REGION 2
Early Childhood Educator Workforce
2021
**Workforce Demographics**

The data within this report represents professionals categorized in the RISE database as child care providers, currently employed in legally operating Idaho child care facilities within Region 2 as of May 13, 2021.

561 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS WORKED IN REGION 2 CHILD CARE PROGRAMS IN 2021.

94% OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS IN REGION 2 ARE WOMEN.

WOMEN ONLY ACCOUNT FOR 48.5% OF THE TOTAL IDAHO WORKFORCE.

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**Region 2 ECE Workforce by Age & Facility Type**

- **Under 25**
- **25-34**
- **35-44**
- **45-54**
- **55+**

**Median Age:** 28
Workforce Diversity

Ethnicity

83%
OF REGION 2 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS ARE WHITE

Center Based (Outside)
Home Based (Inside)

Language

98%
of Early Childhood Educators in Region 2 primarily speak English.

7%
of educators are bi-lingual, speaking a total of 9 different languages.
Early educators’ poverty-level wages are compounded by a lack of access to basic health and well-being supports like health insurance and paid sick leave. The pandemic brought into focus the severe consequences of these long-standing realities, as many educators have been forced to choose between a paycheck or their own health and safety and that of their families. (Early Childhood Educator Workforce Index 2020)