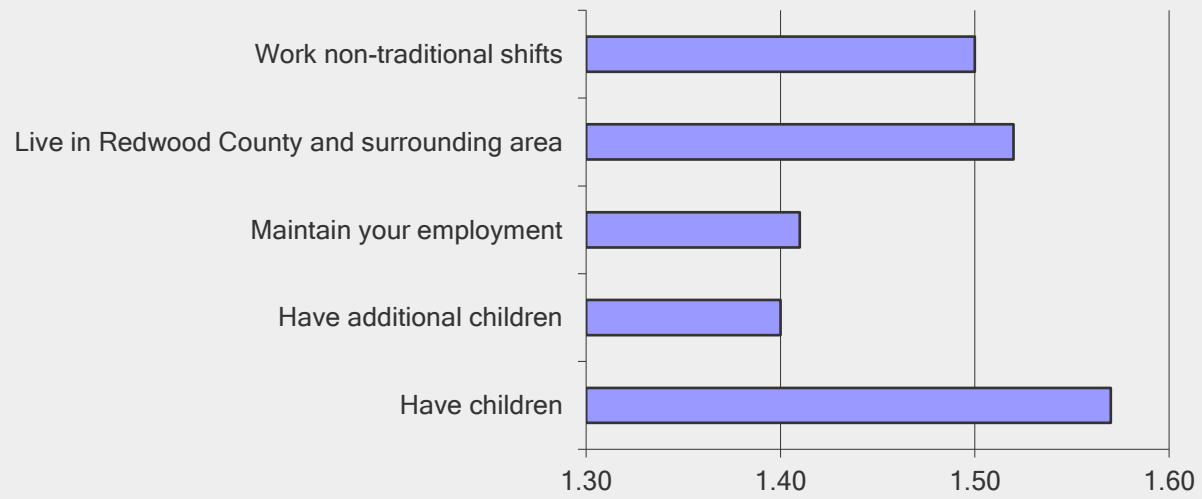
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Does the availability of child care in Redwood County and surrounding area impact your decision to:

Answer Options	Yes	No	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count	
Have children	54	71	36	1.57	161	
Have additional children	85	56	19	1.40	160	
Maintain your employment	87	60	18	1.41	165	
Live in Redwood County and surrounding area	68	75	17	1.52	160	
Work non-traditional shifts	66	65	26	1.50	157	
Other (please specify)					7	
					<i>answered question</i>	169
					<i>skipped question</i>	119

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jun 28, 2016 2:50 PM	If I didn't have Daycare for all of my kids then it would impact employment, but if it is just 1 kid then I would work with family memebers until Daycare spot opened for that kid.	
2	Jun 27, 2016 7:58 PM	have to drive almost 30 miles out of my way every day to go to work	
3	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no kids.	
4	Jun 22, 2016 11:06 PM	I am the grandma- My daughter is having twins in a few months and cannot find anyone who can provide day care	
5	Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM	NO BABIES	
6	Jun 22, 2016 6:31 PM	I stay home now because of lack of child care:(
7	Jun 16, 2016 5:03 PM	Having an infant in November of 2015, the availability of child care has been a HUGE problem for us.	

Does the availability of child care in Redwood County and surrounding area impact your decision to:



