



# Labor Market Analysis: Childcare Capacity in the 13-County Gulf Coast Region

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## Part 1:

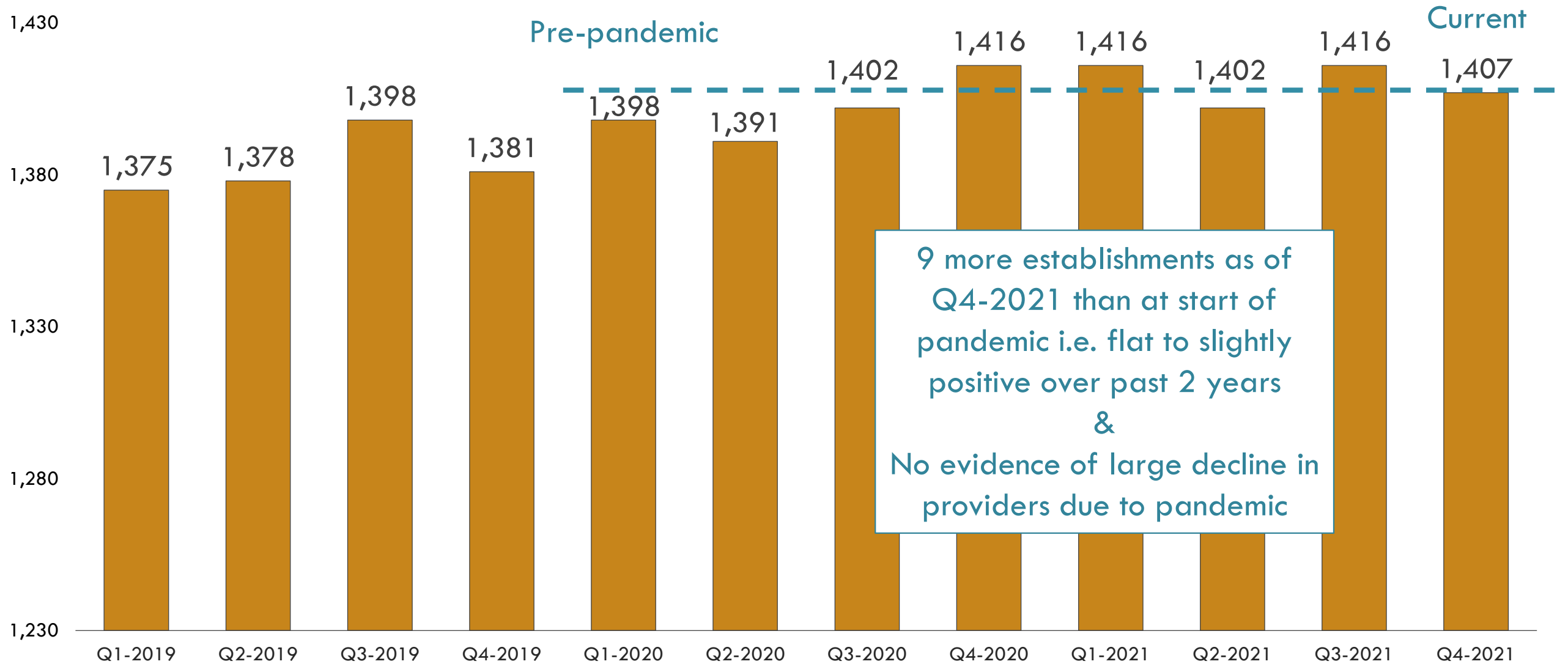
# LMI and Childcare Capacity

# QCEW – Gulf Coast Childcare