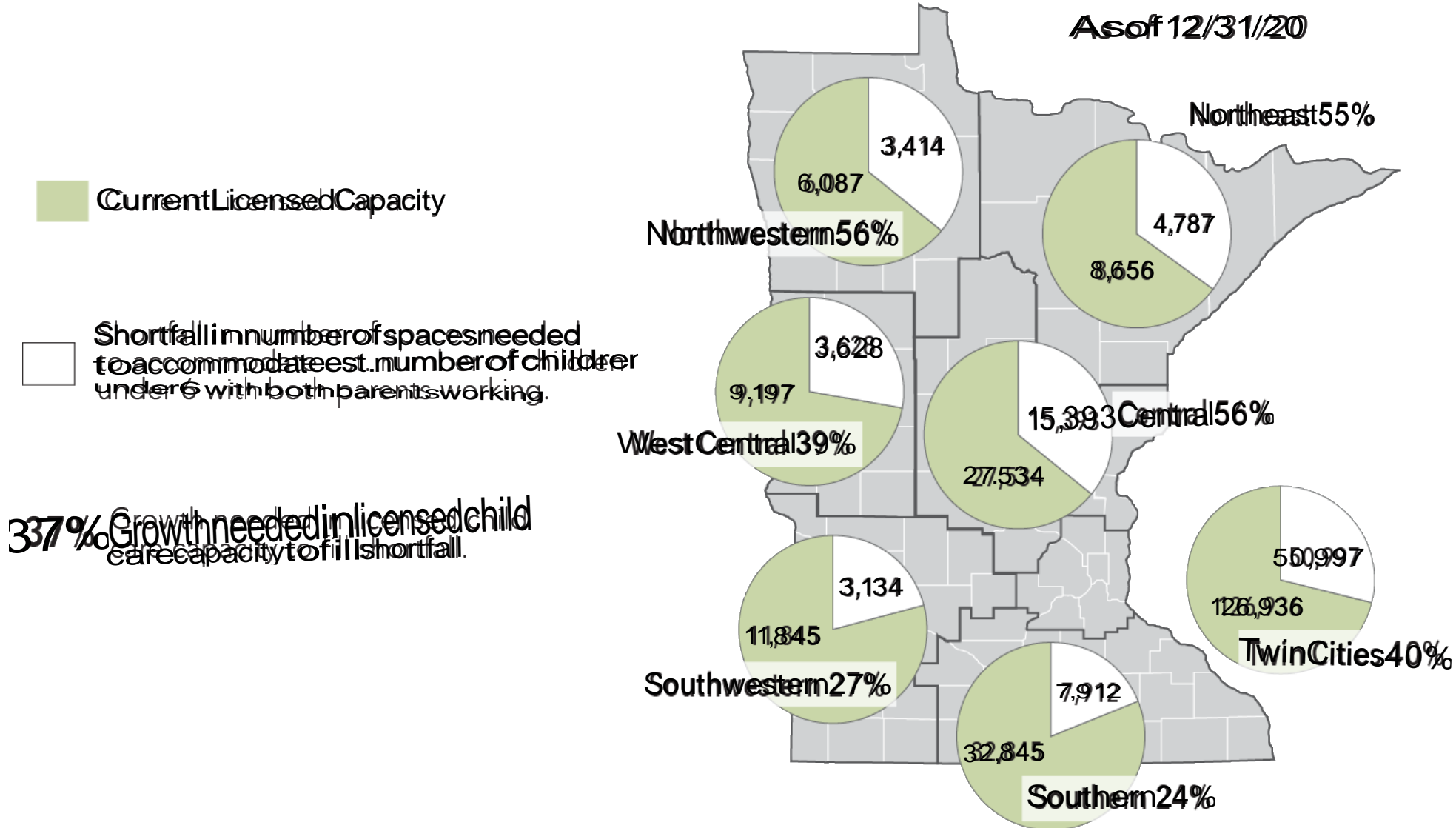


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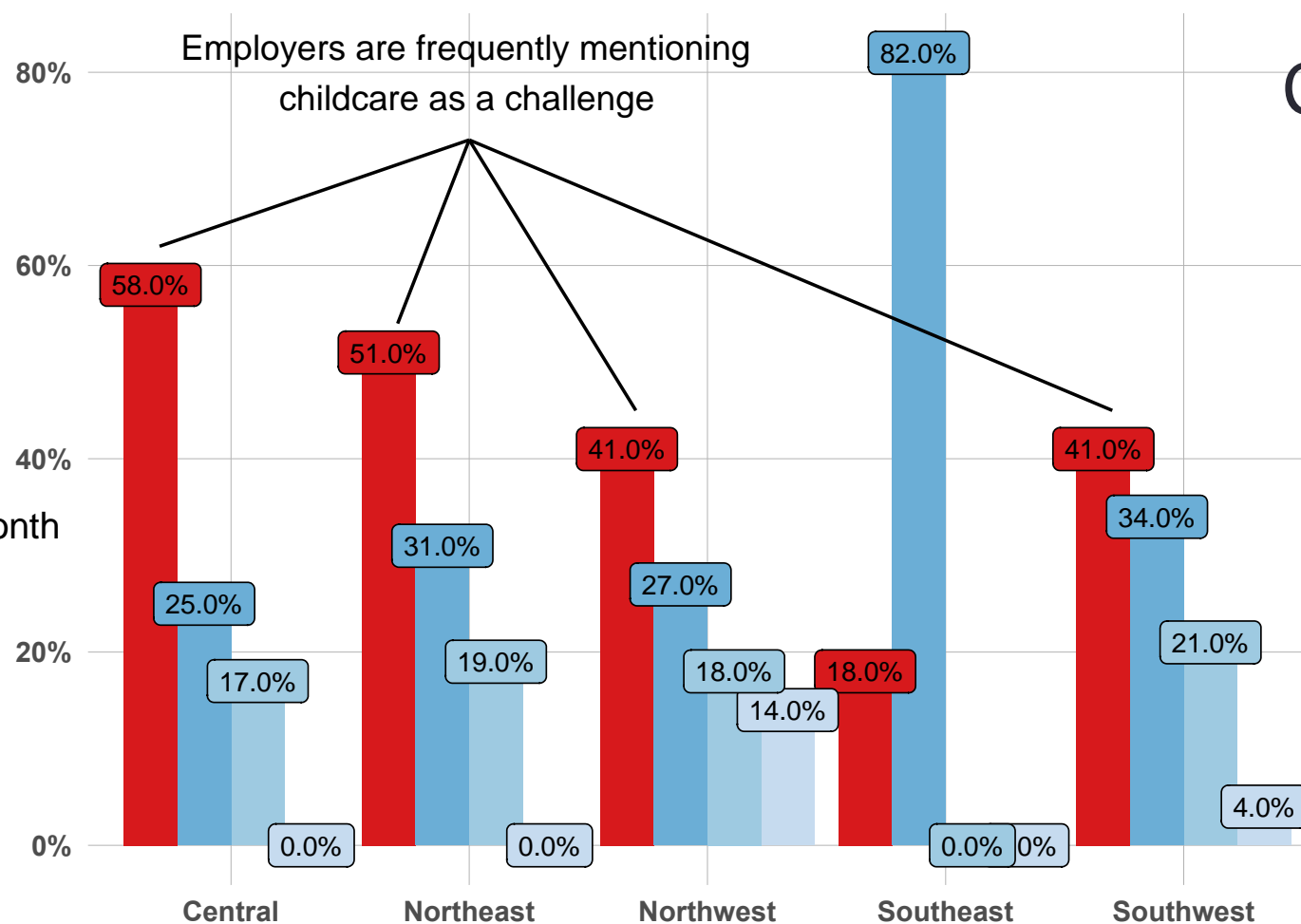
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How often do employers mention childcare as a barrier to attracting or retaining talent?



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Sec. 18. **AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION FOR ALL FAMILIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Goal.** It is the goal of the state for all families to have access to affordable, high-quality early care and education that enriches, nurtures, and supports children and their families. The goal will be achieved by:

(1) creating a system in which family costs for early care and education are affordable; **affordability**

(2) ensuring that a child's access to high-quality early care and education is not determined by the child's race, family income, or zip code; and **access**

(3) ensuring that Minnesota's early childhood educators are qualified, diverse, supported, and equitably compensated regardless of setting. **compensation**

Subd. 2. **Great Start for All Minnesota Children Task Force; establishment.** The Great Start for All Minnesota Children Task Force is established to develop strategies that will meet the goal identified in subdivision 1.

Progress in 2023 legislative session

- **Access:**
 - investments in Child Care Assistance Program, early learning scholarships, Head Start, and school-based pre-K
 - aimed at children from the lowest-income (and most vulnerable) families – generally, the lowest 25% of incomes
- **Compensation:** “Great Start Compensation Supports” to increase wages, plus other workforce supports