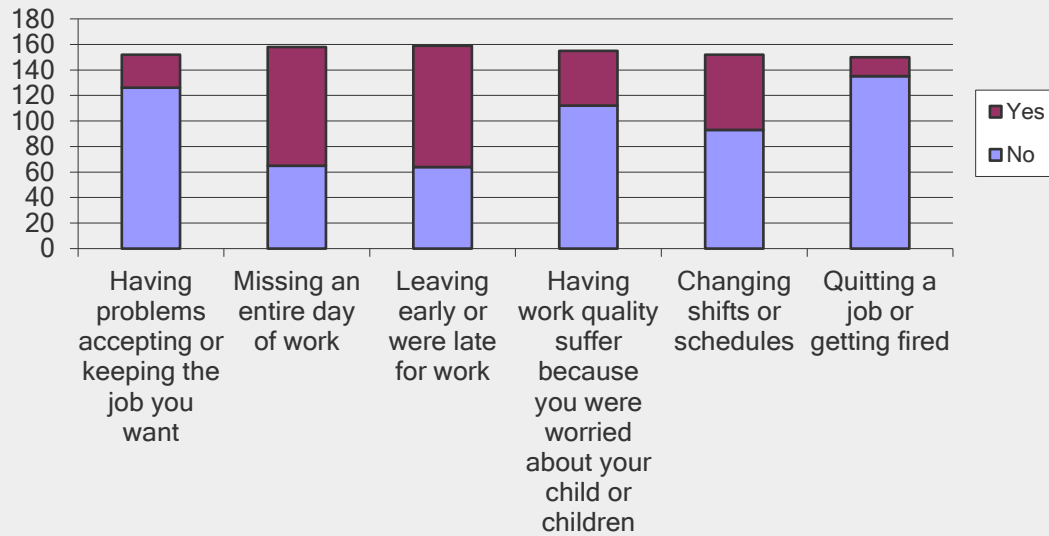
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In the past 6 months, have you or your spouse/partner/caregiver had problems with your child care provider that resulted in:

Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
Having problems accepting or keeping the job	26	126	152
Missing an entire day of work	93	65	158
Leaving early or were late for work	95	64	159
Having work quality suffer because you were	43	112	155
Changing shifts or schedules	59	93	152
Quitting a job or getting fired	15	135	150
Other (please specify)			11
	<i>answered question</i>		160
	<i>skipped question</i>		128

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	I do not have children.	
2	Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM	none	
3	Jun 27, 2016 9:28 PM	Dont have children yet	
4	Jun 27, 2016 4:39 PM	Had to quit one job due to lack of day care	
5	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no spouse, no kids.	
6	Jun 20, 2016 1:42 PM	adult children	
7	Jun 16, 2016 6:37 PM	Quit due to no infant opening	
		The provider I had prior to the one we're currently with was not a positive situation. It affected my work substantially but our current provider (or any other provider for that matter) was not available to take my under 2 year old child so we were forced to stay with that interum provider. I missed work many times and, thankfully, I am self employed otherwise I'm certain there would've been reprecutions.	
8	Jun 16, 2016 5:26 PM	My clients satisfaction and my business services have suffered because of child care availability.	
9	Jun 16, 2016 5:03 PM	With having a baby in 2016 and not having room anywhere I have strongly thought about just staying home when we cant afford it.	
10	Jun 16, 2016 4:15 PM	daily schedule, workout routine	
11	Jun 16, 2016 4:12 PM		

In the past 6 months, have you or your spouse/partner/caregiver had problems with your child care provider that resulted in:



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Do you have any other comments or concerns on the availability or your use of child care in Redwood County?

Answer Options	Response Count
	94
<i>answered question</i>	94
<i>skipped question</i>	194

No.	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jul 9, 2016 6:38 AM	Huge demand with limited providers. We are fortunate to have a great licenses in home daycare for our 3 children, but should we desire to have an additional child have to wait at least 3 years for an opening.
2	Jul 8, 2016 2:48 PM	You need more daycares
3	Jul 6, 2016 3:10 PM	My employer made it sound like this survey was mandatory to fill out. In the future I recommend that an initial question should ask if you have children or how many children one has.
4	Jul 6, 2016 1:46 PM	the greatest need is for infant and preschool care - once kids are school aged there are great programs in RF and other smaller communities the problem is allowing people to work while their child is 0-5 years old.
5	Jul 1, 2016 5:26 PM	Need more affordable /quality care for younger children (under school age)
6	Jun 30, 2016 3:12 AM	Universal or open-door policy of types of licenses/variances available. We found our daycare by ourself, not through the county so maybe this is available.
7	Jun 29, 2016 3:55 AM	We need daycare services in tell at least 3:15 am and I know that there is not much around and now my spouse can not work because of this
8	Jun 29, 2016 3:43 AM	I have one child and from just looking around, I can tell that the child care options in this area is not the greatest. My wife is a stay at home mother, and I work a nontraditional shift at night. If my wife were to work, we would definitely have issues trying to juggle her work, my work, and child care. For families with the spouses working nights, I can't imagine the nightmare of finding childcare for late night workers.
9	Jun 29, 2016 3:23 AM	None
10	Jun 29, 2016 3:14 AM	Would be nice to know if there are any daycares that would watch kids over nights???

