



CHILDCARE ENROLLMENT AND ACCESSIBILITY IN WATERBURY, 2016

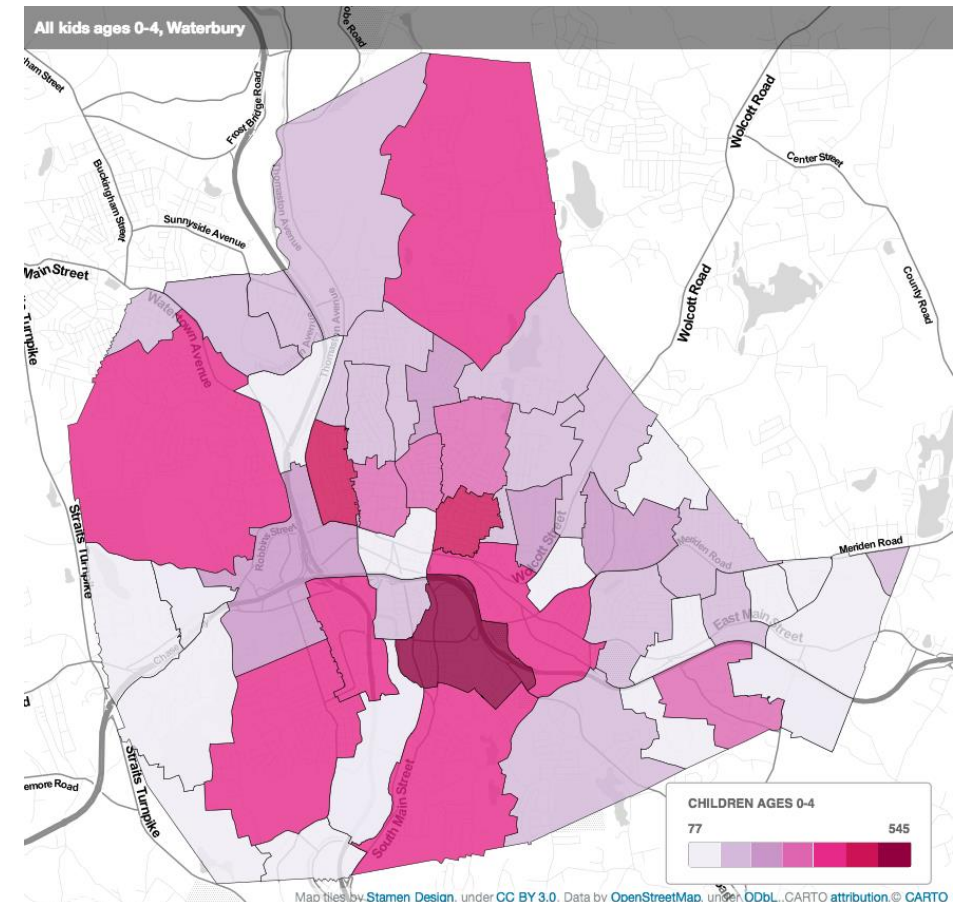
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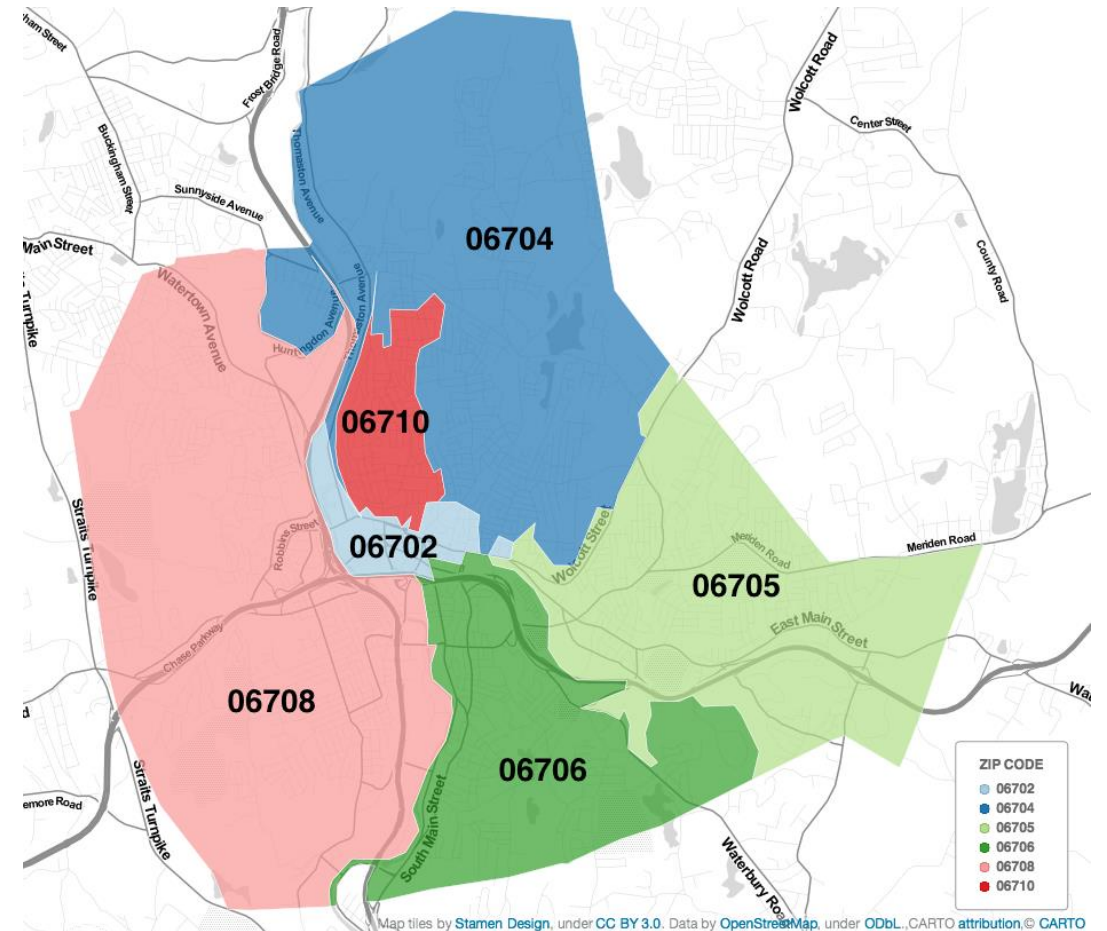
OVERVIEW

