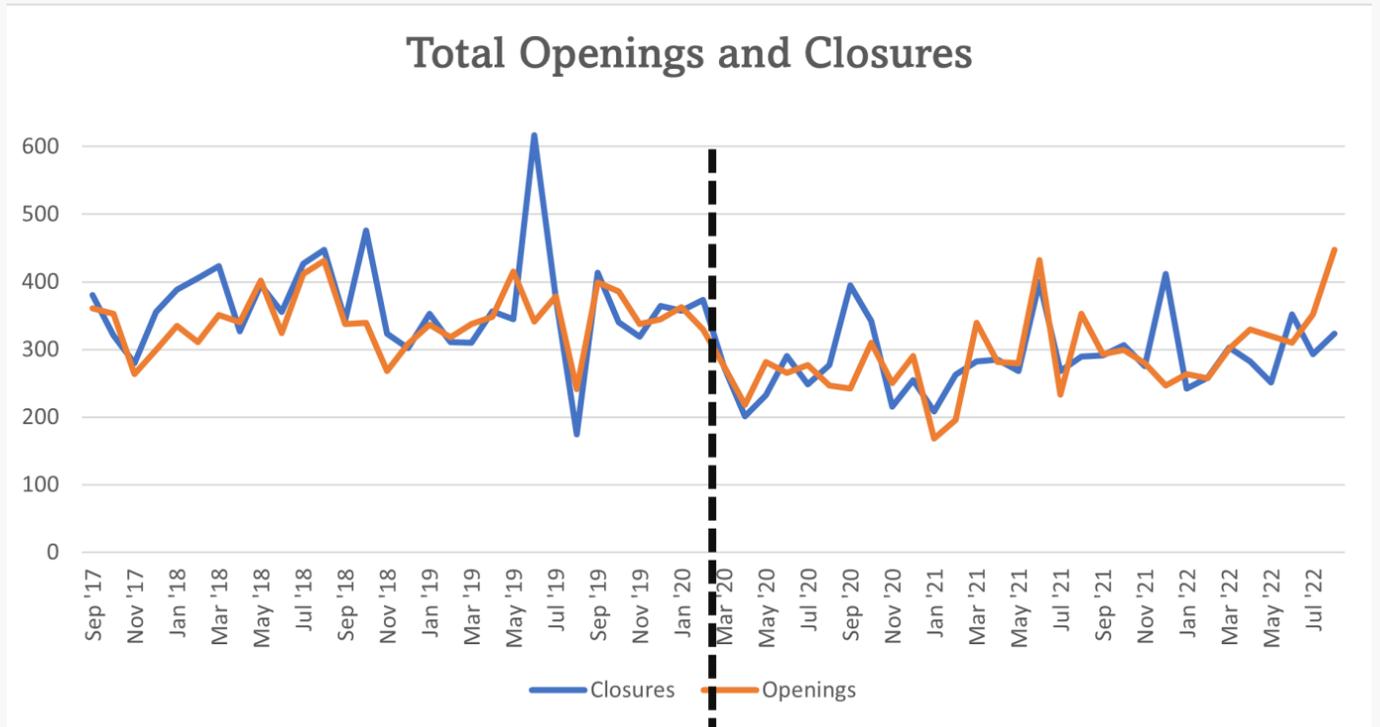


Child care closures before and during the pandemic



Pre-pandemic total openings: 10,314 **Pandemic total openings: 8,637**
Pre-pandemic total closures: 10,956 **Pandemic total closures: 8,580**

Pre-pandemic close to open ratio: 1.06 **Pandemic close to open ratio: 0.99**

Data from CA Dept of Social Services, Community Care Licensing monthly updates. Data includes center and family child care home licenses who have permanently closed for any reason

During the 30 months prior to March 2020, there were more child care closures, and the ratio of closures to openings was higher than during 30 months of the pandemic. 2020-2022 enjoyed never before seen investments in our child care infrastructure as well as policy changes that made it easier for child care providers to continue operating and families to maintain the care they needed.

However, those one-time investments have ended and many policy changes are set to expire in June, 2023. Without sustaining those policy changes and continued investments, we will likely see the severe drop in child care supply that we expected during the height of the pandemic. In order to prevent loss not seen since the Great Recession we must:

- Increase pay for all child care workers
- Eliminate family fees for subsidized child care, to the extent of the law
- Codify paying subsidy providers based on enrollment