11	Jun 28, 2016 6:19 PM	The pricing for Day Care is too expensive. My wife and I pay \$115 per week for one child. That is about to double with our second child. That will be \$920 a month just for daycare. Also, I find it frustrating that they get PTO days and get paid still. I believe they should have the right to time off but they shouldn't get paid by families to go on vacation. They are self employed so I find that to be wrong of them to do that too families.
12	Jun 28, 2016 2:50 PM	<p>I live outside of Redwood Falls by Vesta. My kids Daycare is in Vesta which I like because then my husband or a family member can pick up the kids for me if I'm unable too. We love our Daycare Provider it is a Licensed Home Daycare. We have recently found out the need and shortage for infant care we were expecting our second child in November. Our Daycare provider was expecting as well and at that point she didn't have a spot for her own child who was due in October let alone anyone else. She also lost her helper at that time due to medical reasons so she ended up having to drop kids. We got lucky when she dropped kids she made room for my second child and hers. ☐</p> <p>There was another lady who has a child at my daycare who was due in December, and she had to find another provider, because our provider can only have 2 kids under the age of 1. She found a newer daycare provider, but was only there for a few months because that Daycare ended up closing due to the provider was moving. The lady ended up having a family member watch her child until she can get her daughter into our daycare provider. Which won't be until October when the 1st turns 1. I talked to this mother and she said in Marshall when she was looking for Daycare there was only 1 infant spot available out of all of the Daycare's and there were 6 Families that were interviewing for that spot. 1 spot and 6 people that needed it. ☐</p> <p>They need to find a way to allow for more infant care in our area. I know we are still planning on having another child and so is my daycare provider now we just hope she has a spot for us when the time comes. If not, I will have to have any and all family members help with sitting just to allow me to keep working. ☐</p>
13	Jun 28, 2016 2:36 PM	Have no children and no plans for children.
14	Jun 27, 2016 9:28 PM	Need affordable child care that allows flexible hours.
15	Jun 27, 2016 7:58 PM	child care is expensive and there isn't enough of daycares around that its hard to find a good one to get into because they are all full all the time

