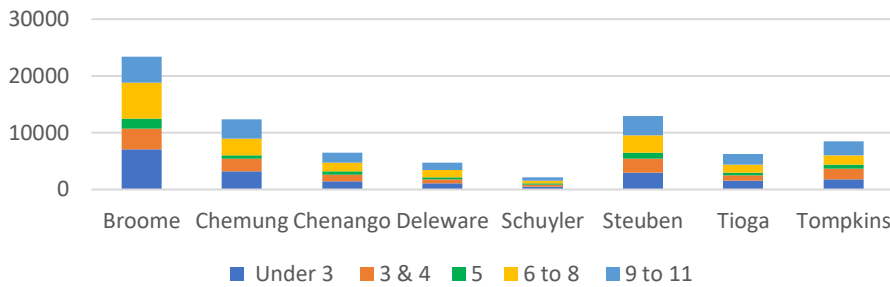


# Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council (REDC)

## Child Care Deserts Summary

Southern Tier REDC serves Broome, Chenango, Chemung, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins Counties.

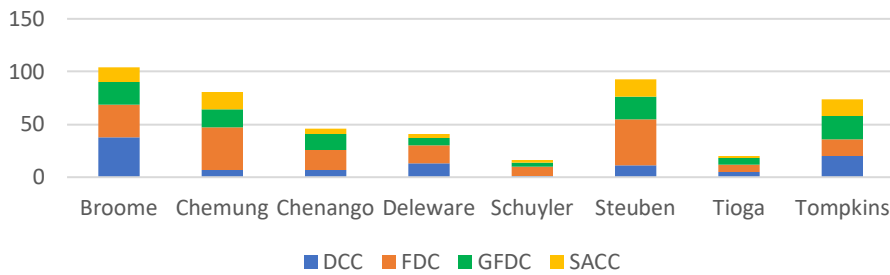
### Children Ages 0-11 Years



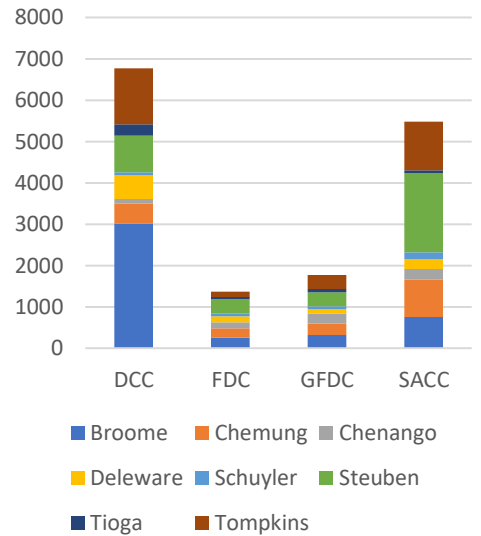
**Demographics:** The US Census ACS 2019 estimates there are **76,774** children under the age of 11 years in the region; **20.9%** are living below the federal poverty level.

**Child Care:** There are **475** regulated child care programs in the region with a maximum capacity to serve **15,394** children (**20%** of children residing in the region). Maximum capacity for infants is only **1,622** – **11%** of total capacity; however, **29%** of parents requesting referrals are seeking infant care.

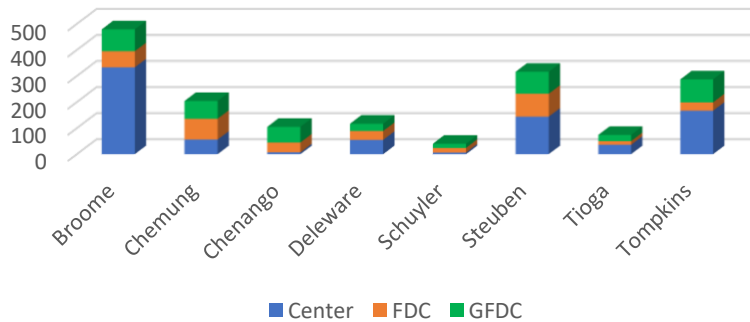
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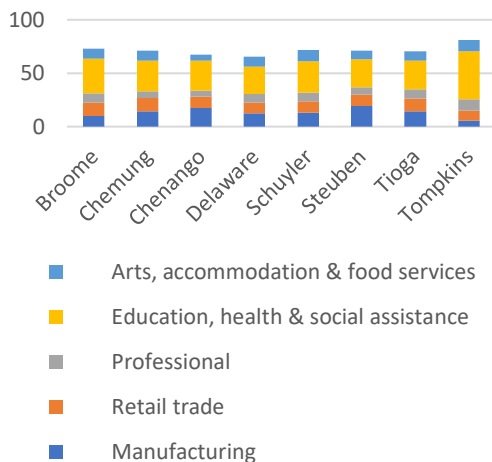
### Regulated Capacity by Type



### Infant Capacity = 11% of Total Capacity



### Major Industry



### Priorities for Child Care Deserts funds in the Southern Tier REDC

**region:** The Southern Tier region consistently has a need for high-quality **infant care** and options for **school aged children**. Major industries in the region create a need for **non-traditional hours of care** including weekends, evenings, flexible hours, and rotating schedules. The region also has a significant need for sustainable **home-based Family or Group Family child care in rural areas**. Care for **children with special behavioral needs**, such as autism, is also a priority for the region. In addition, **full-time care** is a priority for the region since many of the licensed Centers are Head Start programs that do not offer full-day and full-year child care.

**Note:** Place cursor on chart data to view each value.