Child Care in
Douglas 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 Douglas County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 102 with capacity for 1456 children in 2008, to 72 providers with capacity for 1172 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 63% of licensed child care providers in Douglas 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
- Centers: 3%
- Family Child Care: 93%
- School Age Only: 4%

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- Accept: 90%
- Do not accept: 10%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 46
- Child Care Centers: 1
- Family Child Care: 42
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 3
- Start Date: 7/1/13
- Enrollment as of: 8/26/15

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)

Douglas County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Central Washington

a program of
Catholic Family & Child Service

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Demographics
Population
Total Population in 2014 39,700
Change since 2010 1,269
Children under 5 yrs 2,663
Children under 15 yrs 8,505
K-12 Enrollment 7,168

Economics
% of children under 18 living in poverty 23.7%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working 62.2 to 76%
Median Household Income 49,143
Unemployment Rate 5.0%

Compensation in 2012

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<tr>
<th>Salary/Income</th>
<th>Centers</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
<th>75th Percentile Cost</th>
<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
<th>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher</td>
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Children Using Subsidies

- Infants: 20%
- Toddlers: 25%
- Preschoolers: 25%
- School-Age: 30%

Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 20%
- Toddlers: 25%
- Preschoolers: 25%
- School-Age: 30%

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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

2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015
3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013
4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013
6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey

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