- 7,323 children ages 0–4 (estimate)
- Slight decrease in young children, 2000–2014; 7% decrease projected 2014–2025
- Increase in population of young children in low-income households—54% in 2000 to 66% in 2014
 - Compare to CT: 34% in 2014
- 52% of Waterbury 3–4 year olds enrolled in center-based pre-K in 2014
 - Compare to CT: 64% in 2014



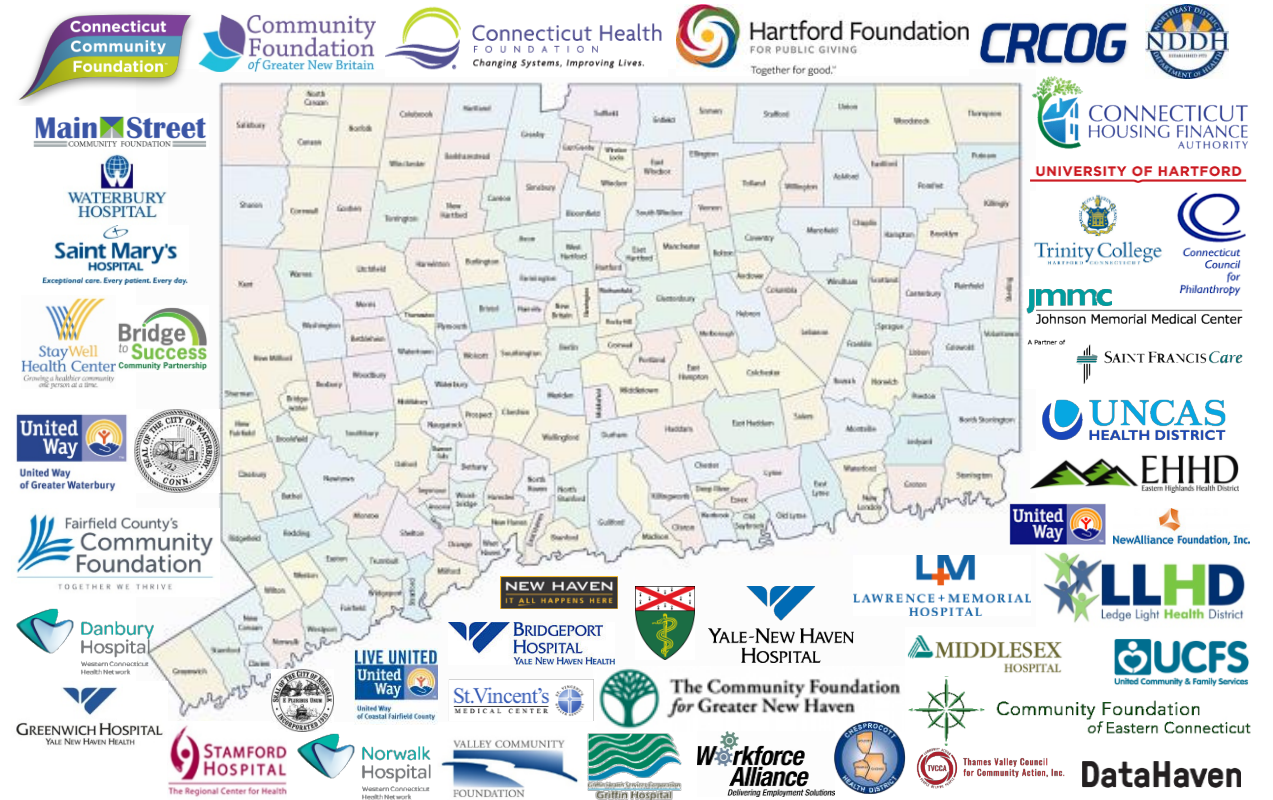
NOTES ON GEOGRAPHY

- Neighborhoods provide only very small sample sizes, large margins of error
- Zip codes serve as clusters of neighborhoods
- Community Wellbeing data available at zip code level, allows to compare indicators
