Child Care in
Clark County

Trends in Child Care
In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers has dropped over the past few years while the total capacity for children has been relatively stable since June 2014.

In Clark County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 388 with capacity for 9182 children in 2008, to 256 providers with capacity for 8689 children in June of 2015.*

Early Achievers
Early Achievers is Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), which gives training, technical assistance, coaching, awards, scholarships, and other benefits to child care providers to improve the quality of their care.

Statewide, 2,758 child care providers have joined since July 2012.

Approximately 51% of licensed child care providers in Clark County are enrolled in Early Achievers. Early Achievers will provide families with valuable child care program quality information so they can make informed child care choices.

Child Care Provider Type
- 32% Centers
- 59% Family Child Care
- 9% School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- 83% Accept
- 17% Do not accept

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
| Total       | 145 |
| Child Care Centers | 60 |
| Family Child Care  | 59 |
| Head Start & State Preschool Sites | 26 |
| Start Date | 7/1/12 |
| Enrollment as of | 8/26/15 |

Child Care Aware of Washington
Our mission is to support families and caregivers, shape policy, and build communities that promote the learning and development of children and youth throughout Washington State through a strong statewide network of local child care resource and referral programs.

Since 1989, our regional member programs and statewide Family Center have enhanced the quality of child care and helped families by:

- Delivering training, technical assistance, & consultation to child care providers
- Supplying families with consumer education & referrals for child care

(Formerly the Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network)

Clark County is served locally by Child Care Aware of Southwest Washington, a program of Educational Service District 112

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Helping Families Find Child Care in 2015

In FY2015, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,027 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Clark County alone, we helped 919 families with 1353 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1262 times.

Children Using Subsidies

| Children Using Financial Aid | 55% |

Referral Demand by Child Age

- School-Age: 26%
- Toddlers: 19%
- Preschoolers: 33%
- Infants: 19%

Demographics

Population

- Total Population in 2014: 442,800
- Change since 2010: 17,437
- Children under 5 yrs: 27,766
- Children under 15 yrs: 90,763
- K-12 Enrollment: 78,929

Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 17.4%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 58.3 to 63.3%
- Median Household Income: $59,341
- Unemployment Rate: 6.5%

Compensation in 2012

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Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015

Data Sources:

- Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org).
- *Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only.
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey
  - Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Clark County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013

For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)