Southern Tier REDC serves Broome, Chenango, Chemung, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins Counties.

Demographics: The US Census ACS 2019 estimates there are 76,774 children under the age of 11 years in the region; 20.9% are living below the federal poverty level.

Child Care: There are 475 regulated child care programs in the region with a maximum capacity to serve 15,394 children (20% of children residing in the region). Maximum capacity for infants is only 1,622 – 11% of total capacity; however, 29% of parents requesting referrals are seeking infant care.

Priorities for Child Care Deserts funds in the Southern Tier REDC region: The Southern Tier region consistently has a need for high-quality infant care and options for school aged children. Major industries in the region create a need for non-traditional hours of care including weekends, evenings, flexible hours, and rotating schedules. The region also has a significant need for sustainable home-based Family or Group Family child care in rural areas. Care for children with special behavioral needs, such as autism, is also a priority for the region. In addition, full-time care is a priority for the region since many of the licensed Centers are Head Start programs that do not offer full-day and full-year child care.

Note: Place cursor on chart data to view each value.