 - See [Waterbury](#), [Greater Waterbury](#) crosstabs



2015 DATAHAVEN COMMUNITY WELLBEING SURVEY

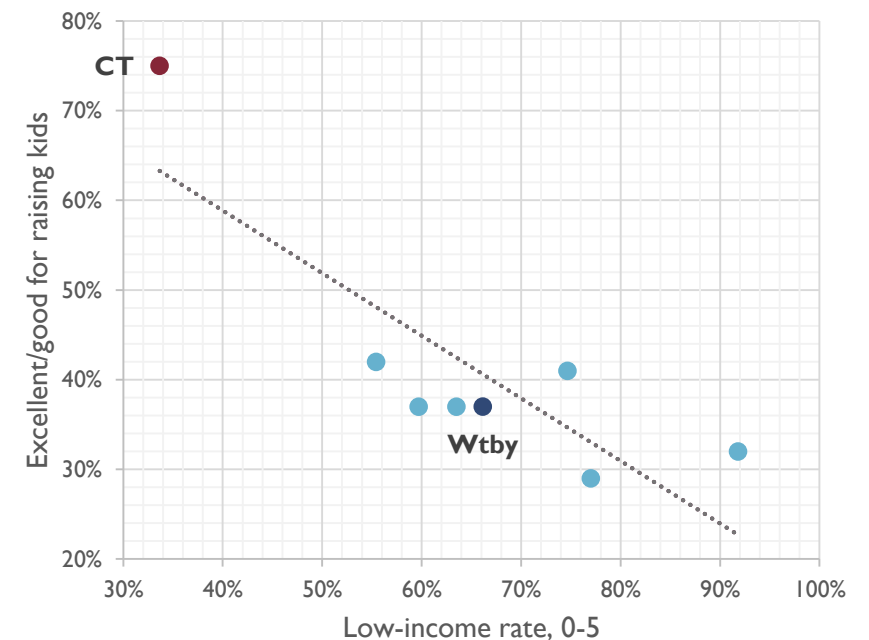
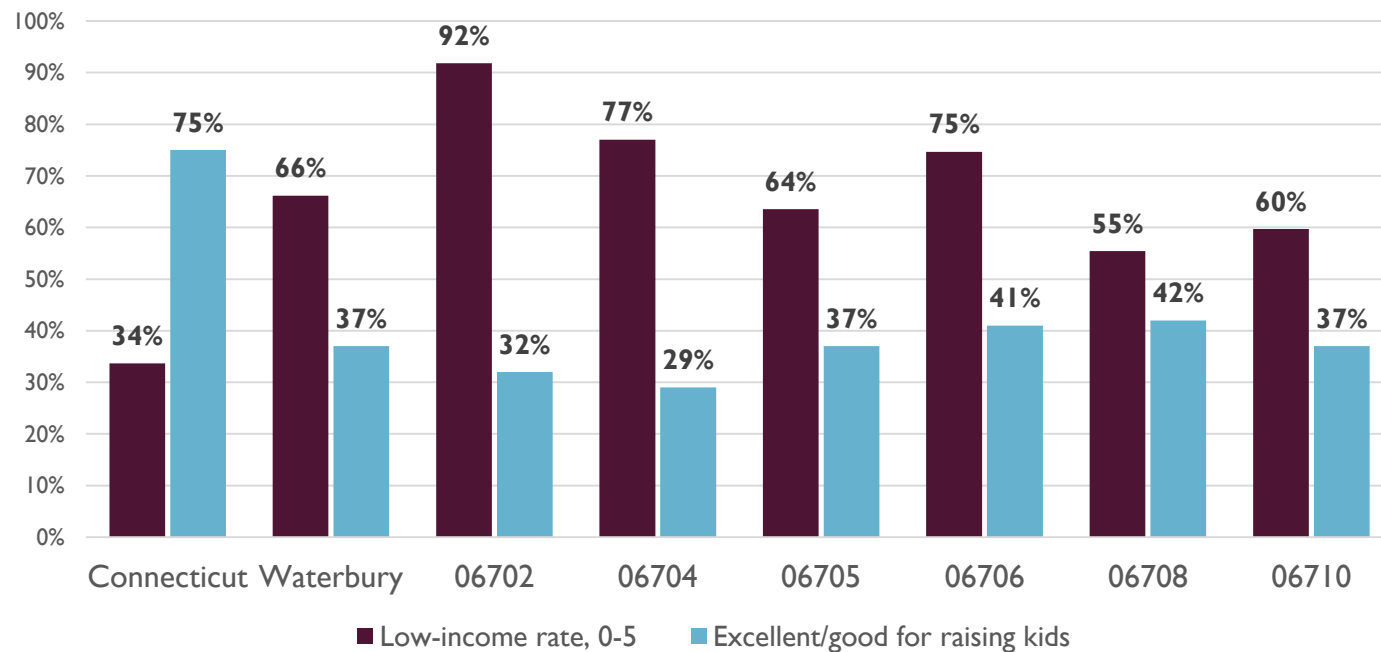
- Statewide survey of nearly 17,000 CT adults on indicators of personal and community well-being
- Gathers unique data on social issues that may not otherwise be available, and allows for comparison between areas, and with other surveys & studies
- Focuses on neighborhoods, towns, and regions to better understand their specific issues
- Made possible by more than 50 funders—thank you!