16	Jun 27, 2016 5:00 PM	Licensed daycare providers have to many rules and regulations governed by the county to be able to make a living doing daycare there for you have a daycare shortage in the county. Some rules are good but every provider is different and knows what they can handle as far as how many kids they have. How would any business survive if the county told you how and what you could do in your business. Basically limiting your income and yes my wife is a licensed daycare provider so I know first hand the struggles.
17	Jun 27, 2016 4:55 PM	More young children than what there is of daycare availability, Shouldn't have to drive 23 miles just for daycare.
18	Jun 27, 2016 4:53 PM	Need more options.
19	Jun 27, 2016 4:39 PM	Day care provider takes too many days off, leaving relatives and myself having to take time off to do child care
20	Jun 27, 2016 1:41 PM	Rates are expensive for single parents and its hard to find a liable opening for infants/toddlers!
21	Jun 23, 2016 9:27 PM	Infant care seems to be the biggest issue in Redwood. There is a shortage so some providers charge a lot per hour because they know parents have no choice but to pay it.
22	Jun 23, 2016 9:10 PM	n/a
23	Jun 23, 2016 8:01 PM	My oldest child is 11 and when she was born, it was a struggle to find daycare for her at that time in this area. My understanding is, it is still hard to secure infant and/or toddler daycare in the Redwood Falls area. Care for preschool and school age children seems to have more wide range availability with St John's and Reede Gray offering child care. A childcare center as a business would be a great addition to the area with a greater access for both the traditional and non-traditional working persons, whether it be on a regular basis or a drop in/occasional service for those in need of child care.
24	Jun 23, 2016 6:20 PM	springfield needs some kinda daycare on weekends Friday Saturday and sundays for my granddaughter to go to because he mom works every other weekend Friday Saturday and sundays
25	Jun 23, 2016 5:53 PM	no concerns. no kids.
26	Jun 22, 2016 11:06 PM	We definitely need more child caregivers in our county...in Lamberton I think there are only 2 - most will not take more than one infant... I think we have had 3 families have twins in the area??? what is a person to do??? My daughter says she has to work....
27	Jun 22, 2016 9:06 PM	I don't have any babies now
28	Jun 22, 2016 7:02 PM	Dependable, local care is currently minimal. I hope to see a change in the local options for childcare for ages 5 and under.

29	Jun 22, 2016 7:01 PM	It is very scary being an expecting mom and not knowing where you are going to bring your child so you can go back to work. There is no daycare available that is not already full within 10 miles of where we live. The town I live in only has 2 daycares total.. Something needs to change.
30	Jun 22, 2016 6:58 PM	requirements are way too strict for anyone to want to open a daycare.. people are scared. We have only 2 licensed providers here and both full. People with kids looking to go to work or expentant mothers are not being able to find daycare within 10 miles of their job... something needs to change!!
31	Jun 22, 2016 6:31 PM	I wish they would have more infant spots so all my children could be at one daycare!!
32	Jun 22, 2016 6:21 PM	If there were a part time option of a community daycare center, I would definitely take advantage of it. (2 children)
33	Jun 22, 2016 6:07 PM	We love our child care provider that we have right now in redwood falls. But we live in LAMBERTON and it makes travel difficult. There are no viable options in LAMBERTON
34	Jun 22, 2016 5:57 PM	A center that could take more infants would provide many families with childcare. I know many people who are struggling to find someone to watch their infants to pre-k age children.
35	Jun 22, 2016 5:48 PM	Help! There are little to no options. Our twins aren't due until September, and we've already been turned down by multiple daycares. We are depending on family to help us- and it's so uncomfortable. We'd be willing to do part time full time- anything.
36	Jun 22, 2016 5:29 PM	I feel Redwood County is very short on licensed daycare providers and daycare centers. Especially in the Walnut/Lamberton/Sanborn area. It is hard to find a place for infants.
37	Jun 22, 2016 3:07 PM	Very difficult to find childcare for under 2 years old.
38	Jun 22, 2016 12:09 PM	There is a low number of providers in the area. Part of that reason is the rules and control the county and state think they need on the residence being used for daycare.
39	Jun 21, 2016 7:29 PM	Looking for child care in the near future I have found there are few options available to send my child to. I have found little resources other than word of mouth of where to look for child care and have only found in home daycares. I also worry about when in home daycares are closed due to illness/vacations/etc. I was surprised there is not a multiage daycare center located in Redwood Falls when I moved to town.

