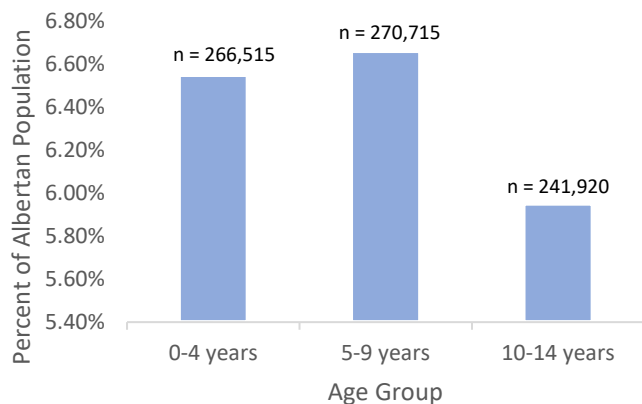


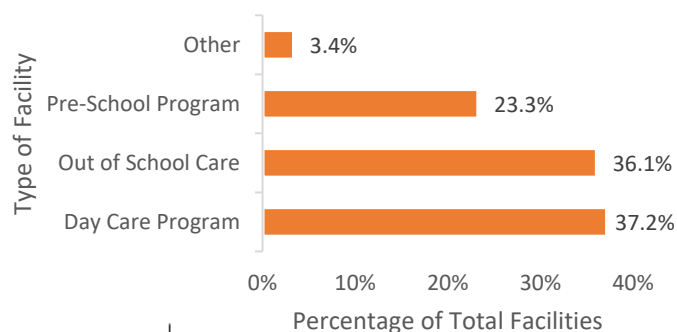
# Rural and Urban Child Care in Alberta

As of 2016 approximately 780,000 individuals in Alberta were under that age of 14. The three main types of child care facilities are day cares, pre schools, and out of school care. There are greater numbers of facilities in urban areas than in rural areas. Additionally, rural locations (on average) have lower capacity than their urban counterparts. The majority of childcare facilities are in the Calgary – Edmonton corridor. Urban facilities are more likely to be accredited than rural facilities.

Distribution of population under the age of 14, (2016).



Proportion of child care facilities in Alberta by type.

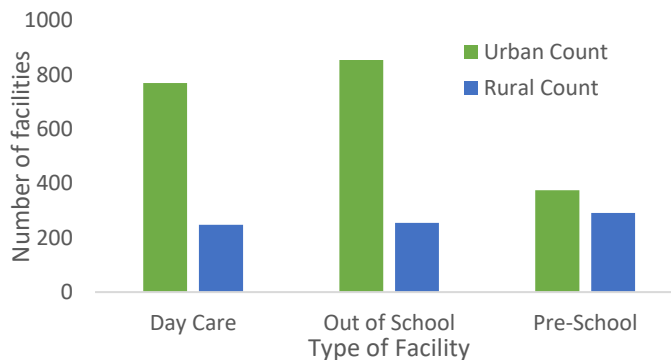


Licensed childcare facilities in Alberta can voluntarily enter into the process of accreditation. If the facility meets the standards set out by the Government of Alberta, they will receive accreditation.

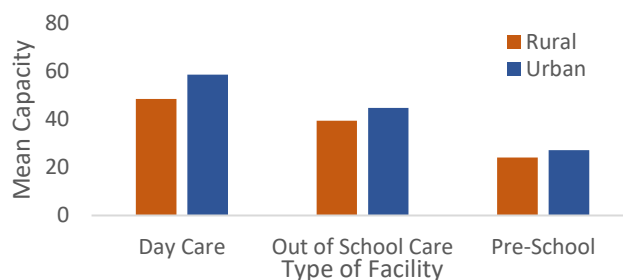
**62.4%** of urban childcare facilities have received accreditation vs. **44.7%** in rural areas

The results of a chi-square test indicated that **urban child care facilities were more likely to be accredited than rural facilities** ( $p < 0.05$ ).

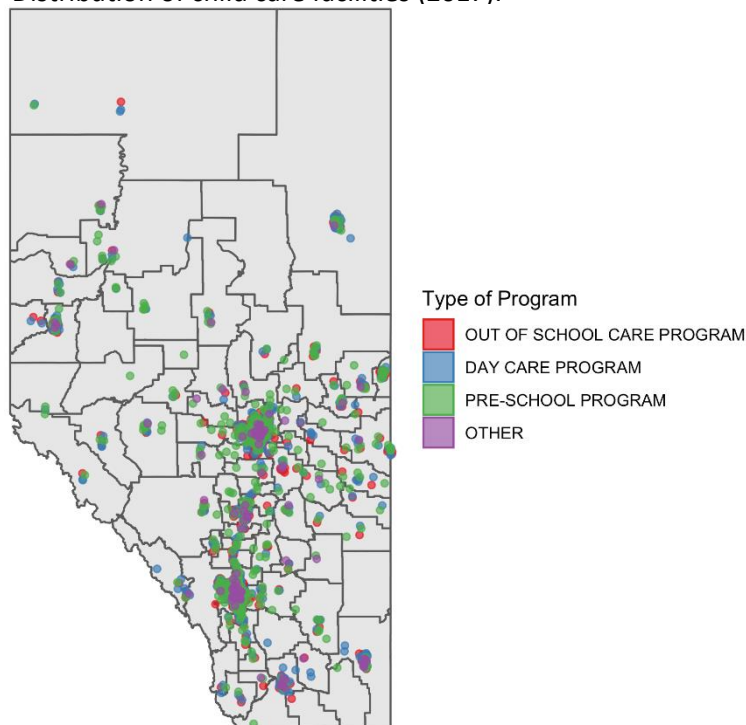
Number of facilities in rural and urban areas (2017).



Mean capacity of three main facility types (2017).



Distribution of child care facilities (2017).



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