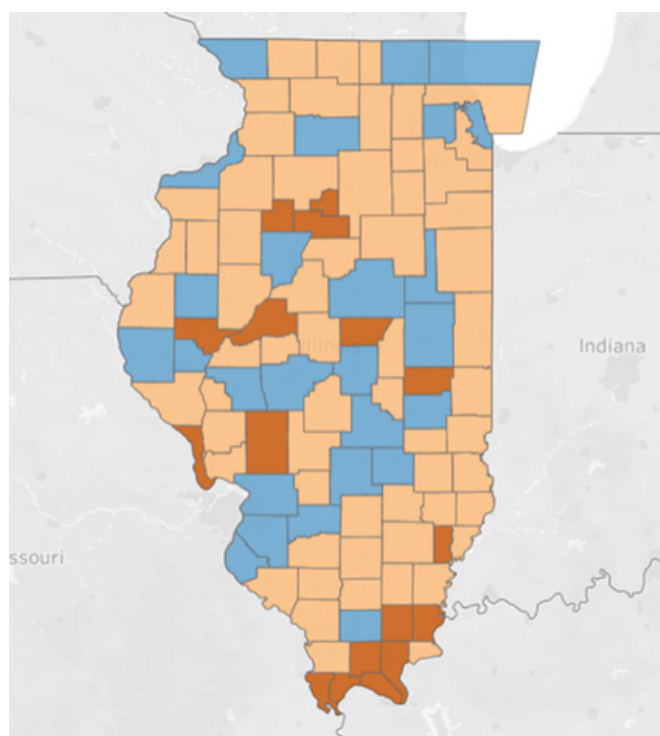


# Illinois Early Childhood Landscape Analysis



## Challenges Facing Early Childhood

### Limited Child Care Capacity



Child Care Desert

■ Adequate Capacity

■ Child Care Desert

■ Severe Child Care Desert

### Insufficient Reimbursements

**40% - 50%** of market child care tuition

### Kindergarten Readiness

Gaps are evident by race, income, language, and disability status

### High Cost of Care

**\$14,000-\$16,000** average infant care costs per year

### Access Gaps

Vary sharply by geography, race, language, and disability status

### Low Workforce Wages

**\$16 per hour** average educator pay

### Family Experience Challenges

Navigating multiple applications, inconsistent eligibility rules, and service delays

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