INCOME & WELL-BEING

Can gain further insight into lives of families of young children through 2015 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey—including 610 Waterbury adults

Agreement that area is good for raising children vs. low-income rate, 0-5



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

- 162 licensed program locations in Waterbury: 48 school & center-based, 114 family childcare
- Total 3,473 slots available
- Payment types:
 - Free: Head Start, DCF, magnet/public school-based
 - Subsidized: School Readiness, Child Development Center, Care4Kids*
 - Full price: private providers
- See [map](#) of programs

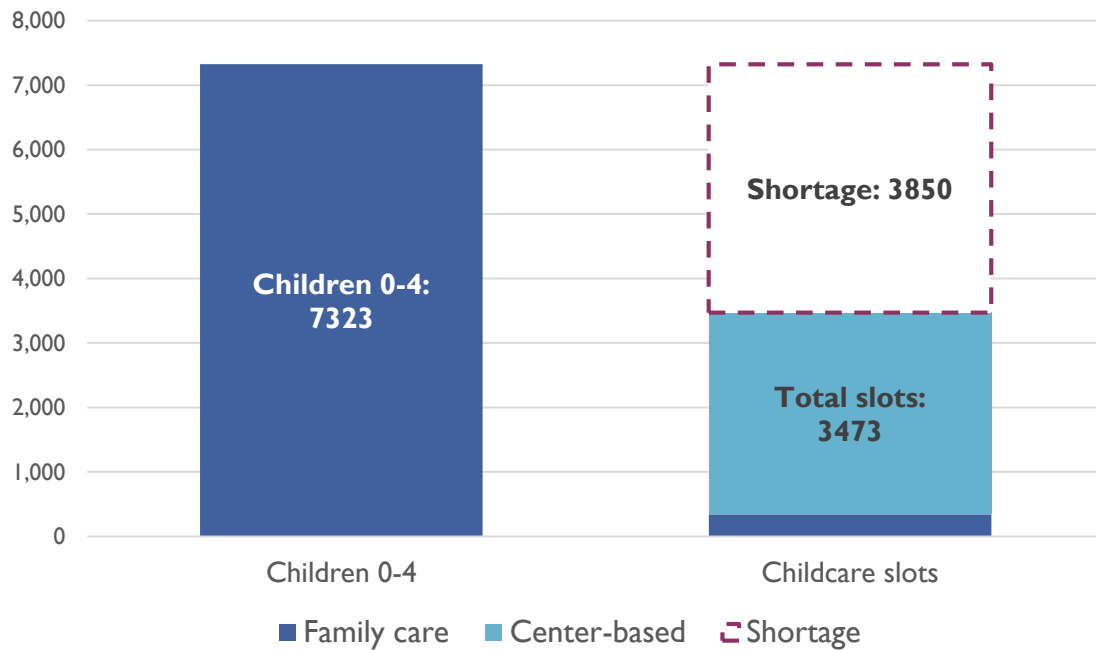
* Note that Care4Kids vouchers are not counted within subsidies in this study.

