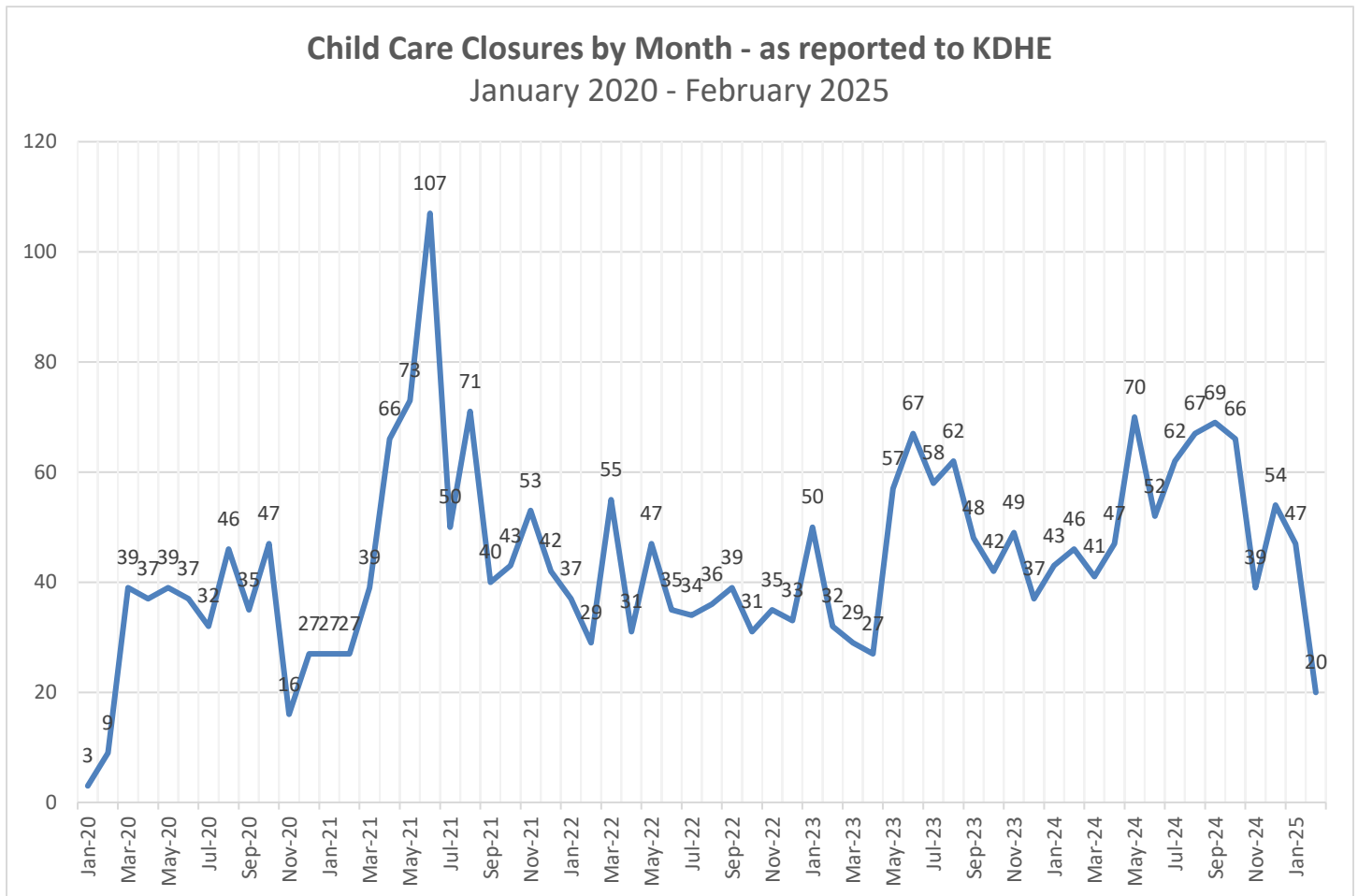


Response to KLRD
For the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
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Child Care Closure Data

Note: The current KDHE child care licensing system, “CLARIS”, is a manual entry system that is only as good as the data entered by the child care licensing program. Prior to 2023, data may be considered unvetted and unverified. Beginning in 2023, KDHE began accurately capturing closure data and requesting “closure reason”.



January 2020 - February 2025		
Closure Reason	Number Closed	% of Total Closures
Application denied	30	1.1%
Application withdrawn	81	3.0%
By request	2036	74.6%
Change of ownership	126	4.6%
Deceased	24	0.9%
Declined due to background check	47	1.7%
Incomplete application	17	0.6%
License denied	25	0.9%
License revoked	31	1.1%
Loss of contact	81	3.0%
Moved	41	1.5%
New facility opened	1	0.0%
No longer providing child care	98	3.6%
Non-renewal	84	3.1%
Other	8	0.3%
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January 2020 - February 2025		
Program Type	Number Closed	% of Closures
Home Provider	2376	87.0%
Child Care Center / Preschool	245	9.0%
School-age Program	102	3.7%
Drop-in Program	7	0.3%
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KDHE Health & Safety Grants via \$1.3M from CIF

Total award by license type:

- Family Child Care Home – **\$994,242.52 (n = 172)**
 - Average award - **\$5,780.48**
- Child Care Center/Preschool/School-age/Drop-in Program – **\$292,204.37 (n = 39)**
 - Average award - **\$7,492.42**

Homes typically had a lower average likely due to lower square footage on items like flooring, playground cover, fences, etc. Some providers asked for only new ceiling tiles, cots, pack n' plays, cribs, and some play equipment. The larger center-style facilities have larger square footage and more industrial needs such as HVAC systems and fire alarms, but also higher volume of safe sleep equipment, flooring, playground cover, and larger play equipment that can handle a larger volume of children, fencing, etc.