Establishments

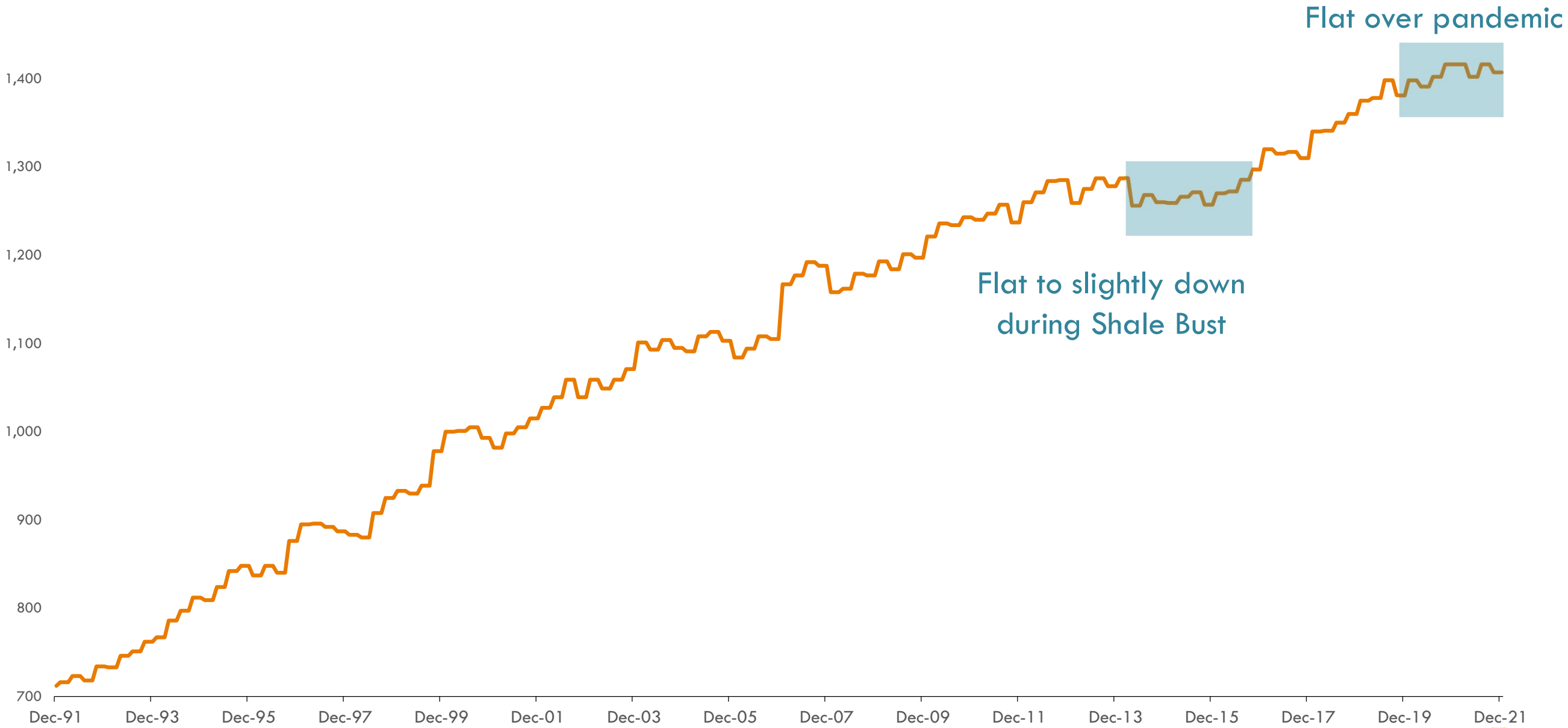
Total Number as of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021

**1,407**

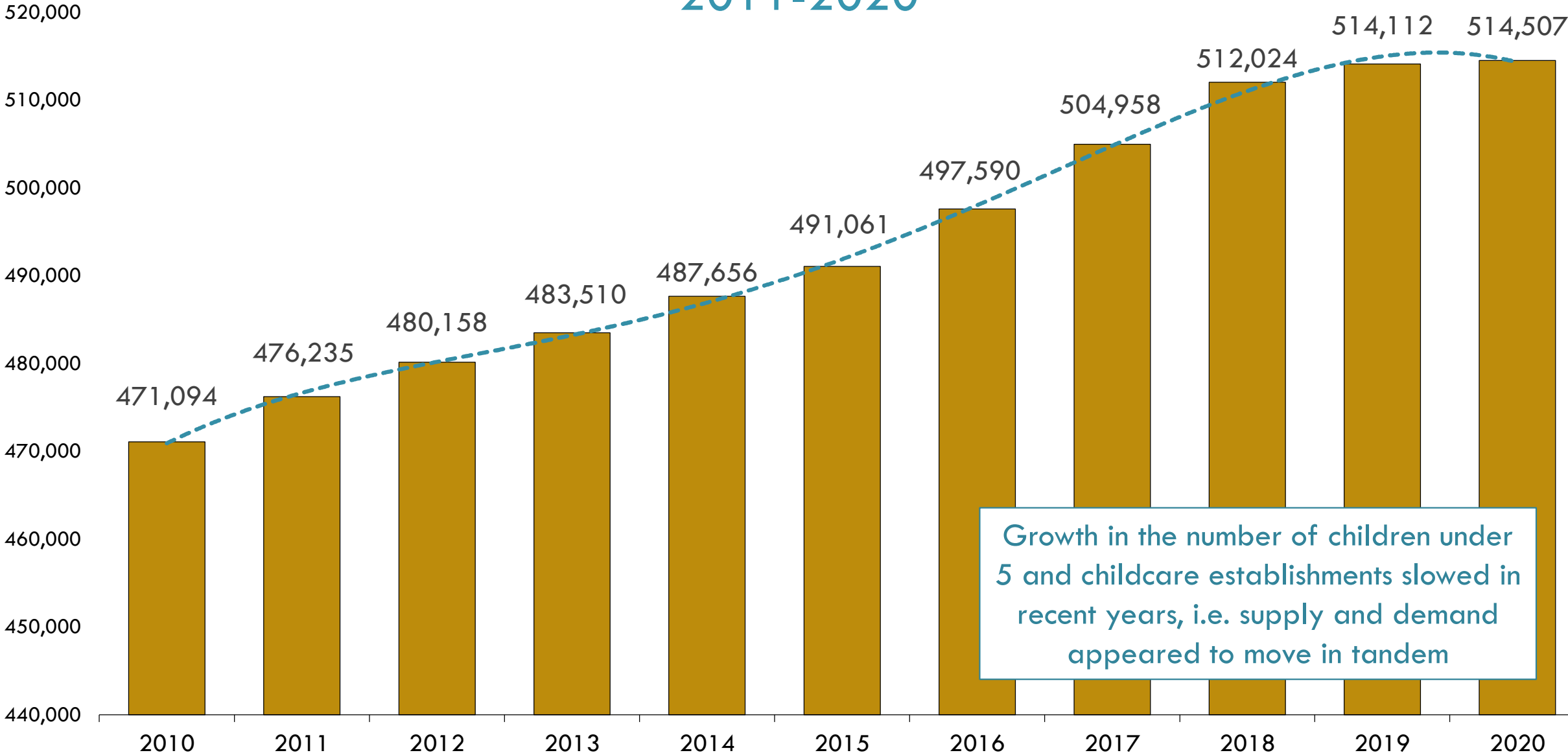
# QCEW – Gulf Coast Childcare Establishments since Pandemic



