

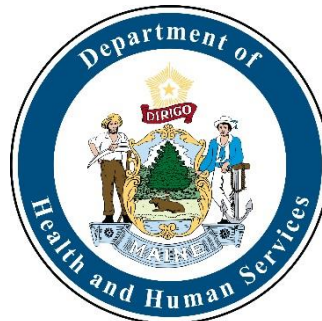
# Office of Child and Family Services

## Child Care in Maine

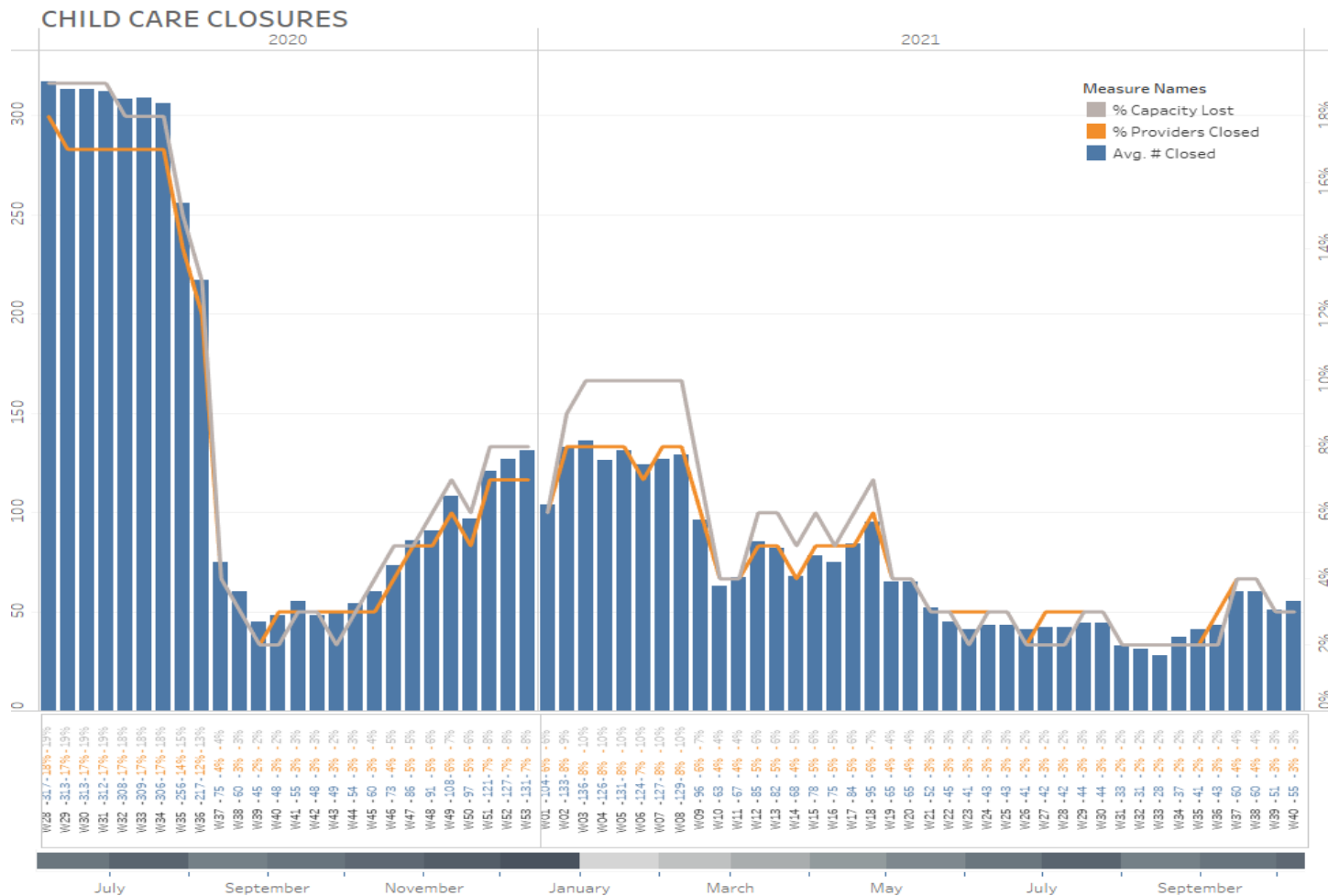
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# Temporary Program Closures



Early in the pandemic nearly 50% of child care providers were temporarily closed.

