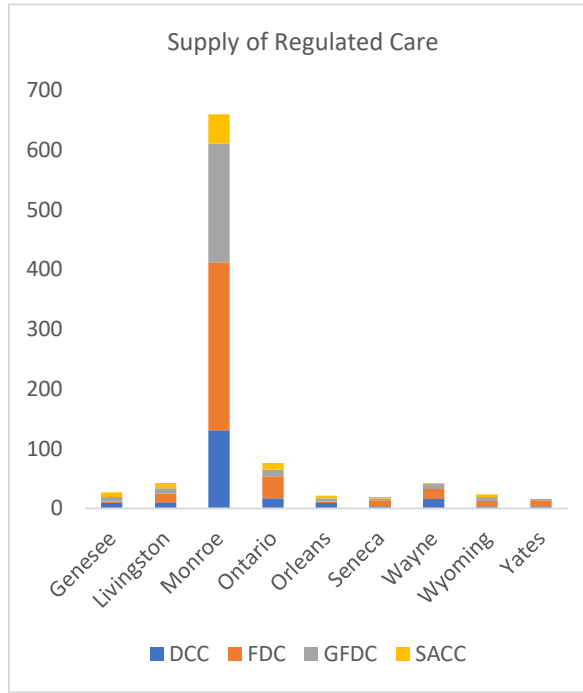
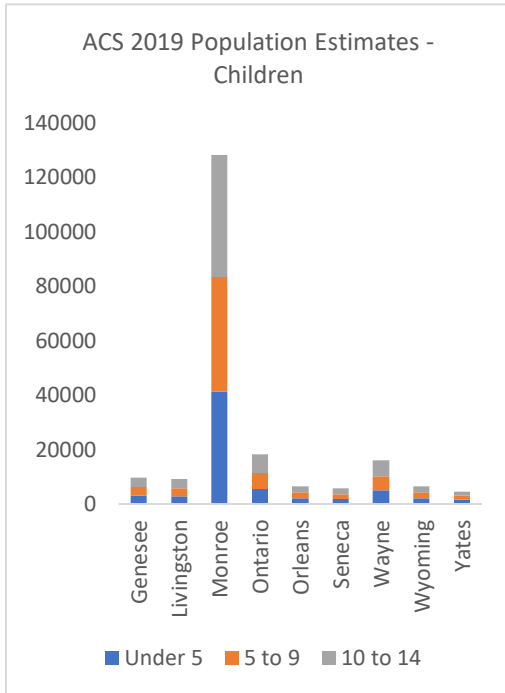




Finger Lakes Economic Region Child Care Deserts Summary

The Finger Lakes Economic Region is comprised of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Wayne, Orleans, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties. Top industries in the region include manufacturing, health care and education services, and trade, transportation, and utilities.

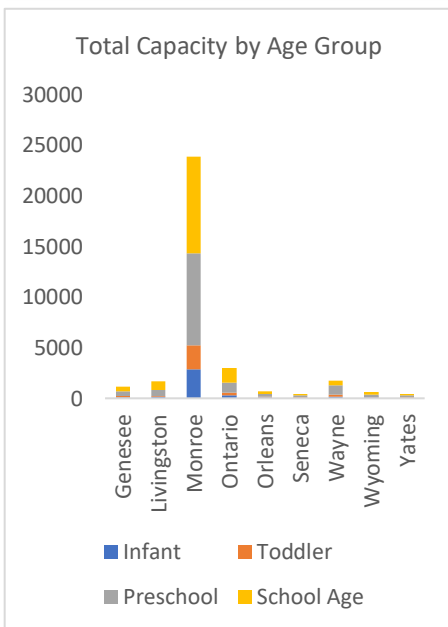
Child Care Need and Supply



Based on American Community Survey 5-year estimates, there are almost 65,000 children under 5 years old living in the region, but less than 20,000 regulated slots for birth to 5.

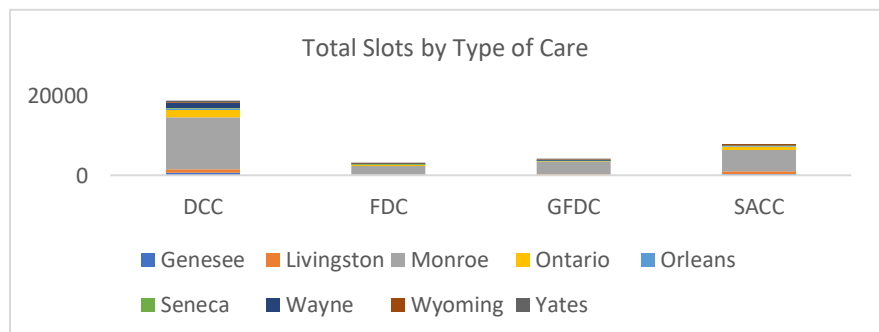
Infant and Toddler is the most frequently requested care age group for child care referrals, according to local CCR&Rs, followed by the need for school-age care, which can be especially challenging in rural school districts

where few, if any, programs exist. Across the 9 counties there only 928 regulated child care programs.



Conclusion and Top Child Care Priorities

Child care is vital for parents to secure or maintain employment. The current supply of regulated child care is insufficient to meet the population's need for care in the Finger Lakes Region. The region is full of child care deserts¹, specifically shortages of care for infants and toddlers as well as school-agers. Our child care priorities are increased regulated programs or expanded capacity in existing child care deserts, increased care in rural communities, especially for infants, toddlers, and school-age children, and more flexible or non-traditional care options for shift workers.



¹ A Child Care Desert is defined as a census tract with more than 50 children under 5 years old and either no child care or more than 3 children per licensed child care slot.