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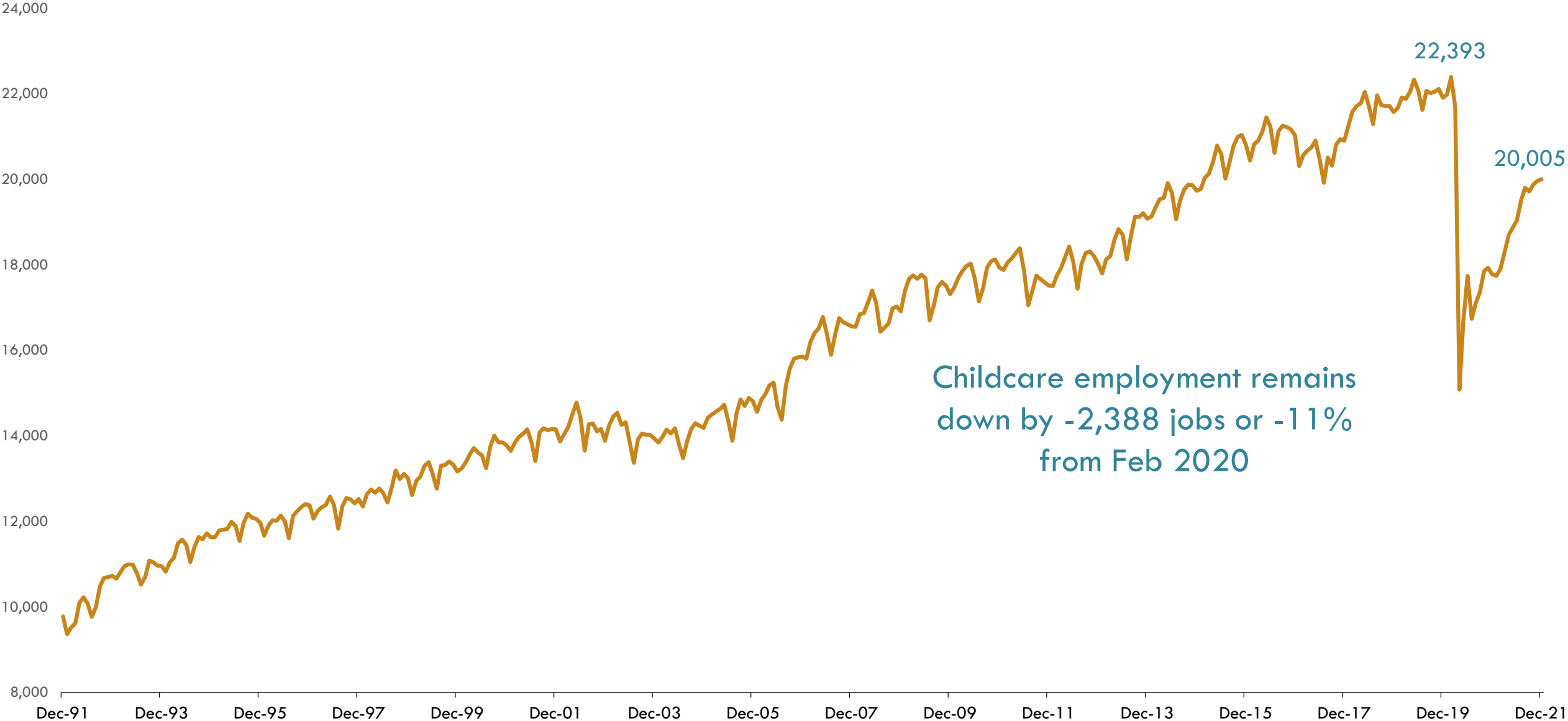
# 13-County Gulf Coast Region Number of Children Under the Age of 5 2011-2020



Growth in the number of children under 5 and childcare establishments slowed in recent years, i.e. supply and demand appeared to move in tandem