CHALLENGES FOR FAMILIES

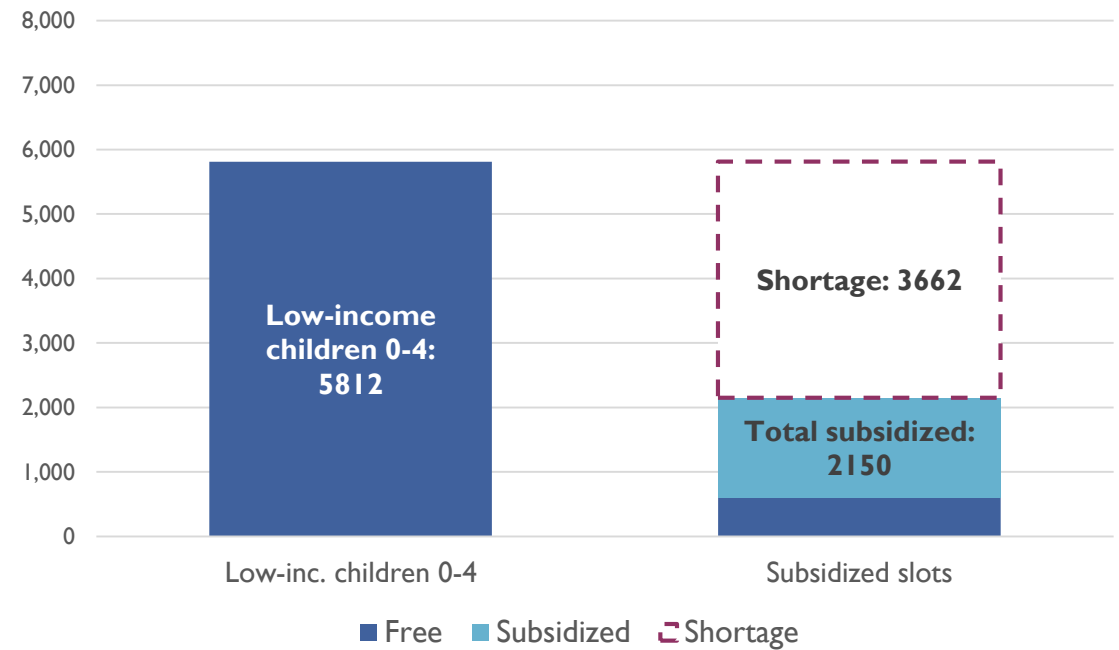
- **Income:** Growing population of low-income young children
- **Cost:** Average annual cost of childcare in Waterbury: \$8,400–\$11,400
 - Childcare for 2 young children: 40%–60% of average Waterbury household income
 - Federal recommendation says families should pay no more than 7% of income on childcare
- **Transportation:** 24% of Waterbury adults report not having reliable access to a car
- **Other resources:** 18% of Waterbury adults didn't have banking account in 2015

