Emerging and Expanding Grant - Data Report by County

August 16, 2021

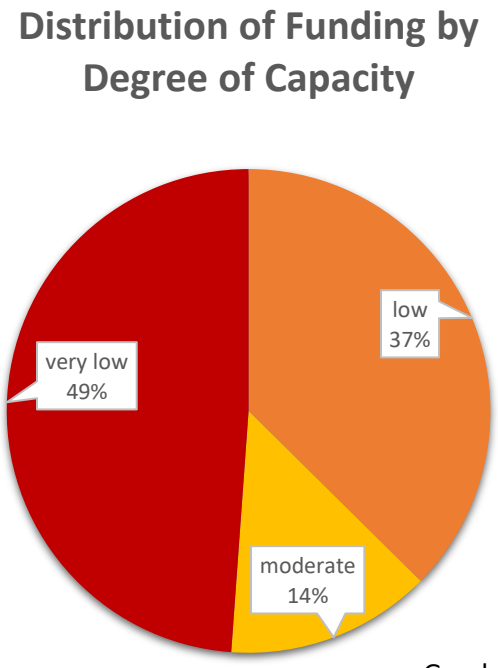
Purpose

The Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program has been created for the purpose of expanding access and availability of licensed child care throughout Colorado. Priority is given to programs in underserved communities, areas with low child care capacity, and for infant and toddler slots.

Status

As of August 16, 2021, 83 grants have been awarded totaling $3,220,725 with 86% are from counties with low or very low child care capacity compared to the population (reflected in graph 1 below).

As of 8/16/2021	
Total Applications Received	220
Total Funds Granted	$3,220,725
Total Funds Remaining	$5,530,604
# New Slots Potentially Added *	2,360
Total Currently Under Review	$4,982,211
# New Slots Under Review *	2,644
Total allocated by legislators= **$8,751,329**	



Graph 1

*New slot figures are those stated by providers at application and have yet to be verified. They will be reconciled with final numbers from licensing as projects are implemented.

Methodology

Child Care Capacity vs. Child Care Desert

The calculations used for child care capacity differ from those used to determine child care deserts. Child care deserts utilize demand as a denominator whereas capacity data utilize population. Determining demand requires a much more nuanced analysis that considers multiple factors, at this point demand data are not readily available for our evaluation. The map on page 5 reflects licensed child care capacity data as it relates to the estimated birth to five population.

