

LOSING GROUND

How Child Care Impacts Louisiana's Workforce Productivity and the State Economy

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The Louisiana Policy Institute collaborated with LSU's Public Policy Research Lab (PPRL) and other researchers to understand the impact of child care issues on Louisiana's workforce, business, and economy.

LSU's PPRL conducted a statewide survey of households with children age 4 and under, asking a series of questions investigating the intersection between workforce participation and child care issues. Then, an economist estimated the economic impact of child care instability using the survey results.

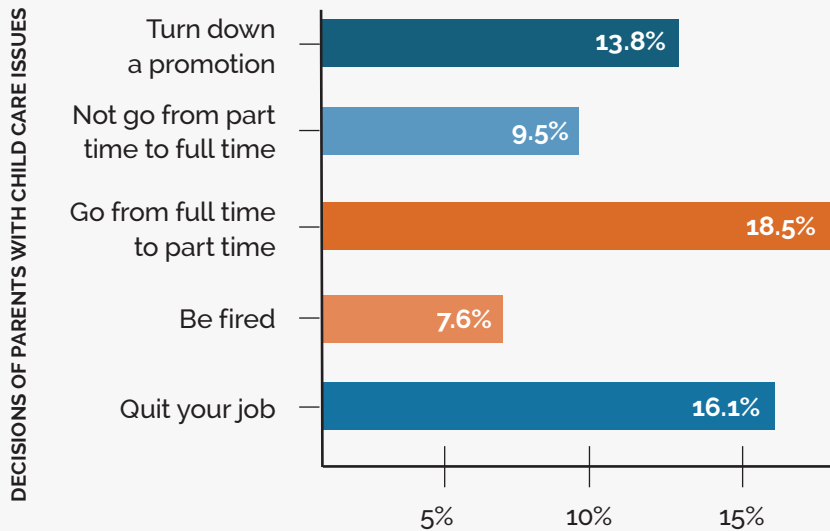
Child Care Issues Result in More Than \$1.1 Billion Loss for Louisiana's Economy

Losses	
Absences	-\$292,287,280
Quits/Turnover	-\$875,289,218
Total	-\$1,167,576,498

Almost \$84 Million Lost in Tax Revenue for Louisiana's Economy Due to Child Care Issues

Losses	
Absences	-\$13,135,416
Quits/Turnover	-\$70,794,431
Total	-\$83,929,847

Child Care Issues Have Greatly Impacted Parents' Workforce Participation



- Over 16% of respondents have quit their jobs over child care issues.
- 7.6% of respondents reported being fired over child care issues.
- Nearly 14% of respondents turned down a promotion at work because of child care issues

Almost Half of Parents, Both Men and Women, Missed Work Regularly Due to Child Care Issues in the Last 3 Months

Percent	1-2 Days	3-4 Days	5-6 Days	7+ Days	Total
Missed Work	21.0%	9.2%	4.9%	5.7%	40.8%
Tardy	10.7%	11.0%	4.4%	6.8%	32.9%
Left early	21.6%	11.0%	5.7%	4.1%	42.4%



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