ALL AGES, AVAILABLE SLOTS & SUBSIDIES

All children, all slots

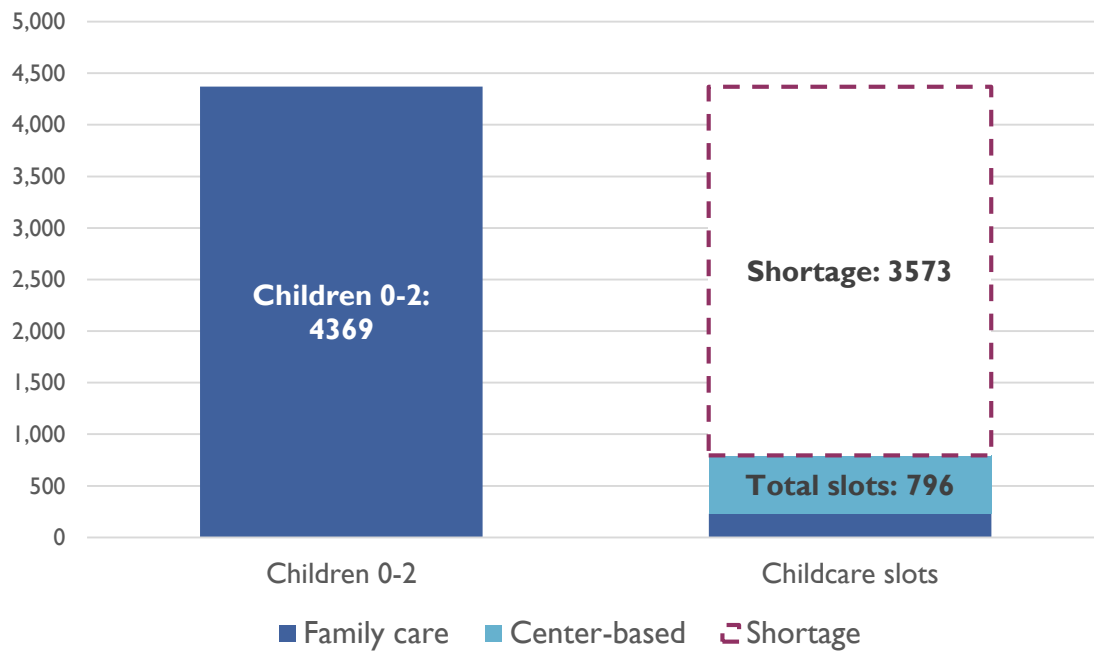


All children, subsidized

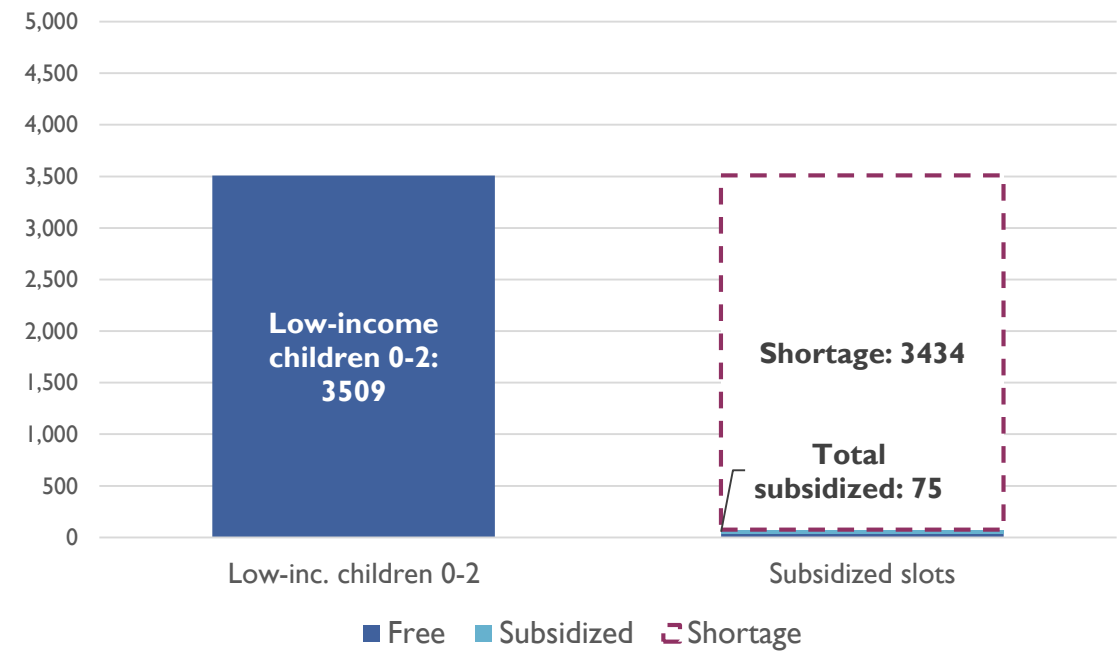


INFANTS & TODDLERS, AVAILABLE SLOTS & SUBSIDIES

Infants & toddlers, all slots

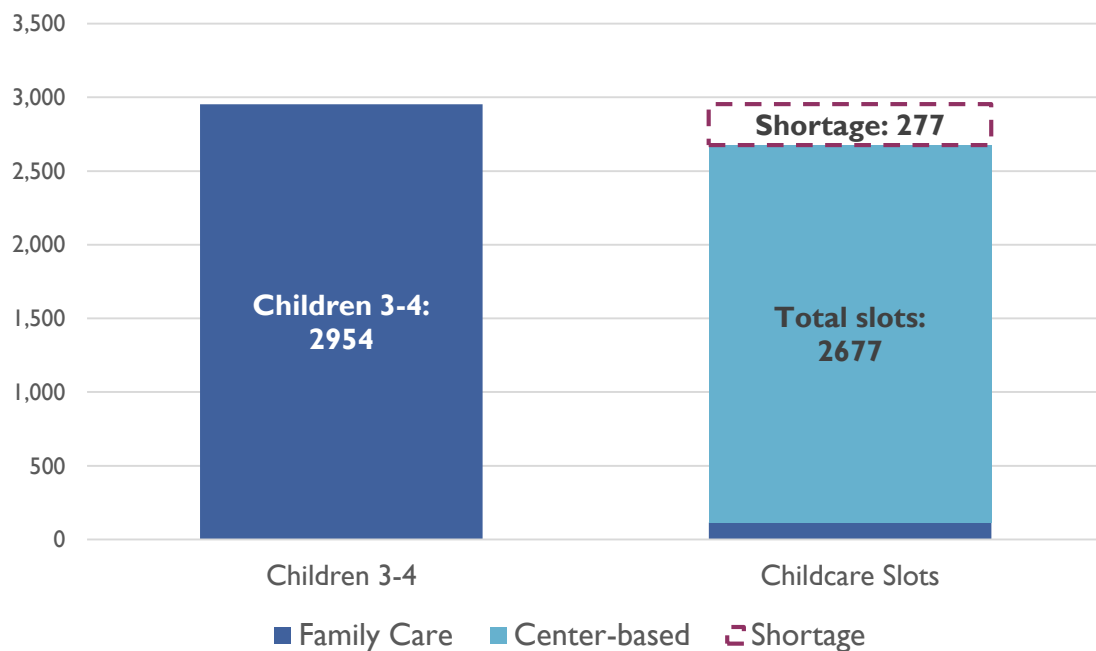


Infants & toddlers, subsidized

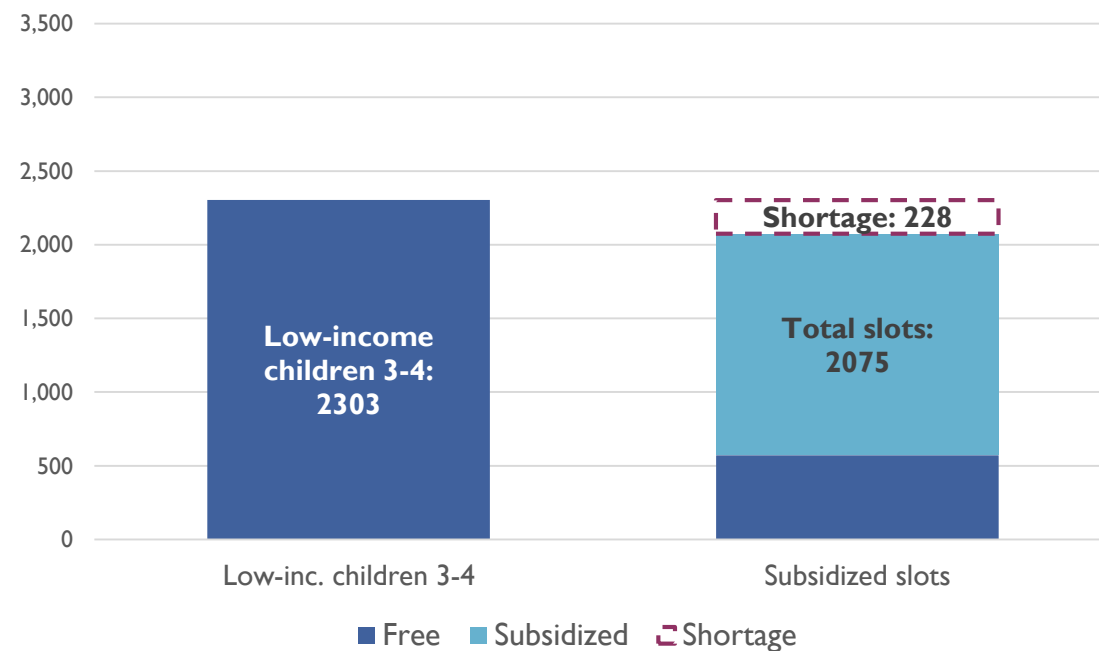


PRESCHOOLERS, AVAILABLE SLOTS & SUBSIDIES

Preschoolers, all slots



Preschoolers, subsidized



AVAILABILITY OF CHILDCARE

- Sufficient childcare slots for preschool-aged children
- Extreme shortage of slots for infants & toddlers
- See [map](#) of shortages of slots and subsidies by neighborhood

