

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



Approximately 20% of children under age 18 are living in poverty <sup>1</sup>



Approximately 60% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work <sup>1</sup>



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

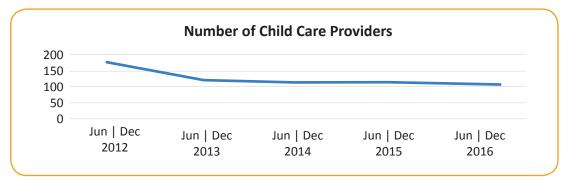


Only 40% of children in Skagit County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup>



Only 27% of low-income children Skagit County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup> More than 122,000 people call Skagit County home.
Over 7,000 are children younger than 5 years old. 3

## **Child care supply in Skagit County**



In Skagit County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 171 with capacity for 3,073 children in 2012, to 105 providers with capacity for 2,561 children in December 2016.\*

## Notes:

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

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Mt. Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, Burlington-Edison, Anacortes and La Conner school districts.
- 3. WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016