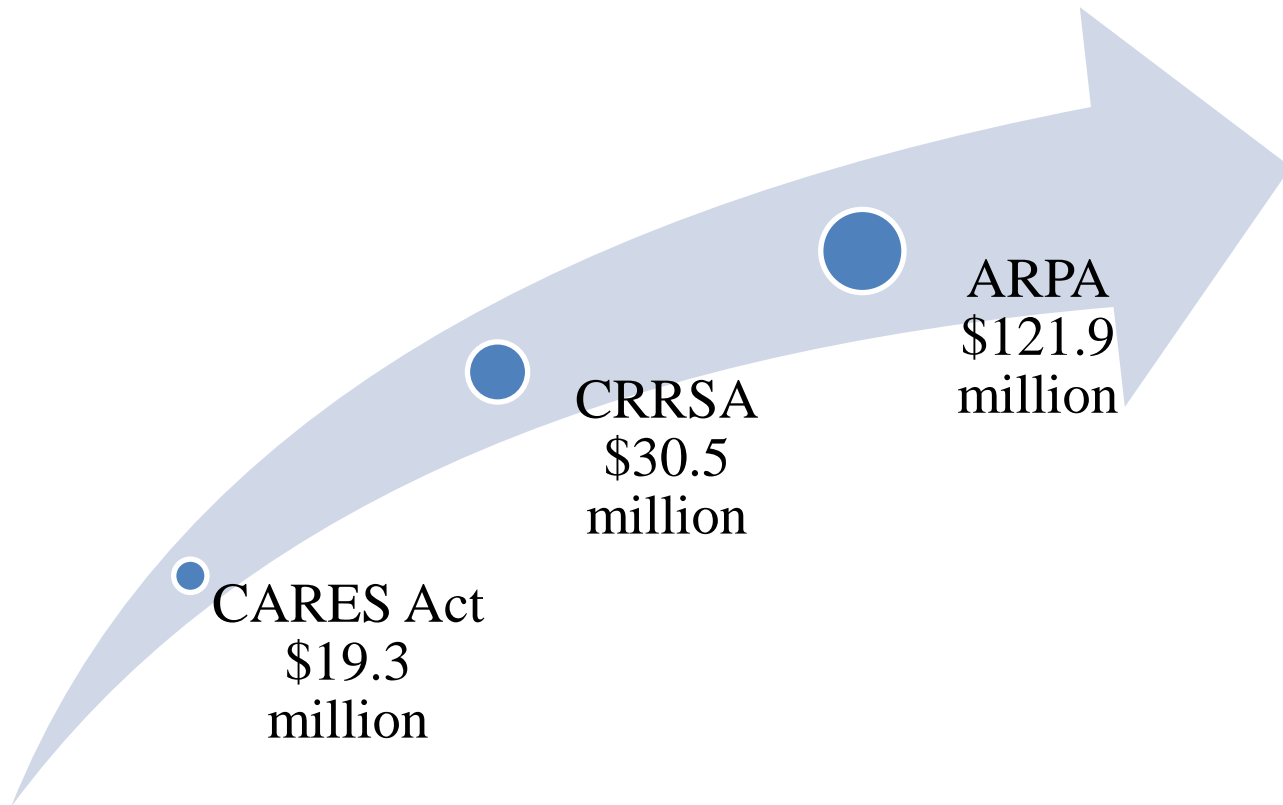
Currently 97% of licensed providers are open, which represents a temporary loss of 3% of capacity.

