

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



Approximately 22% of children under age 18 are living in poverty ¹



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



Are young children in the greater Vancouver area ready for kindergarten when they enter?



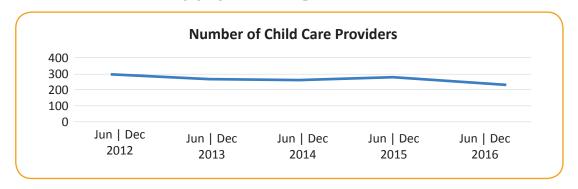
Only 40.4% of children in the greater Vancouver area demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²



Only 26% of low-income children in the greater Vancouver area demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²

More than 461,000 people call the greater Vancouver area home. Over 28,000 are children younger than 5 years old. 3

Child care supply in the greater Vancouver area



In Clark County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 297 with capacity for 8,799 children in 2012, to 234 providers with capacity for 8,618 children in December 2016.*

Notes:

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

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Evergreen, Vancouver, Battle Ground, Longview and Camas school districts
- WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016