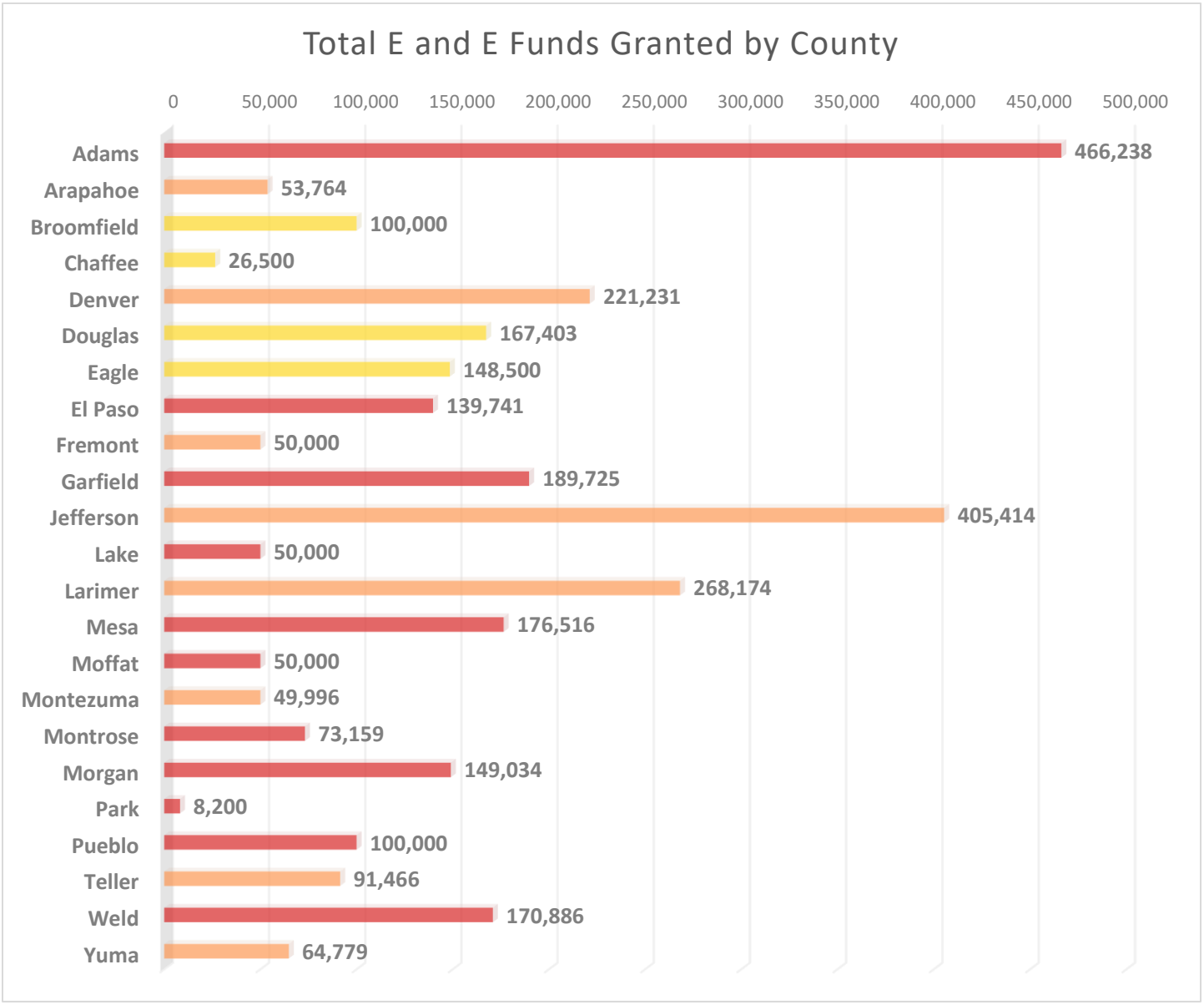
To calculate capacity to population percentage, we divide the reported capacity by the estimated birth to five population within the county. Counties considered to have a very low capacity to population percentage (red on the map) are at 17.5-39.3%; those considered low (orange) have a percentage of 39.4-58.9%; moderate (yellow) are 59-82.5%; high (green) are 82.6-105.7%; and very high (dark green) are 107.8 -250%. It should be noted that figures indicating a high or very high capacity to population percentage is not necessarily indicative of a county having more than adequate available child care slots but may be a result of a very low population of children ages birth to five in that county. Table 1 below reflects numbers of slots and estimated population for funded counties.

Table 1 Degree of Capacity and Funding by County (illustrated in Graph 2 below)

County ↑	Capacity	Funding	Number of Applications	Current Licensed Child Care Capacity*	Current Population 0-5**
Adams	very low	466,238	11	11,893	34,906
Arapahoe	low	53,764	2	19,267	39,668
Broomfield	moderate	100,000	2	2443	3,539
Chaffee	moderate	26,500	1	517	763
Denver	low	221,231	5	22,526	42,133
Douglas	moderate	167,403	5	12,560	18,366
Eagle	moderate	148,500	3	1,792	2,867
El Paso	very low	139,741	3	15,984	46,096
Fremont	low	50,000	1	886	2,040
Garfield	very low	189,725	4	1,450	3,931
Jefferson	low	405,414	14	17,480	29,656
Lake	very low	50,000	1	145	433
Larimer	low	268,174	8	8,586	17,774
Mesa	very low	176,516	5	2,660	8,224
Moffat	very low	50,000	1	276	812
Montezuma	low	49,996	1	656	1,400
Montrose	very low	73,159	2	754	2,123
Morgan	very low	149,034	3	830	2,182
Park	very low	8,200	1	202	735
Pueblo	very low	100,000	2	3,117	9,119
Teller	low	91,466	2	496	1,000
Weld	very low	170,886	4	6,410	23,077
Yuma	low	64,779	2	362	698
Total		$3,220,725	83		