40	Jun 21, 2016 3:58 PM	Finding child care for infants is difficult. Also, I feel like we are at the mercy of daycare-- although they don't do things that I necessarily agree with, I feel like I can't discuss it with them due to the fact that I NEED them.
41	Jun 20, 2016 4:35 PM	I moved to RWF in 2011 from a city where daycare, good daycares, were a dime a dozen. I was horrified that I had nothing to choose from. There were no choices. I had to work. I was not happy in the at home centers. There was too much freedom for the childcare providers. I like to have a checks and balance. I expect a clean environment, not sitting on facebook, nor my child in a diaper a few hours old. I was very happy when my little one was old enough to attend an early childhood program. :) I just could not believe a town the size of RWF did not offer facilities or have a solid grip on the child care issues for its community. I am very glad this is finally being talked about.
42	Jun 20, 2016 3:43 PM	I feel the 2 school age programs in town are amazing for summer care and before and after school care. I am STRUGGLING to find a part-time spot for an 18 month old. I understand that in-home daycares need the stability of full-time children but I wish there was a center or somewhere we could take an 18 month old 2-3 mornings a week so my husband can sleep a few hours after getting off duty.
43	Jun 20, 2016 3:37 PM	When I started looking for daycare in Redwood Falls there was no availability. I had to shift my child from one day here to another somewhere else to make it work. The daycare that I did find would just decide to take the day off with just few days notice. Or take afternoon off to go to pool with her kids. Another daycare was great - she never took off. Another problem is when child gets to preschool & driving them back of forth & taking time away from work. My child is currently in a great daycare & it is in Vesta. The only problem has been driving back & forth for programs, etc. Preschool this fall I will need to find daycare for afternoon, just for 1.5 hours.
44	Jun 20, 2016 3:33 PM	none
45	Jun 20, 2016 12:28 PM	We live in Redwood Falls but because of the lack of child care options we have to drive 20 minutes away (one way) for daycare every day. It adds an additional 5 hours of daycare time to our schedule. We would like daycare in Redwood.
46	Jun 20, 2016 11:22 AM	Not being able to find care for infants and toddlers

47	Jun 20, 2016 3:34 AM	My children are old enough now that child care isn't a concern but when they were younger it was a major obstacle for our family. Hours available were too limited and not accommodating to switching shifts and so on.
48	Jun 18, 2016 2:28 PM	I think redwood falls and the people of redwood would greatly benefit from a daycare center! There are also plenty of people with degrees around the area that could/would work at it!
49	Jun 18, 2016 4:18 AM	In 2012 it seemed to be impossible to find day care for an infant in Redwood Falls. I was able to find daycare by begging a provider that was thinking about quitting daycare. She ended up quitting daycare. I went through two other providers until I found my current provider that I am happy with. I just got lucky with my second child, my provider made room to keep my kids at one daycare.
50	Jun 17, 2016 6:42 PM	There should be more daycare providers that take babies. That is the biggest issue finding daycare for babies
51	Jun 17, 2016 6:39 PM	Some of the answers to these questions are really dependent upon the age of the child(ren). It is definitely more difficult to find acceptable daycare provision for children birth to 2.
52	Jun 17, 2016 6:00 PM	NEED MORE INFANT SPOTS!
53	Jun 17, 2016 4:28 AM	Childcare for infants is incredibly hard to find in redwood. Parents have to plan and secure daycare providers almost 2 years in advance. Once children get past age 2 it is much easier
54	Jun 17, 2016 3:57 AM	We are past the stage now, but I wish child more child care for infants was available for those needing it.
55	Jun 17, 2016 3:02 AM	My husband and i work starting at 7am till 5pm for him and 8pm for me. Our child goes to preschool and it doesn't open till 7:30. This means we have to use more than one daycare till we can get our child to school. Also during planting and harvest it becomes even more difficult because my husband works late and i have rotating shifts. We have a child on the way in 5 weeks and are not looking forward to having to somehow figure out a schedule with this child too at least we found daycare though. most people cannot even find daycare. Our provider was the first person we told we were expecting so that we could get a spot and she has to get an variance from the state to even take our child. It is very frustrating.
56	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	Redwood area is in need of a childcare center. One that is center based. In home is not flexible for today's working families.