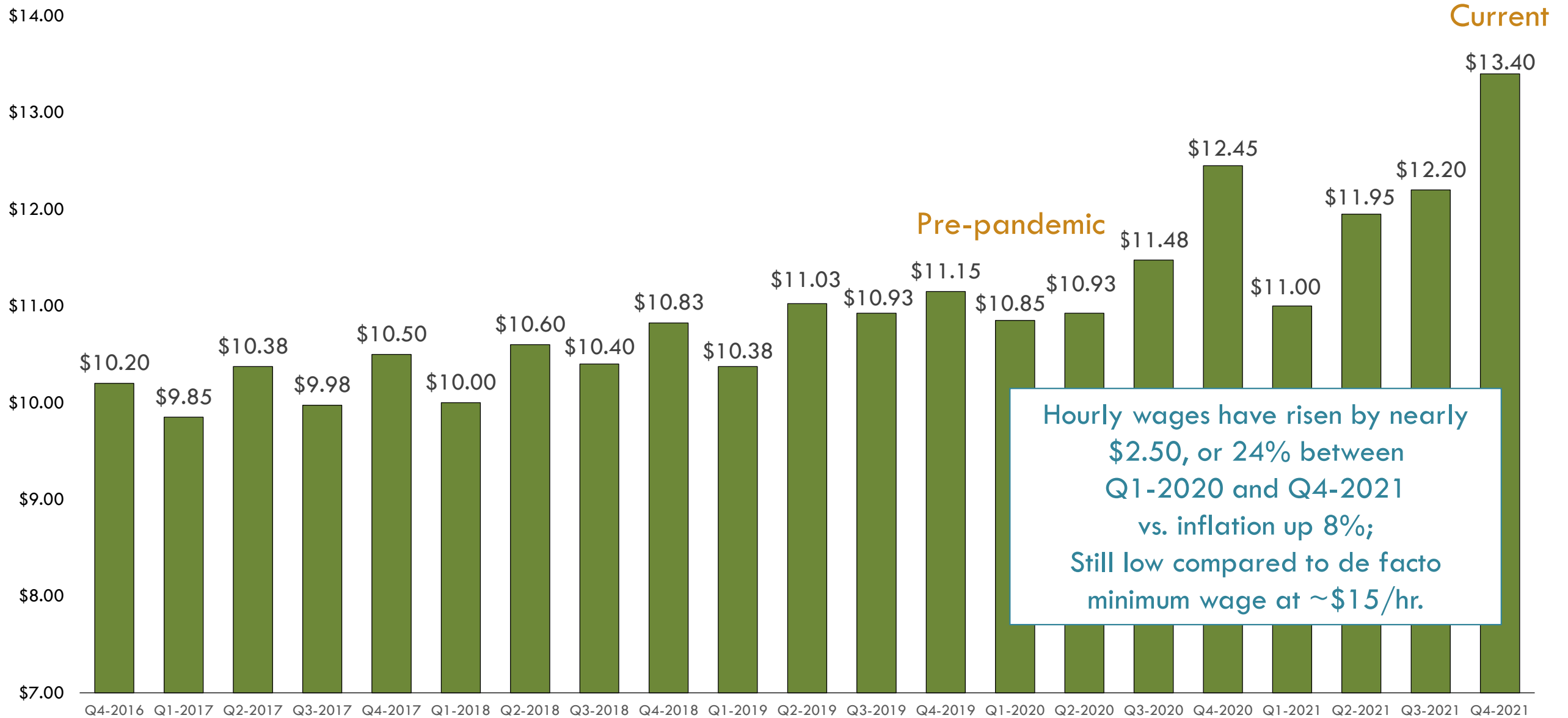
Sources: ACS 5-Year Estimates

# QCEW – Gulf Coast Childcare Employment 1991-2021



Childcare employment remains down by -2,388 jobs or -11% from Feb 2020

# QCEW – Gulf Coast Childcare Average Hourly Wages since Pandemic



Hourly wages have risen by nearly \$2.50, or 24% between Q1-2020 and Q4-2021 vs. inflation up 8%; Still low compared to de facto minimum wage at ~\$15/hr.





## Part 2:

# Geography of Childcare Capacity

# Find available child care in Texas that meets your needs

Search address, city or zip code

Locations near you

Method of transportation

Driving

Children

Add children

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<https://find.childcare.texas.gov/>

# Texas Childcare Availability Portal Database Fields



<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Operation Type</b> <i>Licensed Center</i> <i>Licensed Child-Care Home</i> <i>Registered Child-Care Home</i>	<b>Provider Open Status</b> <i>Open/Closed</i>	<b>Reporting Status</b> <i>Reporting/Not Reporting</i>	<b>Subsidy Status</b> <i>Yes/No</i>
<b>TRS Level</b> <i>Non TRS</i> <i>2 Star</i> <i>3 Star</i> <i>4 Star</i>	<b>Address</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Local Workforce Development Board</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Infant Capacity</b> #	<b>Toddler Capacity</b> #	<b>Pre-K Capacity</b> #	<b>School Aged Capacity</b> #

# Texas Childcare Availability Portal Database



Total Number of Licensed and Registered Providers in  
13-County Region

**3,619**

Representing 27% of providers across Texas

# Texas Childcare Availability Portal Database

Number of Children Capable of Being Served by  
Licensed and Registered Providers in Region

