

# UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD CARE LANDSCAPE THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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## Child Care Supply Changes in Georgia 2020 to 2021

GEEARS examined the change in both the **number** and **total licensed capacity** of full-time, licensed early learning programs (Child Care Learning Centers (CCLCs) and Family Child Care Learning Homes (FCCLHs)) from **May of 2020 to March of 2021**.<sup>\*</sup> While there was a very modest decline in the overall number of programs statewide (-7), there was an increase in statewide total licensed capacity (+4,642), driven by a loss in the number of licensed FCCLHs, which serve fewer children per site, and an increase in the number of CCLCs.



Total Statewide Change in  
Licensed Programs



Statewide Change  
in CCLCs

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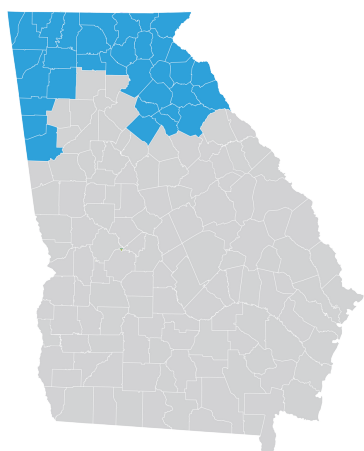
Statewide Change in  
FCCLHs

Representing a Total Statewide Change in Licensed Capacity of +4,642.

(Total Statewide Population 0-4: 656,677)



## REGIONAL PATTERNS GENERALLY FOLLOWED A SIMILAR TREND



### NORTH

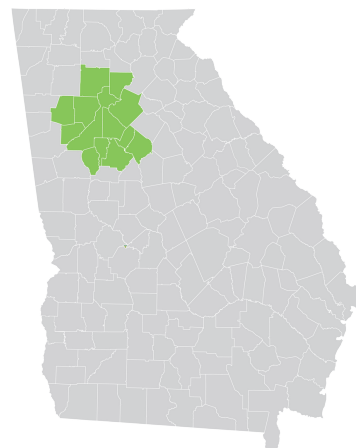
Total Licensed  
Providers: -13

CCLCs: -4

FCCLHs: -9

Licensed  
Capacity: +66

Population  
0-4: 106,834



### METRO

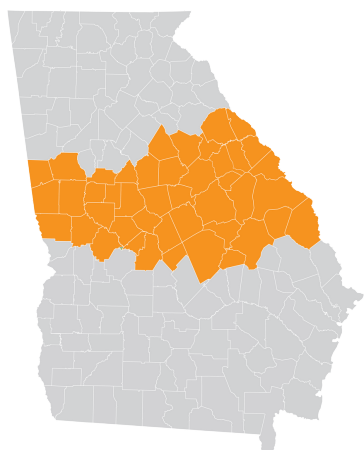
Total Licensed  
Providers: -16

CCLCs: +9

FCCLHs: -25

Licensed  
Capacity: +1,621

Population  
0-4: 323,374



### CENTRAL

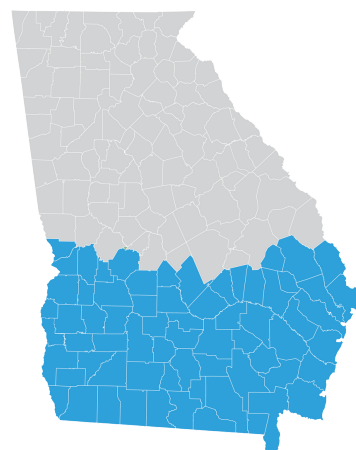
Total Licensed  
Providers: +17

CCLCs: +26

FCCLHs: -9

Licensed  
Capacity: +2,216

Population  
0-4: 97,360



### SOUTH

Total Licensed  
Providers: +5

CCLCs: +5

FCCLHs: 0

Licensed  
Capacity: +739

Population  
0-4: 129,109

<sup>\*</sup>This analysis excludes school-age only licensed child care programs.

While the number of programs and overall licensed capacity reflected in those programs appeared generally stable statewide during this period,

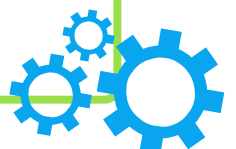
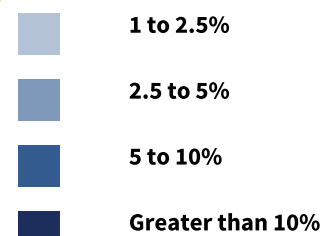
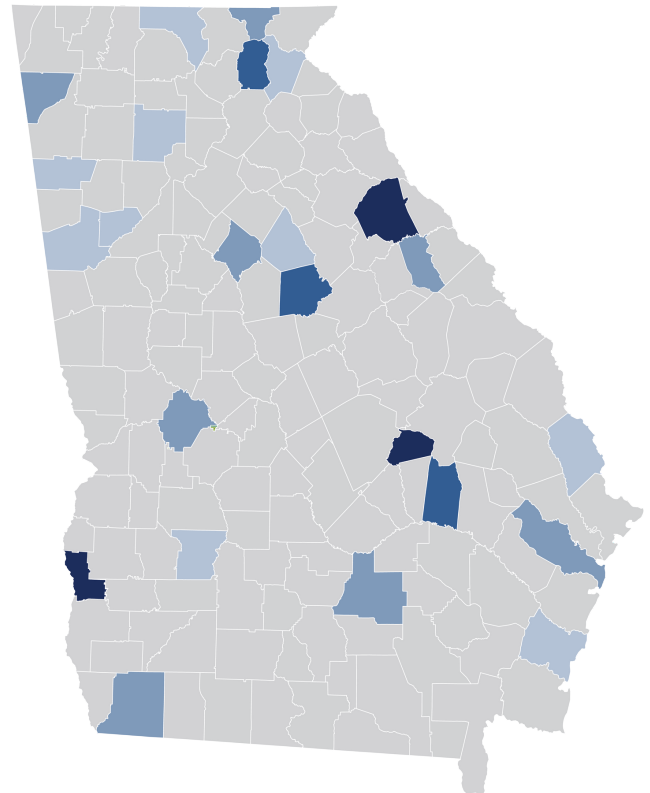
**39 OF 159 COUNTIES**

saw a decrease in total licensed capacity.\*



	Change - Total Licensed Capacity	Population 0-4	Loss of Licensed Capacity as a % of Pop. 0-4 ↓
Clay	-19	111	17.12%
Treutlen	-50	409	12.22%
Wilkes	-57	551	10.34%
White	-95	1286	7.39%
Toombs	-136	1906	7.14%
Putnam	-52	986	5.27%
Towns	-18	386	4.66%
Chattooga	-55	1436	3.83%
Newton	-261	6920	3.77%
Taylor	-13	409	3.18%
Liberty	-176	6262	2.81%
Coffee	-78	2937	2.66%
McDuffie	-37	1417	2.61%
Decatur	-45	1790	2.51%
Polk	-63	2853	2.21%
Cherokee	-319	14898	2.14%
Carroll	-139	7401	1.88%
Fannin	-18	1006	1.79%
Glynn	-87	4924	1.77%
Morgan	-15	1046	1.43%
Douglas	-123	8996	1.37%
Lee	-24	1787	1.34%
Effingham	-50	4156	1.20%
Habersham	-30	2606	1.15%

## LOSS OF LICENSED CAPACITY AS A PERCENTAGE OF 0-4 POPULATION



\*Only those counties with at least a 1% loss of licensed capacity as a percentage of 0-4 population are displayed above.