57	Jun 17, 2016 2:09 AM	Home daycare providers who participate in unfair practices like charging for a spot and then re-selling that same spot if the child is absent or promising a spot for an infant, taking a deposit and then not keeping the spot. I know Gail Beilen bends the rules for providers she likes. Home daycares don't tell current families that they have a variance. Home daycares are often over limits for the number of infants and toddlers in their care. Home daycares opposed to child care centers because they think they are taking their business rather than filling a need in the community. Home daycares don't support fixing the problem because they like to keep demand for infants and toddlers high so they can stay full and charge whatever they want.
58	Jun 17, 2016 1:10 AM	Finding child care was difficult and stressful. If you are new to town or do not know anyone it is difficult to find a backup provider which we then have to take off work.
59	Jun 17, 2016 1:01 AM	In general I think there is just a shortage of child care especially for babies. I have another child that will be starting in September she will be 6 months old then, I am lucky she will be able to attend the same as my older two. It is also very expensive and have considered quitting my job until they are school age but I also can't afford not to work
60	Jun 17, 2016 12:04 AM	Most difficult for infants, toddlers. No availability in home day cares.
61	Jun 16, 2016 11:27 PM	I would like an option that would give my school age children more access to activities that they enjoy.
62	Jun 16, 2016 10:35 PM	We currently live in Walnut Grove and daycare in Milroy. When I was working in Marshall it was on the way. I've worked in Tracy now for over a year, but we have stayed in Milroy because 1. we love the provider and 2. There was no availability at the one day care in Walnut Grove and limited availability in Tracy. We are now losing our daycare as the provider and her family are moving. We are currently looking in Tracy, because again there is only one provider in Walnut Grove and they are full. It is unfortunate the lack of providers in our area. Some open and close in less than a year. It makes it very difficult to work outside the home. Unfortunately I do not know how to deal with this problem, as it takes special people to be a good childcare provider. Thank you for this survey.

63	Jun 16, 2016 9:10 PM	<p>because she was the only one with any openings at the time I was pregnant... Literally everybody else when you call them on the list says that they are booked for a couple years ahead of time because of moms that they have planning to have kids in the future . So I got stuck with this lady that I know a ton of people complain about and report to the county and I couldn't get out of there because there's literally nobody else to take care of my kids no matter how unhappy I was with the care. (granted I didn't have any severe complaints my kids seem to like her) I ended up having a second child which made it even more difficult to be able to get out of the situation that I was unhappy with Due to having 2 kids under 3 needing alternate placement. Thank goodness that my kids were only there 2 to 3 days a week and they were very young at the time and so I feel that the lack of care she provided didn't affect my children as much as others . she finally ended up being shut down by the county and I got a call at work that said her license was to be terminated immediately and I was to find alternate care . I honestly had no idea what I was going to do because during the time that my kids were under this woman's care which was about 3 years I had tried calling everybody on the list multiple times and had no luck because of my kids age and the limited amount of kids and one provider can take of kids under 3. Also many of the providers will only take full-time children... And when I work overnights and weekends I only end up needing daytime care a few days a week . I felt like the world had crashed down and was sure that I was going to have to call in for the rest of the week and beyond that I didn't know what I was going to do. By the grace of God, the woman who is my own daycare provider when I was a child said she had cut way back on her census to prepare for retirement and stated that she would take in my children but only because she knew me personally and I was part time. She told me she had been turning down other mothers for weeks. I feel guilty having this woman take care of my kids because I know she would love to retire.. I would like to have children in the future but by that time if she's retired I honestly don't know what I will do . I feel like I need to call one of the good providers on the list and say hey I want to have a kid in 2 years mark me down now for a newborn A three-year-old and a five-year-old .. And put me down for a newborn in 2021 just in case.. And as ridiculous as that sounds I know that if I do get pregnant in the future and my wonderful provider is retired I will most likely end up calling</p>
64	Jun 16, 2016 8:32 PM	<p>Many good providers are quitting because of the ridiculous guidelines they're required to follow.</p>