**91,794**

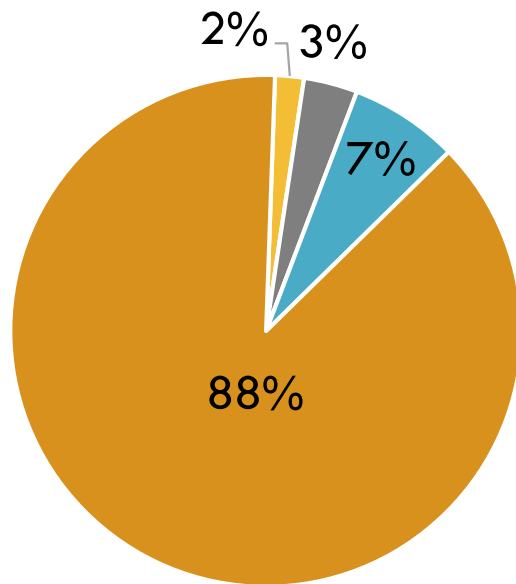
Representing 32% of capacity across Texas



# Texas Childcare Availability Portal Database Highlights

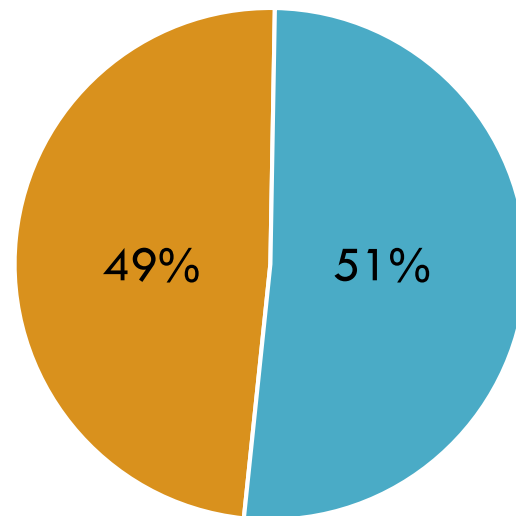


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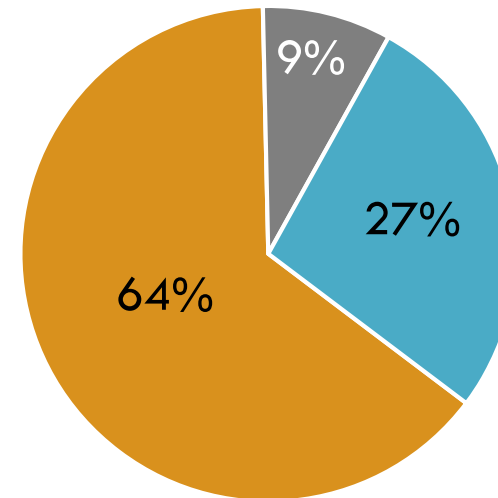
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- TRS 3 Star
- TRS 4 Star
- Non TRS

Subsidy Status



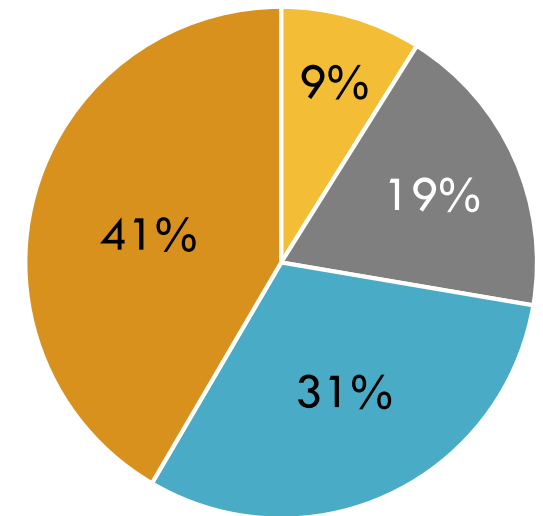
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Operation Type