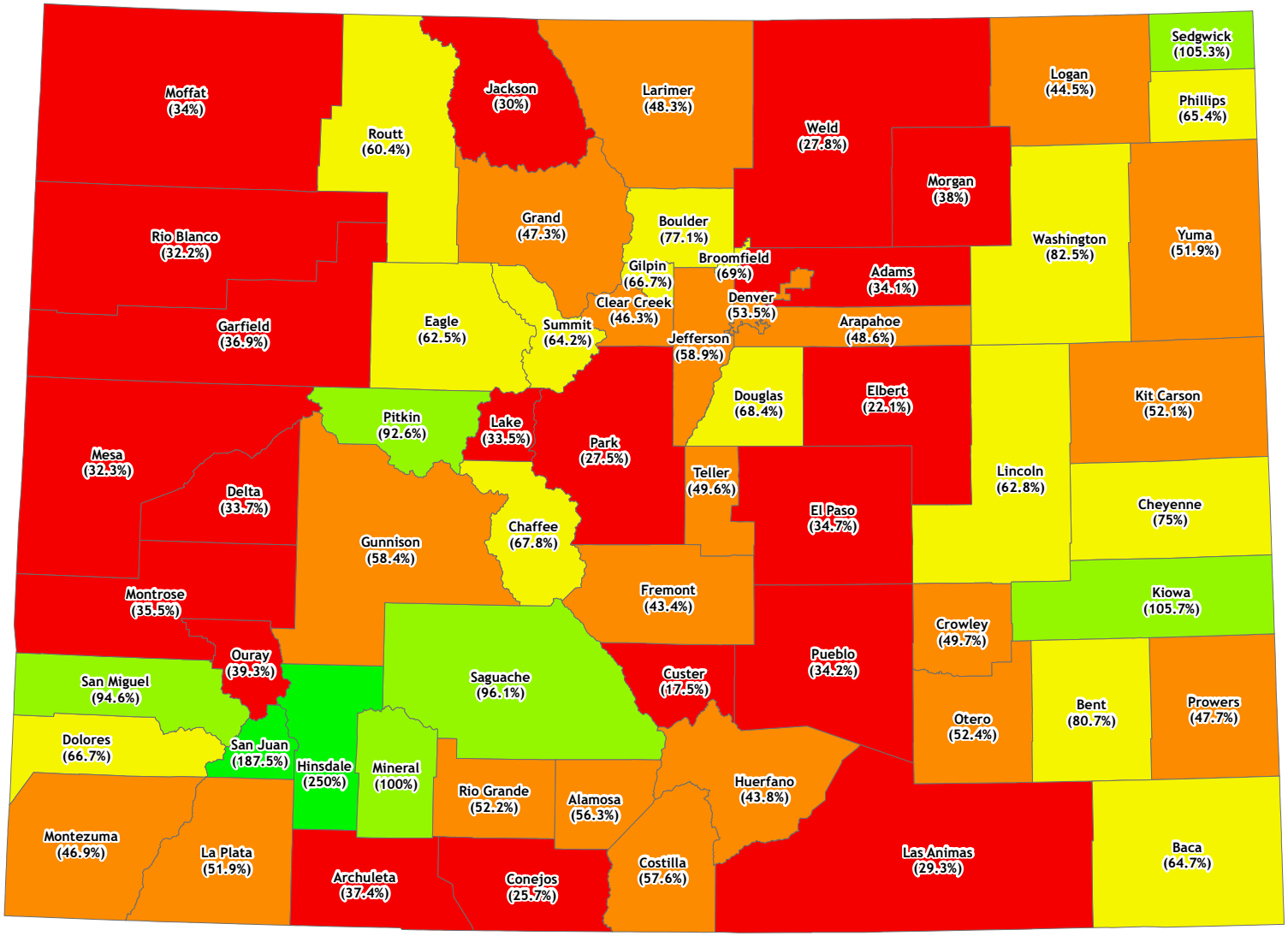
*Licensed Capacity (CDHS, January 2021) ** Population (CO State Demographer Estimates, 2020)

Graph 2



Indicates County of Very Low Capacity (17.5% - 39.3%)
Indicates County of Low Capacity (39.4%-58.9%)
Indicates County of Moderate Capacity (59%-82.5%)

Licensed Capacity as a Percent of Population: 0-60 months by County



All Ages (0-60 months)

17.5% - 39.3% (20) | 39.4% - 58.9% (21) | 59% - 82.5% (15) | 82.6% - 105.7% (6) | 105.8% - 250% (2)

Data Sources:
Licensed Capacity (CDHS, January 2021)
Population (CO State Demographer Estimates, 2020)
Data Notes:
This map aggregates licensed capacity and population estimates for children aged 0-60 months. Figures represent the percent of the estimated population that could be served by the licensed capacity in each county.

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Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N

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