

Washington's Workforce Today and Tomorrow The State of Child Care in Jefferson County Washington



Approximately 23% of children under age 18 are living in poverty ¹



Approximately 75% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work ¹



Are young children in Jefferson County ready for kindergarten when they enter?



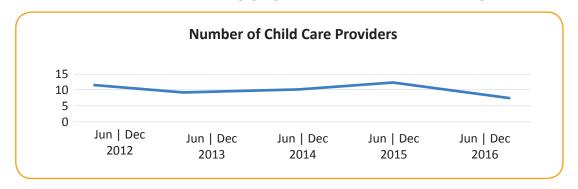
Only 44% of children in Jefferson County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²



Only 41% of low-income children in Jefferson County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²

More than 31,000 people call Jefferson County home. Almost 1,000 are children younger than 5 years old. ³

Child care supply in Jefferson County



In Jefferson County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 11 with capacity for 216 children in 2012, to 8 providers with capacity for 190 children in December 2016.*

Notes:

- * Licensed child care and exempt school-age programs only in Jefferson County
- 1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Port Townsend, Brinnon, Quilcene, Chimacum, Queets-Clearwater school districts.
- 3. WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016