



# Wausa

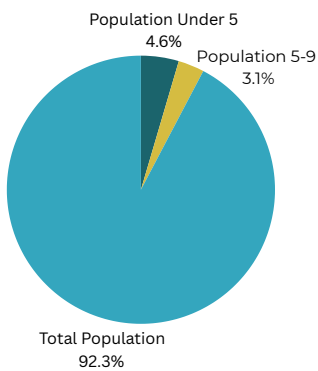
## Community Conversation about Early Childhood Programs and Services

The Communities for Kids initiative was created in response to community requests for assistance with shortage of high-quality early care and education programs; shortages that both impact children's optimal development and pose a challenge for communities hoping to attract and retain the viable workforce they need to thrive.

Communities for Kids partners with communities' public and private entities to support and coordinate planning for access to high-quality early care and education for all children birth through age five. These partnerships are customized to address each community's unique assets and needs; so each community can grow and prosper well into the future.

### Community Information

#### Population



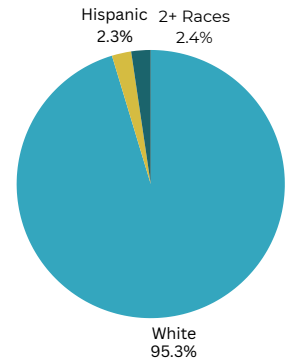
Median Family Income:  
**\$ 66,125.00**

Estimated per capita income: **\$34,721.00**

Wausa population below poverty level: **4.6%**

Nebraska population below poverty level: **10.5%**

#### Demographics



### Quality Childcare Availability

#### Public Early Childhood Programs

Public Preschool Capacity	<b>22</b>
Head Start or Early Head Start	<b>0</b>
Sixpence Home-Based Capacity	<b>0</b>

**Total Capacity 11**

(Minus 50% half-day programming)

#### Private Early Childhood Programs

Licensed In-home Childcare Providers	<b>8</b>
Licensed Childcare Centers	<b>34</b>
Licensed Preschool Providers	<b>0</b>

**Total Capacity 55**

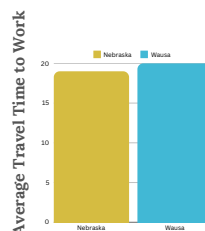
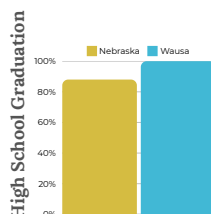
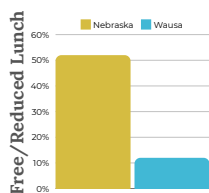
#### Gap of Available Childcare Options

Number of children under the age of 6 with all available parents working	<b>25</b>
Total number of licensed childcare spots	<b>42</b>
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Total number of Pre-K/HS/EHS/Sixpence	<b>11</b>

**Number of children under age 6 not enrolled in a private licensed or public preschool (GAP)**

**= -28**

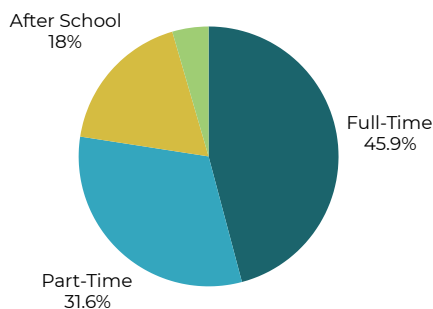
#### Comparison Rates and Outcomes



# Community Assessment Group Information:

The Wausa Communities for Kids team worked together to develop a survey to address the current and future needs of early childhood care and learning opportunities in the community. Surveys were provided online via Survey Monkey and paper copies were made available to gather community input. A total of 125 surveys were collected. 94% of respondents were Wausa residents and 6% came from surrounding areas, including Bloomfield and Osmond.

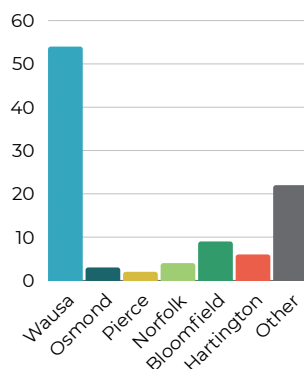
## Children and Families



What are your child care needs per week?

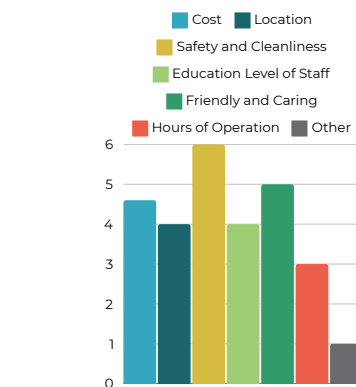
Answered: 33 Skipped: 93

Note: Respondents were able to select more than one option



In which community are you employed?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 30

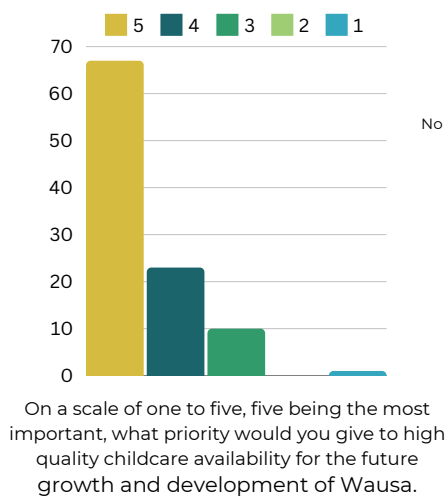


What qualities are most important to you when selecting a child care provider? Ran in order, #1 being most important.

Answered: 106 Skipped: 20

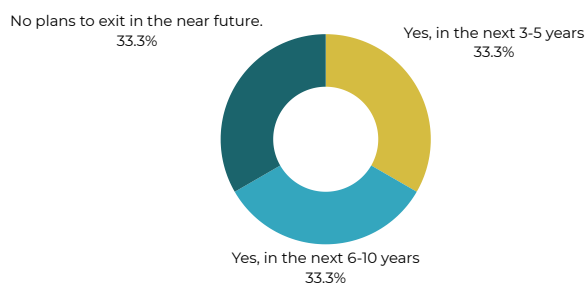
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## Community and Impact on Business



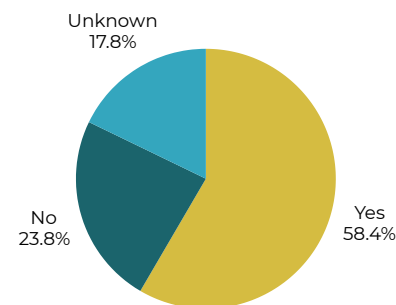
On a scale of one to five, five being the most important, what priority would you give to high quality childcare availability for the future growth and development of Wausa.

Answered: 42 Skipped: 84



As a community early childhood care professional, are you planning to retire or exit the field in the near future?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 123



In the last 12 months, has a lack of child care caused you to miss work, be tardy, or cause a distraction at work?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 109

The community of Wausa is focused on the following three priorities through their C4K work.

We encourage community members to reach out to the team to provide your knowledge, skills, and experience in supporting these priorities.

**1. Develop Early Childhood workforce and support licensed providers.**

**2. Utilize the quality child care infrastructure of Wausa for economic development and community growth.**

**3. Create pathways for community collaboration to support the early childhood infrastructure of Wausa.**

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