	All young children (0–4)	Infants & toddlers (0–2)	Preschool-aged (3–4)
Estimated, children seeking childcare programs in Waterbury, 2016	7,323	4,369	2,954
Licensed childcare slots	3,473	796	2,677
<i>Family care slots</i>	342	568	114
<i>School & center-based slots</i>	3,131	228	2,563
Needed slots (shortage)	3,850	3,573	277
Feasible % of children served in slots	47%	18%	91%

AVAILABILITY OF SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE

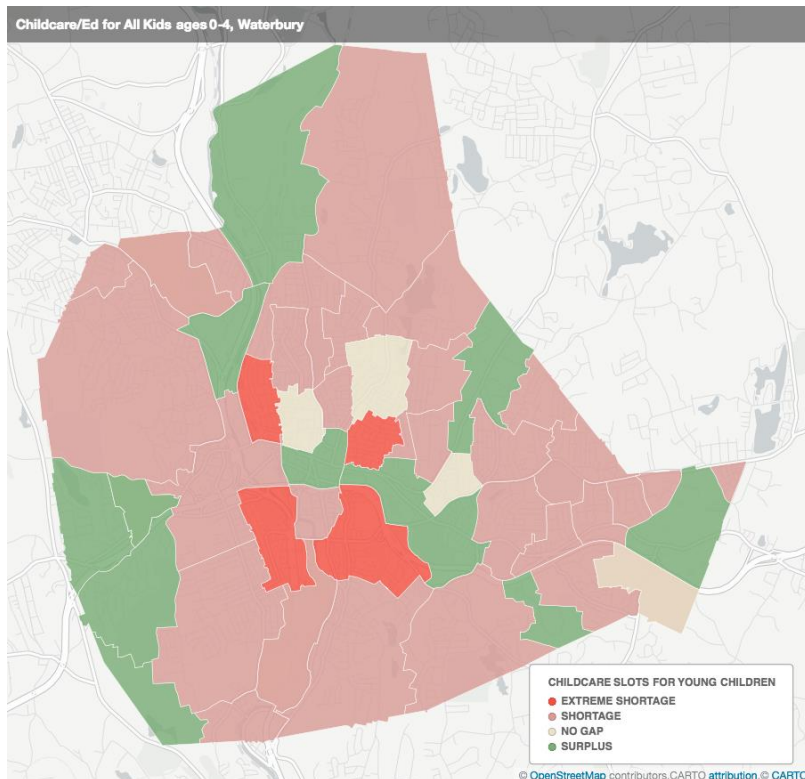
- Sufficient free/subsidized slots for preschool-aged children
- Extreme shortage of free/subsidized slots for infants & toddlers
- See [map](#) of shortages of slots and subsidies by neighborhood

