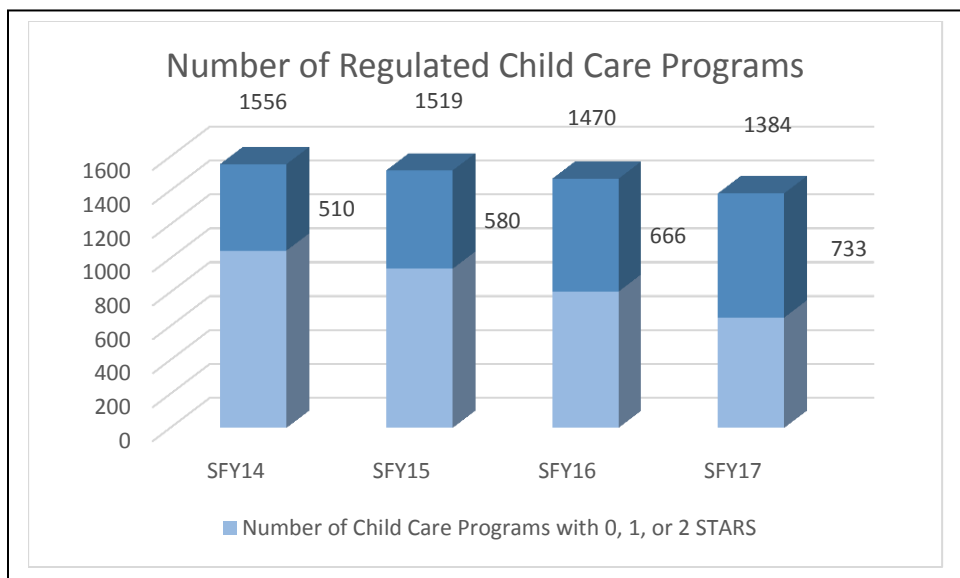
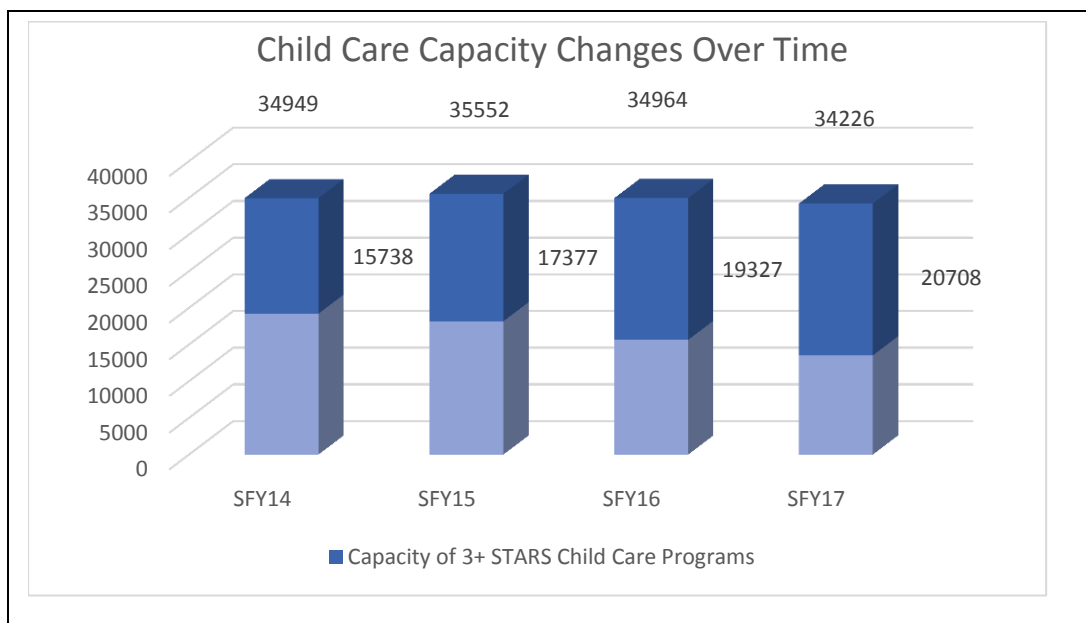


Regulated Child Care Capacity in Vermont

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Over the past few years there have been changes in the child care industry, some programs have closed, new programs have opened and some existing programs have expanded. Overall there are less regulated child care programs in Vermont now than in 2014. The drop is Family Child Care Homes, which mirrors a decrease in family child care across the country, began years before new regulations were implemented. As we've worked with providers to implement the new regulations we are finding that a significant number of family child care providers are nearing retirement age. The total number of children that can be served in regulated child care programs - what we call capacity - has dropped at a lesser rate than the number of programs. Though net child care capacity is down, the capacity of child care programs with three or more STARS has increased significantly over the same time period.

Child Care Capacity is the number of children a child care program can care for at any given time. This is the average licensed capacity of registered and licensed child care programs in Vermont each State Fiscal Year.



The Number of Regulated Child Care Programs represents the average number of registered and licensed child care programs each State Fiscal Year. The number of programs has decreased in the past few years, especially registered child care programs. However, the number of programs who have achieved 3, 4 or 5 STARS has increased over that same period.