

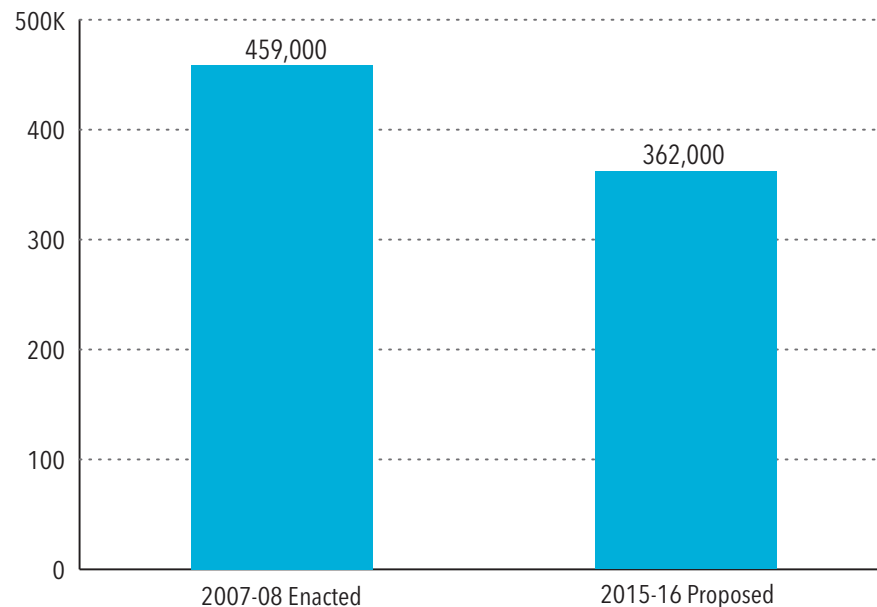


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State Budget Cuts Have Reduced Child Care and Preschool Slots by More Than One-Fifth Since 2007-08

Slots in California Funded With Federal and/or State Dollars



Note: Child care includes CalWORKs and non-CalWORKs programs. A portion of the drop since 2007-08, roughly 3,000 slots, is due to a new methodology for calculating funded slots in several small child care programs.

Source: Department of Finance

- **Safe, affordable child care and preschool programs build a foundation** for children's learning and success while helping lower-income parents find and keep jobs.
- **State policymakers have made deep cuts to subsidized child care and the state preschool program** in recent years to help close budget gaps.
- **As a result of these cuts, the number of child care and state preschool slots is now more than one-fifth below** the number funded in 2007-08. This is a loss of approximately 97,000 child care and preschool slots for California's children.