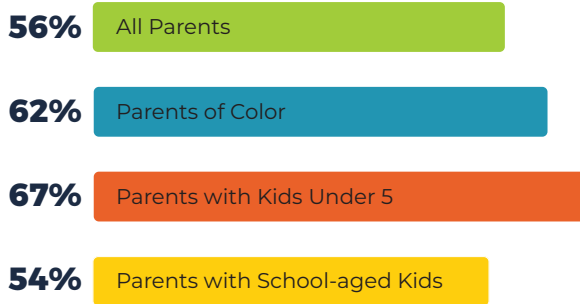


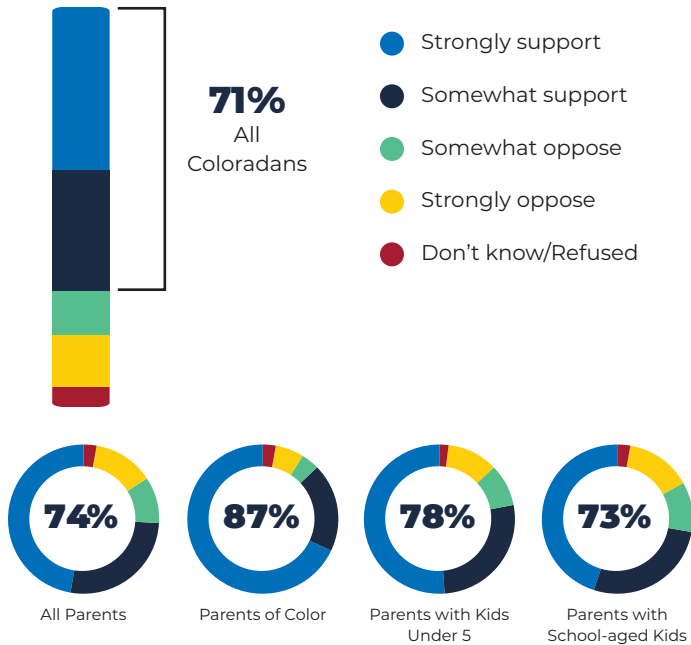
Cost and availability of child care squeezing Colorado parents.

At The Colorado Health Foundation, we believe in listening first, and that's why we conduct an annual, state-wide poll. In 2021, Pulse: The Colorado Health Foundation Poll asked 2,493 Coloradans about their experiences, worries and priorities. Child care stood out as uniquely challenging.

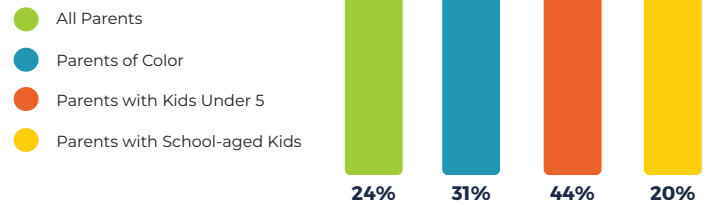
A majority of parents consider the cost of child care to be a serious problem in the state.



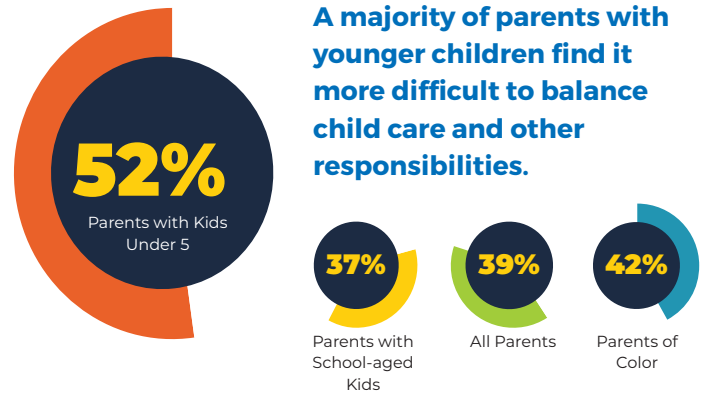
All Coloradans overwhelmingly support increasing state government investment to help reduce the cost of child care for working parents.



ABOUT 1/3 of parents of color have been unable to find affordable child care.



A majority of parents with younger children find it more difficult to balance child care and other responsibilities.



For working parents, especially of young children, juggling child care comes at steep professional costs.

More than a quarter (27%) of all parents are unable to find child care for all the hours they needed it.

37% for parents with kids under 5.

One in four of all parents have missed out on or declined professional opportunities because of a lack of child care.

36% for parents with kids under 5.

Pulse: The Colorado Health Foundation Poll was conducted July 27 – Aug. 16, 2021, online and by phone in English and Spanish.