- Licensed Center
- Licensed Child-Care Home
- Registered Child-Care Home

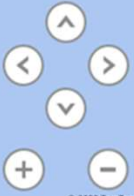
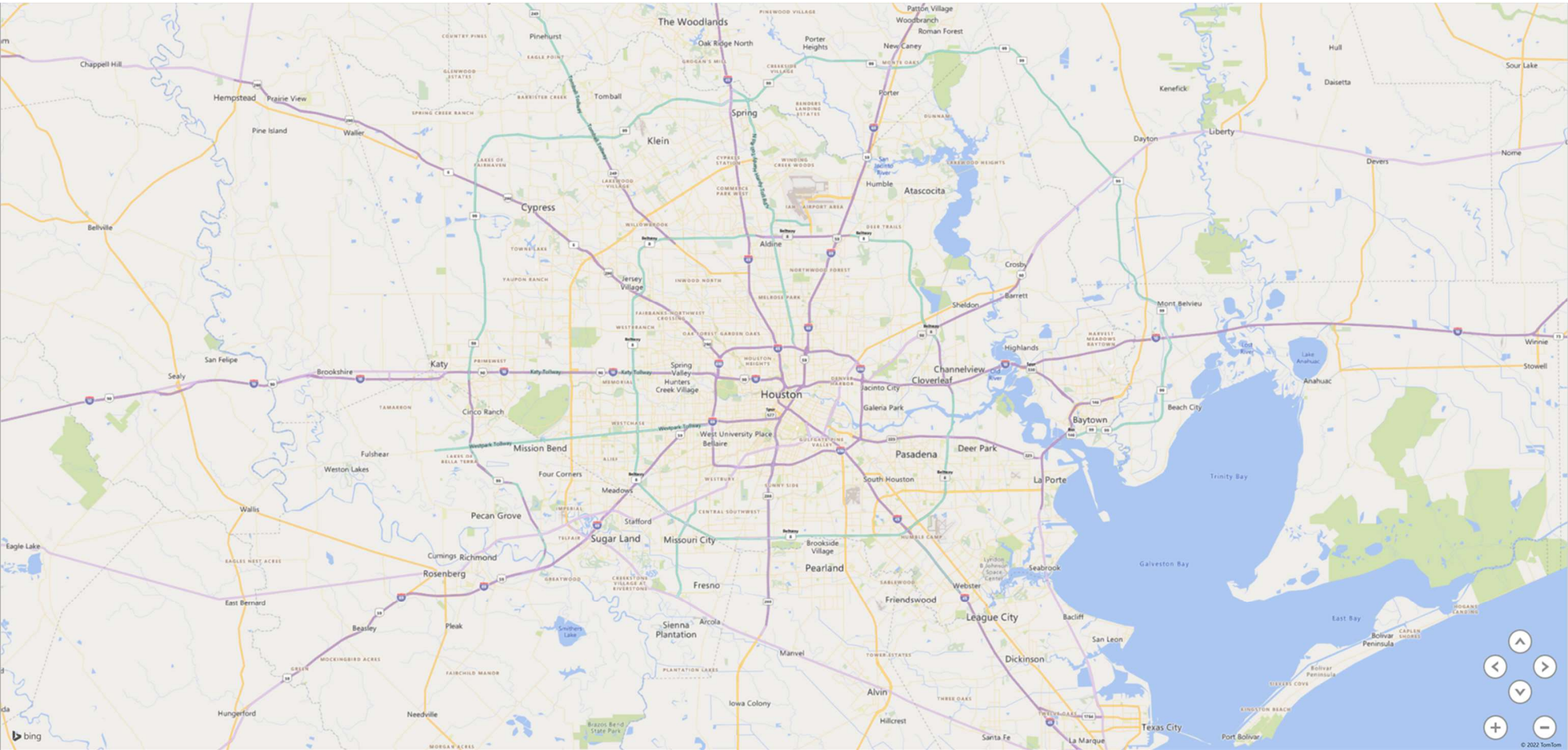
Capacity



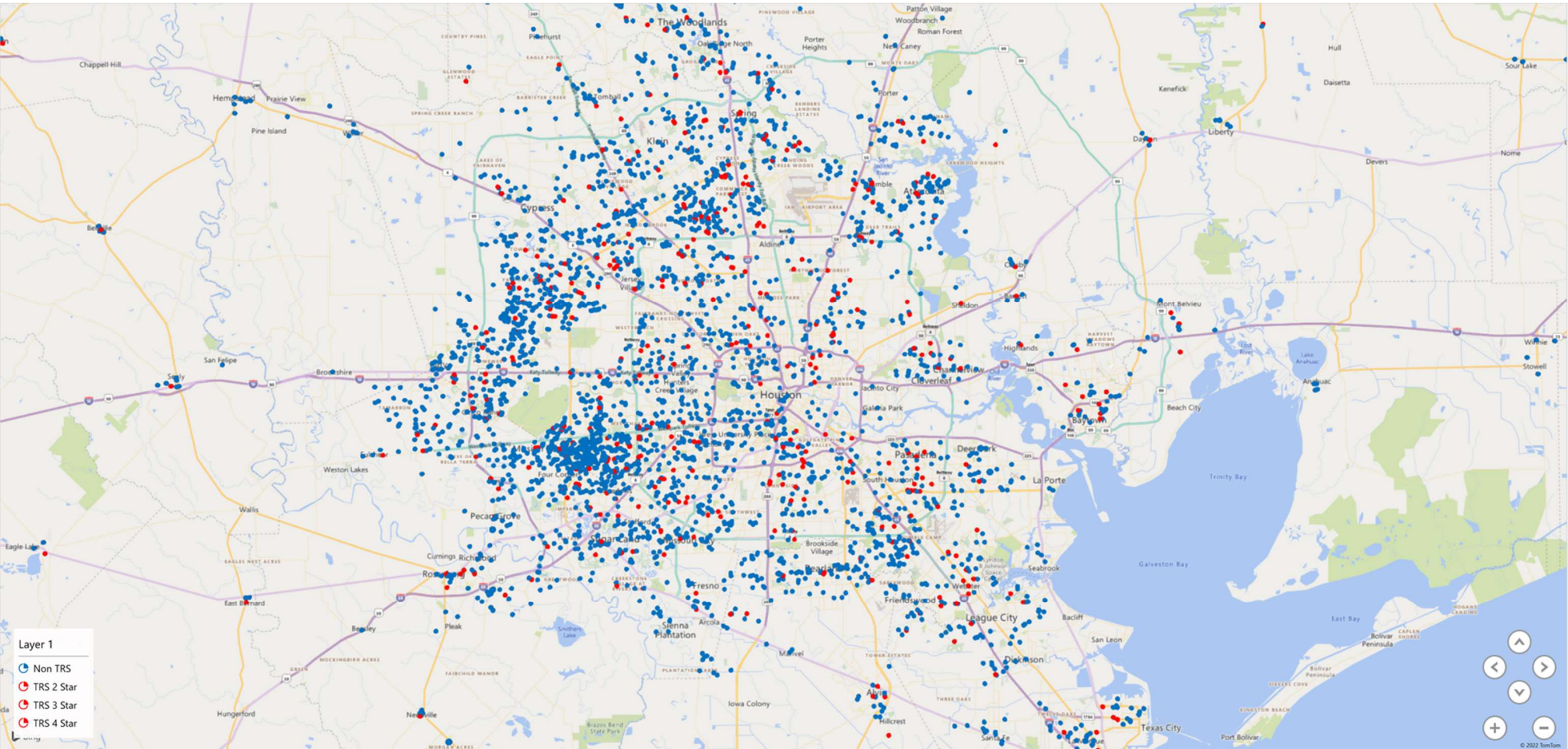
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Data last extracted: 7/14/22