65	Jun 16, 2016 8:25 PM	Finning infant care is impossible. I work in the town of Redwood and find it extremely inconvenient to have to drive to a different town for daycare TWICE a day. Something needs to change. Switching Jobs is an option for me if it means finding daycare in a different town, this also causes loss for the town of Redwood because I will be doing other business outside of Redwood as well.
66	Jun 16, 2016 8:20 PM	We absolutely LOVE our child care provider. Our oldest goes to Cardinal Kid's Club in Redwood, which we love, but did because of transportation to and from preschool
67	Jun 16, 2016 8:17 PM	I would not put my children in Cardinal Kids Club as long as Ida is working there.
68	Jun 16, 2016 7:15 PM	Having good, consistent childcare is hard to find in Redwood County. I feel very blessed with my current daycare provider and my family planning revolves around when she would be able to take another child in her home. If she wouldn't have a spot available for my child I don't know what I would do. Not having good childcare would greatly affect my work performance. I have sick/vacations days but my husband does not so if he would need to miss work because we don't have childcare he wouldn't get paid.
69	Jun 16, 2016 6:56 PM	I am a grandparent but my daughter and her kids live with me. It is hard to juggle our hours so kids are taken care of.
70	Jun 16, 2016 6:37 PM	No infant openings
71	Jun 16, 2016 6:34 PM	We got extremely lucky this time. However I was not so lucky with my older children. It was tough and my work did end up suffering because of it.
72	Jun 16, 2016 6:21 PM	There definitely needs to be additional resources for in-home daycare options in Redwood Falls and the surrounding area. Our provider is Nicole Smith and we LOVE her. She is great with all of her kids and it is so easy to know that we're getting the best possible care from her. We love that she takes the kids to activities in town (park, library, etc). At the time we needed to find child care, Nicole was our only option, but it worked out perfectly - she is the BEST!
73	Jun 16, 2016 6:18 PM	Wish there were more grants available to get people to start doing home daycare. Would like to have another child but don't know what I will do for childcare as my current provider doesn't have room
74	Jun 16, 2016 6:10 PM	Redwood County is in desperate need for a childcare facility! I know countless people who could not find daycare or didn't want to have more children because finding childcare was so difficult. That's pretty sad.
75	Jun 16, 2016 6:09 PM	There needs to be more licensed providers for infant care.

76	Jun 16, 2016 5:30 PM	<p>school age summer care is impossible to find. What are we to do with our school age kids in the summer. Why can't Redwood Schools accept kids from other schools, esp if the child lives in redwood. Licensed daycares already are full and school isn't providing anything. ☹</p> <p>Backup daycare is also impossible to find. when your current daycare provider takes the day off you are pretty much forced to take a day off of work as well.</p>
77	Jun 16, 2016 5:24 PM	<p>Infant care is nearly impossible to find, daycare was the first thing I arranged when I found out I was pregnant, and it caused a lot of worry for me that I wouldn't find care for an infant prior to going back to work.</p>
78	Jun 16, 2016 5:09 PM	<p>We have been on a waiting list for an infant spot and it doesn't open up until Fall 2017. Would like to be able to have a family without having to plan around daycare openings.</p>
79	Jun 16, 2016 5:03 PM	<p>My child was over six months old before we could get her into full time daycare due to availability of any providers in our area. It was a horrible strain on our lives, our businesses, fiances, etc.. Thank you for this initiative to help solve the problem!</p>
80	Jun 16, 2016 4:57 PM	<p>My children are 10 and 11 years old now and we don't utilize as much child care currently, but previously it was very difficult to find openings for little ones, finding a care center that could accommodate your hours for a reasonable price. Daycare is a big expense and missing work or changing jobs and even college career because it was a struggle to find child care. It would be nice to have more options for very small children/babies and centers that operate at "odd" hours.</p>
81	Jun 16, 2016 4:15 PM	<p>it is very hard to find placement of your children in this area, ESPECIALLY for INFANTS. We were considering having another but there is NO WHERE that takes infants. I found St Johns Preschool when i moved to town 3 years ago and am so HAPPY and pleased with the care and education and love they provide. It would be nice if they had a area that accepted infants since they don't take children until 2.5, luckily i just made the cut off. I love the childcare at the school so much I'm keeping my child at the school when he starts kindergarten in the fall. we aren't even members of the church.</p>