	All young children (0–4)	Infants & toddlers (0–2)	Preschool-aged (3–4)
Estimated, children needing subsidies in Waterbury, 2016	5,812	3,509	2,303
Subsidies/subsidized slots	2,150	75	2,075
<i>Free slots</i>	606	36	570
<i>Subsidized slots</i>	1,544	39	1,505
Needed subsidies (shortage)	3,662	3,434	228
Feasible % of children in need receiving subsidy	37%	2%	90%

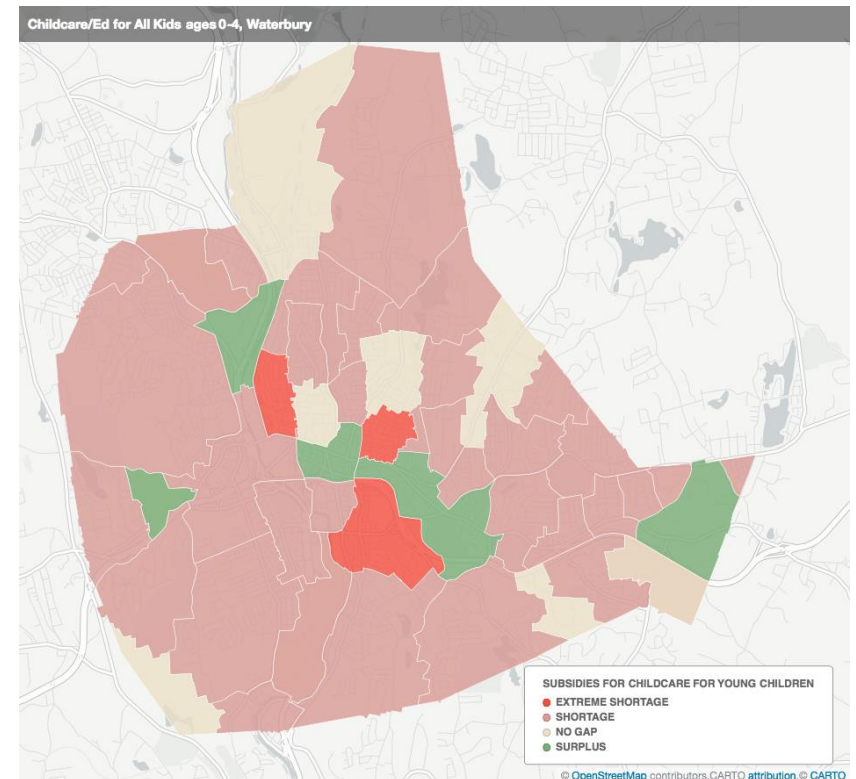
ACCESSIBILITY

Disproportionate share of slots and subsidies are located downtown; far fewer slots are in neighborhoods where most children live

Shortages of childcare slots, all ages



Shortages of subsidized slots, all ages



NEXT STEPS

- Ideally, adding new programs with subsidies in areas of need—however, resources are limited
- Redistribution of slots to neighborhoods with highest population of young children
 - Won't solve shortage of infant/toddler slots
- Redistribution of subsidies to neighborhoods with greatest need
 - Prioritize neighborhoods with greatest need for new subsidies
- Increased funding for School Readiness & similar programs
- Coordinated transportation, including expanded public transit service

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- 2015 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey, Waterbury crosstabs: <http://bit.ly/waterbury-cross>
- 2015 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey, Greater Waterbury crosstabs: <http://bit.ly/greater-wtby-cross>
- Map: childcare providers & characteristics: <http://bit.ly/wtby-providers>
- Map: childcare sites & shortages, all ages: <http://bit.ly/wtby-all-ages>
- Map: childcare sites & shortages: infants and toddlers: <http://bit.ly/wtby-infants>
- Map: childcare sites & shortages, preschool: <http://bit.ly/wtby-prek>
- Visit DataHaven's website for more info or to contact us: www.ctdatahaven.org