# Geography of Capacity

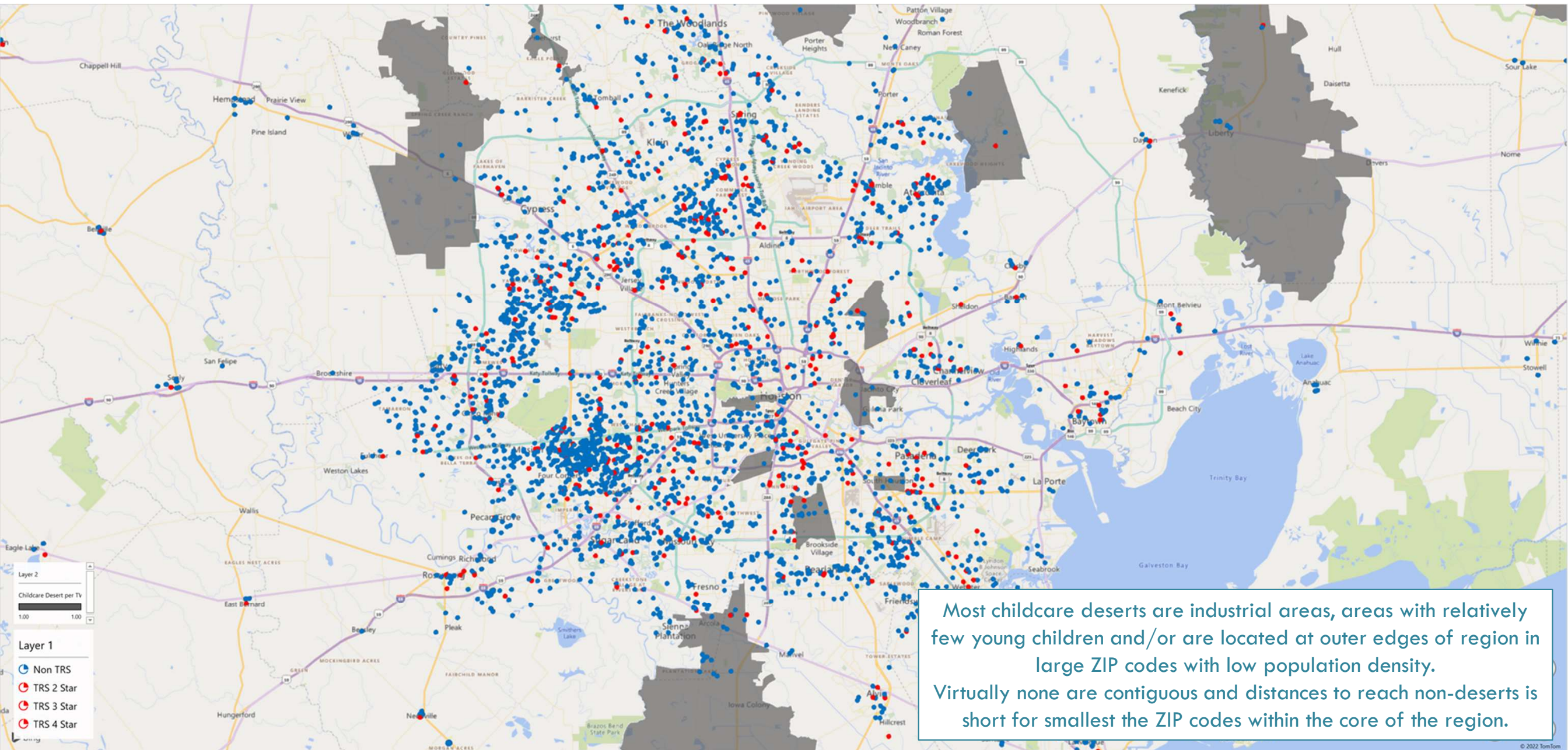


# Geography of Capacity - Providers





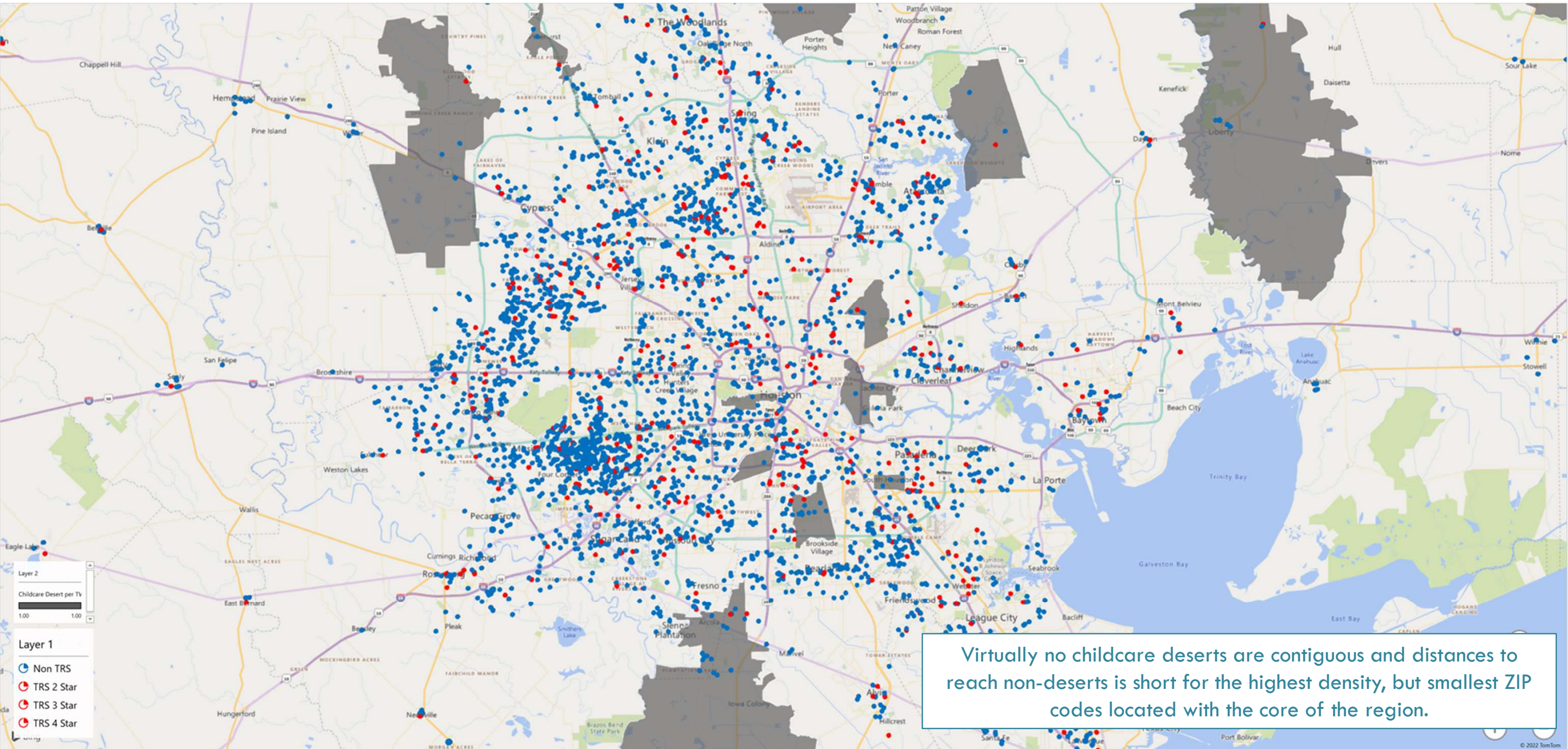
# Geography of Capacity – Providers + Childcare Deserts



# Gulf Coast Region Childcare Deserts

- 15 childcare desert ZIP codes with population 261,000 or 4% of region
- 202 non-desert ZIP codes with population of 7 million or 96% of region

# Geography of Capacity – Providers + Childcare Deserts



# Key Takeaways

- The concept of “capacity” operates on multiple levels:
  - Absolute number of providers
  - Geographic location of providers
  - Provider staffing levels vis-à-vis wages
  - Number of children served
  - Quality of capacity/educational/developmental
- Defining capacity is key to identifying effective solutions
- Data suggests that staffing levels and wages and hence the number of children that can be served are bigger constraints to expanding capacity than the absolute number of providers

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# Thank You!

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