# Current Child Care Capacity

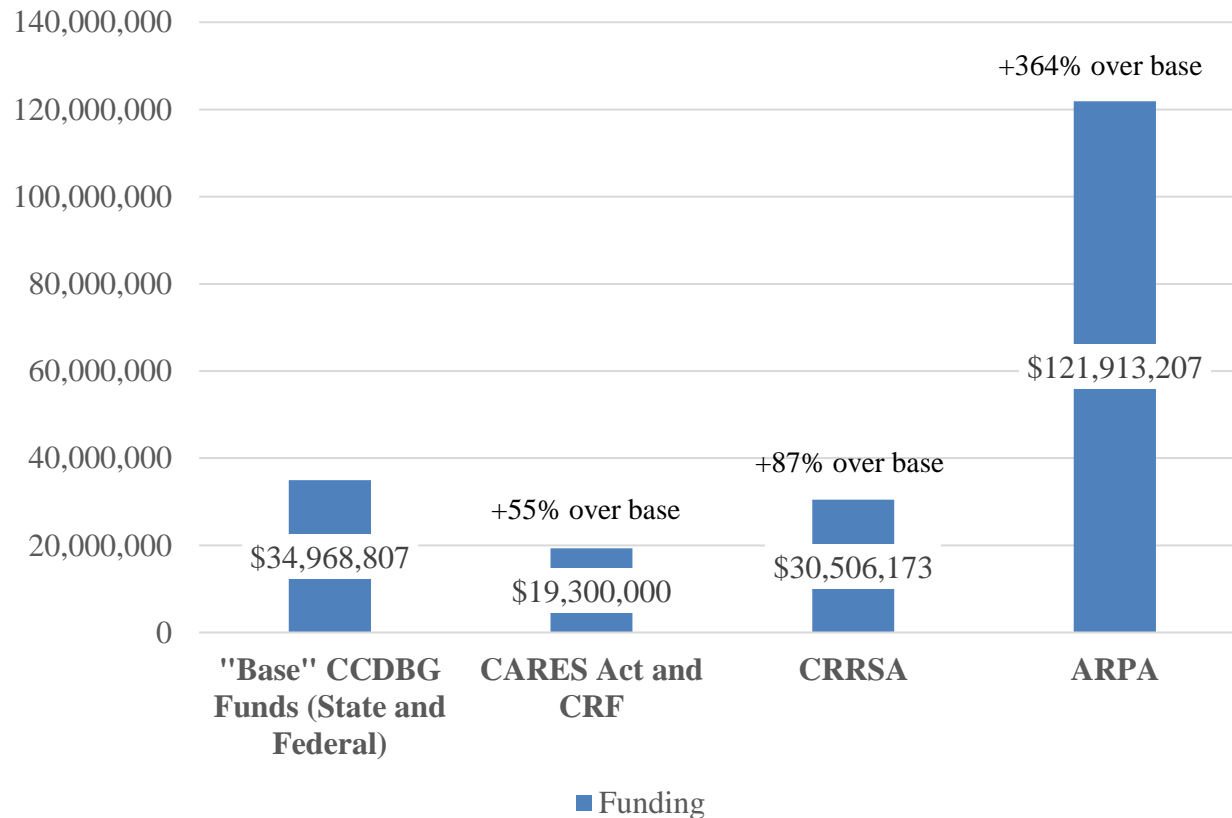
	April 30, 2020	September 30, 2021	Difference
<b>Total Licensed Child Care Providers</b>	1,803	1,616	(187) (10.4%)
<b>Child Care Facilities</b>	824	800	(24) (2.9%)
<b>Nursery School</b>	48	37	(11) (23.0%)
<b>Family Child Care</b>	931	779	(152) (16.3%)
<b>Total Licensed Capacity</b>	49,039	48,623	(416) (.8%)

*Since April of 2020 OCFS has received **249** new applications for licensed child care providers. **31** closed out their application prior to licensing, **39** are currently in applied status, and **179** have become licensed.*

# Federal Child Care Development Block Grant Funding Initiatives



# Federal Relief – Budget Impacts



# Other Fiscal Support

## CRF

- \$8.4 million allocated by the Mills' Administration to support child care industry
- Provided reimbursement for COVID-19 related business costs not already covered
- 579 providers received over \$2.1 million in reimbursements

## Payroll Protection Program

- OCFS worked with SBA to identify and provide outreach to eligible child care providers
- SBA data from 2020 shows an increase in the total percentage of programs receiving a loan from 22.2% to 30.5% and an increase in average loan amount from just over \$16,000 to nearly \$59,000

## Governor's ARPA Infrastructure Initiative (LD 1733)

- \$10 million to fund grants that would provide direct infrastructure support
- Includes expansion efforts to build new child care facilities and programs, as well as expanding existing facilities and programs

# Questions?

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# CARES Act

- \$11 million in Federal Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- \$10 million made available to child care providers through stipends and grants
- Remaining funding used to provide qualifying essential workers with subsidy from April to June of 2020



# CRRSA

- \$30.5 million in CCDBG funding
- Grants to child care providers to cover PPE, hazard-pay/bonus for staff, and lost earnings due to quarantine closures and reduced capacity
- 3 of the 4 planned provider grant installments have been distributed, totaling \$11.1 million (4<sup>th</sup> installment in December of 2021)
- Changed CCSP award to enrollment-based reimbursement
- Expanded Maine's Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP)
- Waived parent fees
- Improved Child Care Choices website
- Professional development for child care staff

# ARPA

- Nearly \$122 million
- Plans focus on three categories, access, quality, and workforce
- \$73.1 million to stabilization grants, includes \$200 per staff member stipends paid directly to staff
- \$18 million to cover CCDF shortfall in FFY23 and ensure no waiting list for eligible families to access subsidy
- \$10.6 million to continue paying CCSP providers based on enrollment for the next 2 ½ years
- \$6.4 million to waive parent fees for those families at or below 60% of State median income until 9/30/23
- \$500,000 to provide a one-time \$2,000 stipend to newly licensed family child care providers (focus on increasing access in rural and gap areas)
- \$300,000 to waive child care licensing fees for two years to support new and existing providers
- A number of other projects outlined in the Child Care Plan for Maine