Washington’s Workforce Today and Tomorrow
The State of Child Care in Lewis County Washington

Approximately 20% of children under age 18 are living in poverty.

Approximately 61% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work.

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

Only 41% of children in Lewis County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains.

Only 29% of low-income children in Lewis County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains.

Child care supply in Lewis County

More than 77,000 people call Lewis County home. Nearly 5,000 are children younger than 5 years old.

In Lewis County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 54 with capacity for 1,113 children in 2013, to 46 providers with capacity for 1,264 children in December 2017.*

Notes:
* Licensed child care and exempt school-age programs only in Lewis County
1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2015
2. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Centralia, Chehalis, Onalaska, Napavine and Toledo school districts.