82	Jun 16, 2016 4:15 PM	Child care in Redwood county is very poor, especially for those who have infants. I have thought about quitting my job or just having to work over nights simply because there isn't options. But when there is options it is over expensive. I will have to pay \$390 a week just to have my two children in childcare to work - I won't even be able to bring a paycheck home, which means why do I even have or try and have a career.
83	Jun 16, 2016 4:13 PM	The age capacity of licensed child care provider's need to be change! [] For example one adult can have 12 children and with a second adult with the same credits there can be 2 more children, so a total of 14 kids. []
84	Jun 16, 2016 4:05 PM	Quality infant care is a huge concern of ours. Also, daycare providers taking excessive amounts of days off is another concern.
85	Jun 16, 2016 3:58 PM	Very happy with the options that St. John's has for our child!
86	Jun 16, 2016 3:56 PM	We have problems with daycare providers not able to deal with children with disabilities. Also it is frustrating when daycare providers hold spots for people who aren't even pregnant yet limiting spots for infants. Finding daycare for infants is a nightmare!!!!
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90	Jun 16, 2016 3:29 PM	I have not had children yet, but I have heard that it can be very very difficult finding a daycare provider. Some have said that they have to plan their children around the availability of the daycare provider. My soon-to-be wife and I are hoping to have a children within the next two years for sure and are slightly concerned with what our options may be.
91	Jun 16, 2016 1:02 PM	child care options are very limited. I'm very pleased with my current daycare provider but she will be retiring in the next few years and its seems there's no other options out there.

92	Jun 16, 2016 2:37 AM	<p>I accepted the Branch Manager position at my organization in April of 2011 transferring from Willmar to RWF. At the time I accepted the job, I began searching for daycare for my 4 month old. I obtained a list of the daycare providers from the DHS website and started at the top of the list. Out of the 25 on the list, there were only 5 with openings. After visiting the 5, we felt comfortable with only 1. This was not our preferred form of childcare as we had been using the YMCA while in Willmar. We preferred a facility as we were not familiar with any of the available daycare providers and had a hard time bringing my new baby to a person I knew nothing about. By the grace of God, we landed an outstanding daycare provider and could not be happier, however she did not have an opening for our baby until early August. I had to delay transitioning to the new job for about a month until I found a temporary option for two months (through Grandma). Two years later, we were expecting our second child. We notified our daycare provider the moment we found out we were expecting to start working the details of availability after my maternity leave. Based on the number of kids she had, she would not have a full time opening until two months after I returned to work. We were unable to find temporary daycare for our baby locally (still using our daycare provider for our other child) and so worked it out to have a friend in Bird Island watch our new baby until the opening in RW became available in September 2013. This was a difficult time for us as a family. I was traveling to Bird Island in the mornings to leave my baby with one person and then travel to RW to bring my toddler to our daycare provider. I spent time commuting, stressing about having my kids in two places and even a loss of productivity as I had to leave my job and go pick up my baby when our friends kids became sick. I can say for a fact the RW community is truly struggling in the same way we had 5 years ago. I've had a number of people describe their experience seeking daycare for their new baby and have been told they have had to delay returning to work or utilizing Grandparents until FT daycare is available. I'm open for more discussion if needed.</p> <p>Briana Mumme</p>
93	Jun 16, 2016 2:21 AM	<p>I know there is a misconception in the area that daycares make money and that our area's daycare "problem" can be solved if someone or a business would just open a daycare center. It's not that simple and I'm concerned that the Redwood area isn't asking enough other centers in neighboring communities what challenges they see, what it took for them to open and stay open and meet the needs of the community. I'd encourage those on the Task Force to learn from daycare centers in surrounding communities.</p>

